

Long Island Senior Softball Association

Directors' Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Pellechi.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Joe reported that Darius Burton's brother had passed away recently in California. All of LISSA offers condolences to Darius and his entire family on their loss.

The Pirates hosted the meeting and provided all refreshments. Thank you.

Joe conducted the roll call and all teams were present except the Dodgers, who were unable to attend.

Jeff summarized the minutes of the August meeting and noted that no minutes were prepared for the September meeting which meeting was held outdoors at Cantiague Park, without any refreshments. All minutes are posted on the LISSA website.

A Treasurer's report was provided by Jim W noting that we had \$13,691 in the bank as of September 30, 2025, but a large check to Verdi's for the Hall of Fame dinner for \$10,050 was written and cashed shortly after that date.

Agenda topics –

Topic 1 – The Snowflake season has been progressing smoothly with 8 teams playing this year. Managers were reminded that “new” players who have not played in LISSA previously who are playing in Snowflake (or indoors in the winter in the bubble) MUST sign the waiver form before playing for the safety and protection of all of us. Planning for the winter league indoors in Freeport has begun, and it looks like 6 teams will participate this season.

Topic 2 – the LISSA 60s helped raise over \$17,000 for St. Jude's through the tournament this year. Rich Coy thanked all who participated or donated on behalf of St. Jude's.

Topics 3 and 4 – the 2025 Awards Luncheon will take place on Friday October 24 from 11:30am to 2:30pm at Verdi's in Westbury. At the moment, it appears we should have about 125 people attending the luncheon, which should allow us to meet our minimum commitment. A 50/50 raffle will be planned with hopes for enough participation to allow for five \$100 prizes.

Topic 5 – The revised ByLaws dated September 1, 2025 were briefly discussed, highlighting the more significant revisions. The ByLaws had been previously shared with the Board after the August meeting via email. The revised ByLaws were unanimously approved by the Board and will be posted to the website soon.

Topic 6 – The status of the Lions (represented at the meeting by Bill Kaiser) and the potential new team (represented by John Donlin) was reviewed and discussed. At this time, it seems there are about 5-6 players remaining on the Lions after various departures and transfers to other teams. The potential new

team has 8 firm commitments and a number of “tentative” expressions of interest. John D indicated that he was not interested in merging his group with the remaining Lions, so that possibility will not be pursued. Both teams understand that a minimum of 18-20 players will be needed to create viable teams, given the reality of injuries, absences and vacations that inevitably occur. We do have some time to let the two teams figure out where they stand, but it is very important to the league to try to maintain a fifth Town of Oyster Bay team, and this would also be advantageous from a financial perspective for any new team. It is quite possible that neither the remaining Lions nor the potential new team will eventually form, which would reduce our league complement to only 16 teams. We will monitor this issue in the months ahead, and certainly before alignment for 2026 is finalized.

Topic 7 – The Rules Committee will meet on November 12 and November 19 to discuss any potential rules changes to be considered for the 2026 season. The Board was asked to submit any thoughts on rule changes to the Committee for consideration in advance of these meetings. The Rules Committee will be comprised of the Executive Board (7 officers) and one representative from each of our four divisions, specifically, Dave G from the Vikings, Mike C from the Lightning, Mike G from the Kings and Chris F from the Knights.

Topic 8 – Managers were reminded that any clothing purchased using monetary awards from LISSA must include the LISSA logo.

New business topic 1 – the first of what will likely be many discussions regarding 2026 alignment of our teams and associated handicaps to be provided, if any, took place. Many different viewpoints were brought up which will all be subject to additional discussion in the future. It is safe to say that we have no consensus on this topic at this early date, and, as usual, the alignment of Divisions 1 and 2 and the use of handicaps will likely be the most challenging topics.

With no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 am. Our next meeting will be on November 19, 2025 at Allen Park and the Kings will be our hosts.