

Long Island Senior Softball Association

Directors' Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Pellechi.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Jim W reported that a former Tiger player, Andy Koerick, had recently passed away, and it was also noted that Lou Criscione would be having a medical procedure on Monday April 21. Best wishes for a speedy recovery were offered to Lou.

The Stars hosted the meeting and provided all refreshments. Thank you. It was noted that Jeff Steinberg had no doughnuts at all due to Passover which made it extremely difficult to select and deliver 36 doughnuts. Jeff plans to return to his normal consumption pattern at the May meeting.

Jim W conducted the roll call and all teams were present.

Jeff read the minutes of the March meeting, which minutes are posted on the LISSA website. A Treasurer's report was provided by Jim w covering both February and March, and Jim noted that we had \$4,585 and \$7,495 in our accounts as of the respective month-ends. Special thanks were offered to Jimmy O'Gara for his help in securing softballs for the 2025 season at a very favorable price.

Agenda topics –

Topic 1 – Joe noted that our May meeting (as well as our meetings in July and August) will be held at Burns Park due to conflicts with other

programs at Allen Park. The meeting will be held toward the back of the park, near the Constable Office.

Topic 2 – The managers were reminded, once again, that the ONLY acceptable softballs for game use this year will be the Trump Tattoo balls. Leftover balls from last year are not acceptable any longer.

Topic 3 – The managers were reminded that it is very important to text game scores and cancellation information to Larry Prosky as soon as possible. 516-661-6020.

Topics 4 and 10 – The All-Star Game will be played on Tuesday July 1 on the turf field at Eisenhower Park that is currently used for league games, rather than the dirt infield location we have used in the past. The picnic will still be in the same place, so players and guest will either need to walk over to the picnic location or move their cars to park in a lot closer to the picnic area. Rain date for the game will be Wednesday July 2 at the same location.

Topic 5 – Funding from the Town of Hempstead was finalized.

Only 27 doubleheaders will be covered for umpire fees by the Town. As a result, TOH teams will need to pay \$180 (see Jim W) to cover the three doubleheaders that we will need to pay for ourselves. Good news is that the Town of Oyster Bay has covered all thirty doubleheaders for us, so no supplemental payment will be required from the TOB-based teams.

Topic 6 – Rosters for the 2025 season were due today. Please provide to Rich Coy ASAP if not brought to the meeting. Roster changes that comply with league rules can be made without any Board review prior to Opening Day (April 29).

Topic 7 – The important public hygiene rules and the rules for keeping cars in parking lots were reviewed and emphasized. We must have 100% compliance on these items at EVERY field we use or we can jeopardize our town funding as well as field availability which is provided to us at no charge. If anyone needs an update on the applicable public hygiene rules, Brian Edwards has offered to hold a remedial class on the subject.

Topic 8 – As has been noted more times than we can count, our League By Laws are in serious need of correction, amendment and updating. The reasons this is important have been discussed before. Jeff Steinberg will Chair the new By Laws Committee, with Larry Prosky acting as Vice Chairman, given his long historical background with LISSA. We asked for at least one representative per division to join this committee in order to provide a league-wide perspective but not that big and preventing the committee to work efficiently. With very little arm twisting, volunteers were identified as follows: Jimmy O’Gara (Division 1 - Vikings), Tom Narbutt (Division 2 – Pirates), Rich Coy and Charlie Fiorentino (Division 3 – Outlaws and Seagulls, respectively) and Joe Letta (Division 4 – Cougars).

We plan to have our FIRST Committee meeting on Wednesday May 21 from 8am to 9:20am, immediately preceding our Directors’ Meeting on the same day (remember – this will be at Burns Park). Dates and time of subsequent meetings will be determined by the Committee. The plan is for the Committee to prepare and present a new set of By Laws for Director review and voting in the not-too-distant future, but definitely before the 2026 season planning begins.

Topic 9 – Game logs to confirm umpires who handled our games for both TOH and TOB are now available and were handed out at the meeting. Home teams should prepare and get the forms signed, and please do this promptly, so submission to the Towns can be timely.

New/old topic – Bat stickers were handed out to the managers so all bats used by their players can be reviewed for compliance and stickered. Remember, managers AND players will be disciplined for using illegal bats in our games. The issue with bats manufactured before the year 2000, which do not have the required markings that we rely on to verify that bats are legal for league use was raised again for clarification. Managers and players should review the USA Softball website (at www.usasoftball.com) and take a photo of the relevant bat listing to demonstrate the bat is legal for LISSA use. This photo should be brought to all games in case the bat is questioned by the umpire or the opposing team. There may be many versions of a “legal bat list” circulating, so the safest approach is to use the information on the USA Softball website. Dave G of the Vikings indicated this information is not difficult to find, though the list is lengthy.

New topic 2 – Larry Prosky noted that the LISSA website is being updated, and new information is added almost continuously. Please refer to the website for answers to questions before reaching out elsewhere.

With no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10am. Our next meeting will be on May 21, 2025 at Burns Park and

the Colt 45s will be our hosts. Expectations are high for quality doughnuts for that meeting after the Passover hiatus.