

Long Island Senior Softball Association

Directors' Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Pellechi.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ted Borington of the Bees reported that Lump's mom had recently passed away and he also noted that he had personally just lost his former high school girlfriend. All of LISSA offers condolences to Lumpy and his entire family on their loss, and we wished Ted good luck in locating his lost former girlfriend.

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

Joe conducted the roll call and all teams were present, including the Stars represented by Paul Zimmerman. Thanks to Paul for livening up our meeting.

Jeff summarized the minutes of the October meeting. All minutes are posted on the LISSA website.

A Treasurer's report was provided by Jim W noting that we had \$6,740 in the bank as of October 31, 2025, with several large payments to teams and Verdi's made after that date.

Agenda topics –

Topic 1 – The Lions have officially disbanded and the potential new team that John Donlin was trying to create will not be happening either. At present, we will plan for a 2026 season with 16 teams across our four divisions. No other planned manager changes were noted.

Topic 2 – The 2026 Administrative Fee of \$500 from each team is due on December 17 at our next monthly Board meeting.

Topic 3 – The subject of our annual Hall of Fame dinner and Awards Luncheon was briefly discussed. At this time, for a variety of reasons but with cost as the most relevant, we are considering having one event in 2026 to cover both Hall of Fame inductions and Team Awards. There seems to be a preference to do a luncheon for this event rather than a dinner, and additional venues will be explored in the months ahead with a goal of having a quality event at a reasonable cost.

Topic 4 – The Rules Committee met on November 12 and received requests for TWO possible rules changes to be considered. First, a revised rule to allow for an unlimited number of designated fielders (who can play the field or sit on the bench but can never bat in the game). Second, the possibility of extending our basepaths to 65 feet from the present 60 feet was brought up again. At today's meeting, a suggestion was made to allow for baserunners sliding into bases and/or overrun 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bases, as is done in POPS currently. Some discussion ensued and opinions were varied. If anyone would like to formally propose a change with regard to baserunning rules, that proposal needs to be submitted to the

Executive Board and be presented at our December Board meeting. A vote on all three (or more, if additional suggestions arise) rules changes will take place at the January Board meeting.

Topics 6 and 7 – Managers were reminded that any new players to LISSA who will participate in the upcoming indoor season MUST sign the new 2026 registration forms which were handed out at the meeting, with some degree of difficulty. Further, managers were reminded that no underage players can participate indoors to ensure we comply with the terms of our insurance coverage. Any player who will turn 60 years old during calendar 2026 is allowed to participate.

Topic 8 – a very brief review of the 2025 season was conducted. In all, league operations have progressed smoothly in both the spring/summer season and in snowflake.

Topic 5 – the first of what surely will be several 2026 alignment discussions consumed a substantial amount of time at the meeting. Joe P shared some suggested “power rankings” for the 16 teams, and other proposals were presented by Larry P, Jim W and Paul Z. Alignment, scheduling and the use of handicaps continues to be our most challenging topic. It was suggested that we allow the Division 3 and 4 managers save some precious time in their lives by allowing them to be excused from these discussions, which have no bearing on their teams or schedules in 2026. A suggestion was made for the Division 1 and Division 2 managers, along with some number of representatives from the Executive Board, meet between Board meetings to see if we can find common ground. The issues to be resolved in Divisions 1 and 2 include: 1 - Having two four team divisions, a two team Division 1 and a five team Division 2, a two team Division 1 and a six team Division 2, 2- having balanced or unbalanced schedules in the games across the divisions, 3 – the use of handicaps, including who will provide handicaps and who will receive them, 4 – the potential for a split season which would allow for a reset at the All Star Break, and 5 – the possibility of eliminating the handicap in game two of doubleheaders if the team receiving the handicap wins the first game of the doubleheader.

At 10:50, Jeff Steinberg needed to leave the meeting to catch a train to NY City so no further minutes were taken. As far as we know, the alignment discussion never ended. Our next meeting will be on December 17, 2025 at Allen Park and the Vikings will be our hosts.