

Long Island Senior Softball Association

Directors' Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Pellechi.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

For a welcome change, two months in a row, there were no people/players cited in our Moment of Silence.

All teams were represented and present at the meeting, with the exception of the Pirates.

Jeff advised that the minutes of the June meeting are posted on the LISSA website, but the minutes were not read.

A Treasurer's report was provided by Jim W noting that we had \$8,352.69 in the bank as of June 30, 2026. Additional funds have now arrived for potential additional umpire fees from our nine TOH teams.

Agenda topics –

Topic 1 – Joe P confirmed that our joint Awards/Hall of Fame luncheon will take place on October 23, 2026 at 11:30am at the Stewart Manor Country Club. As in the past, the league will provide a \$15 subsidy for players/managers attending the luncheon. Details will follow once Joe meets with the Country Club staff.

Topic 2 – Hall of Fame nominations will be submitted to the Hall of Fame Committee on August 12, 2026 at 9:30am at our Burns Park meeting location. The Committee is comprised of the Executive Board (7 officers) and one representative from each of our four playing divisions as follows: Jimmy Hughes (Vikings) – Division 1, Tom Narbutt (Pirates) – Division 2, Charlie Fiorentine (Seagulls) – Division 3 and Chris Fox (Knights) – Division 4. Materials for submissions were handed out to the managers at the June meeting.

Topic 3 – The make-up dates for the July 2 cancellations due to unsafe heat conditions were reviewed one by one. All games will be made up on either August 13, August 18 or August 27, depending on availability of the individual teams.

Topic 4 – The \$180 fee for TOH teams for potential additional umpire fees has now all been submitted to Jimmy W. Depending on the number of games ultimately played, and the TOH reimbursement plans, some or all of these funds may ultimately be returned to the TOH teams or credited to 2027 dues.

Topic 5 – Managers were reminded that a \$250 fee to cover raffles at the October 23 luncheon should be brought to our next meeting on August 19. Thank you.

Topic 6 – Our end of season tournament will be played on Tuesday September 1 and Thursday September 3, with Tuesday September 8 (the day after Labor Day) designated as our rainout date.

Topic 7 – For the 2027 season, the managers voted overwhelmingly to start our July and August games at 9:30am rather than at 10am, to avoid as much of the midday heat as possible. For this season, if both managers agree (and ONLY if both managers agree), our July and August games can be started at 9:30am, but the managers must notify Joe P as early as possible so arrangements with the umpires can be adjusted.

New Business Topic 1 – Brian E reported that, despite multiple announcements and requests of all managers, we again had issues with attendees at the All-Star Game coming to the post-game picnic thinking they could eat and drink without giving prior notice of their intent to attend. The Vikings were the only team that followed our guidelines, by notifying AND paying Brian in advance for picnic attendees. We will no longer host picnics in this manner as we can't seem to get the courtesy and compliance we need to do so.

New Business Topic 2 – After a brief discussion, it was decided that all games for (tomorrow) July 16, 2026 will be played as scheduled as the weather reports are more pleasant than originally feared.

New Business Topic 3 – A request was made for the 2027 season to try not to “bunch” so many of the crossover games into a relatively short period of our schedule, but to intersperse division games and crossover games over the four-month period to avoid long periods where we could have less competitive games. We will try to accommodate this request in next year's schedule.

New Business Topic 4 – Rich Coy reported that the annual St. Jude's tournament will take place on September 15 and 16. Details to follow in the months ahead.

New Business Topic 5 – “Hondo”, the assistant manager of the Dodgers, mentioned that a former player was now making custom made ball bags in three sizes, and a medium version prepared for the Dodgers was shared at the meeting. If any teams are interested in purchasing these custom-made bags, please reach out to Greg Kalkau at 516-552-8363.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05am. Our next meeting will be on August 19 at Burns Park and the Jaguars will be our hosts.