

## Long Island Senior Softball Association

### Directors' Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Pellechi.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Joe reported that Tony Cherry's father had passed away recently. All of LISSA offers condolences to Tony and his entire family on their loss.

The Lightning hosted the meeting and provided all refreshments. Thank you. Jeff Steinberg's modified diet of two donuts maximum came to an end with two donuts eaten during the meeting and one afterwards. Dave Lynch continues to show amazing self-control as his body disappears and Jay Savino knew he was being watched closely, though he has joined the GLP-1 brigade and is making great progress. There were still many donuts left over for our Burns Park hosts at the conclusion of our meeting. We are checking into LISSA group discounts for weight loss drugs, given the amazing efforts of Dave and Jay.

Joe conducted the roll call and all teams were present except the Admirals, who were unable to attend. The managers were informed that our September 17 meeting would be outdoors at Cantiague Park, near Field A, to allow us to coordinate more easily with the St. Jude tournament that same day.

Jeff read the minutes of the July meeting, which minutes are posted on the LISSA website. A Treasurer's report was not provided as Jim W was unable to attend the meeting. We expect to resume Treasurer reports in September.

#### Agenda topics –

Topics 1 and 3 – The HOF dinner will be held on September 18 from 5:30pm to 9:30pm at Verdi's in Westbury. Tickets will be \$75 each, and each team is obliged to purchase a minimum of four tickets. Please provide the most accurate headcount possible for your teams to either Joe or Jim as soon as possible so arrangements can be finalized, and all monies due must be paid prior to the event.

Topic 2 – the Awards Luncheon will be held on October 24, again at Verdi's from 11:30am to 2:30pm. Tickets for LISSA players will be \$38 each, and for non-LISSA players tickets will cost \$55 each.

Topic 4 – Rule 5.8 was reviewed which covers how the home team should be chosen in the case of an "odd" number of doubleheaders between teams in a season. Simply put, the "host team" should be home team in the first game and the opponent should be home team in the second game.

Topics 5 and 7 – Joe and Larry reviewed the schedule changes for the end of the season that have become necessary due to our heat postponement and other factors. The June 24 postponed games will be made up on Thursday September 4 in Divisions 1 and 2, and on Thursday August 28 for Divisions 3 and 4. For Divisions 1 and 2, the regular season will end on September 4, with the tournament taking

place on September 9 and 11. For Divisions 3 and 4, the regular season will end on August 28, with the 4 vs 5 play-in game on September 2 and the tournament taking place on September 4 and 9.

Topic 6 - \$250 payments from each team are due and should be provided to Jim W immediately. As of the date of this meeting, only the Admirals and Kings (who each were not in attendance at the August meeting) had not yet paid.

Topic 8 – As noted above, our September 17 meeting will take place outdoors at Cantiague Park near the Field A backstop. Please note that no food or drinks will be served that day. The odds of Jeff Steinberg bothering to show up without donuts served are now 8:1.

Topic 9 – Due to the low response for our AED training in East Meadow on July 9, our plan is to postpone this training until the fall, perhaps in connection with the November meeting. John C is handling arrangements and further details will follow.

Topic 10 – Jeff S updated the Board on the progress of the ByLaws Committee. The Committee's ideas for substantive ByLaw changes were presented to the Executive Board on August 13 and to the full Board today. A clean and substantially simpler copy of the ByLaws will be shared prior to the September meeting, and a vote of the full Board to approve or not approve the revised ByLaws will be taken that day. Please read the new ByLaws prior to the September meeting so any issues, comments or concerns can be promptly addressed that day. The Committee has moved on to reviewing the LISSA Playing Rules and our ETA for discussion with the Board is late fall/early winter, but absolutely before the commencement of the 2026 season and before any decisions are made on league alignment and handicaps, if any.

New business topic 1 – the Knights informed the Board that a potential new field will be available in New Hyde Park for the 2026 season, replacing the current Knights home field in Floral Park

New business topic 2 – Our monthly “public service announcement”... We have discussed many times what a great benefit an 18<sup>th</sup> team would be for our alignment challenges and scheduling issues as well. Please continue to refer anyone interested in leading a new team to the Executive Board so we can assist them with the process before planning for the 2026 season begins. As noted at several prior meetings, the Monday make-up dates continue to be challenging for several teams, and an 18<sup>th</sup> team could help in this regard as well. We will continue to make this plea at every meeting as the benefits of an 18<sup>th</sup> team are so vast and the downside nonexistent.

New business topic 3 – Larry noted that plans for our fall Snowflake league are getting close to being finalized as September approaches. There will be no “divisions” in Snowflake, but Larry indicated that the schedule would be adjusted to NOT schedule games between teams where either prefers not to play the particular opponent, for example, a very strong Division 1 team and a weaker Division 4 team. Currently, Larry is aware of the following teams that plan to participate in Snowflake: Pirates, Outlaws, Vikings, Stars, Colts/Cougars, Lightning, and Admirals, which is only seven firmly committed teams so far, and we really need at least 8 teams, and preferably ten. We need official confirmations from any other teams that plan to field a team for Snowflake well in advance of the September meeting in order to

finalize the schedule which will begin in September shortly after our meeting, so please communicate with Larry ASAP in this regard.

New business topic 4 – St. Jude's tournament will be held on Tuesday September 16 and Wednesday September 17. Please reach out to Rich Coy for details and to confirm participation by your teams.

With no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:10 am. Our next meeting will be on September 17, 2025 outdoors at Cantiague Park and there will be no hosts due to the outdoor meeting planned.