

Long Island Senior Softball Association

Directors' Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Pellechi.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Joe noted that Dave Gianelli's mother had passed away recently. The entire LISSA Board expressed our sincere condolences to Dave and his family.

All teams were represented and present at the meeting.

Jeff advised that the minutes of the August 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 \$9,892.84 in the bank as of August 31, 2026. All teams have now paid the \$250 end of season dues. Thank you.

Agenda topics –

Topics 1 and 2– Joe P confirmed that our joint Awards/Hall of Fame luncheon will take place on Thursday October 22, 2026 (NOTE REVISED DATE) 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. As noted, this luncheon will combine our annual Hall of Fame inductions and the 2026 Team Awards into a single event. Cost for LISSA members will be \$65 and for nonleague members the cost will be \$80 per person. Several managers provided preliminary attendance headcount estimates for their teams but other managers did not yet have this information. Please forward your team numbers to Jimmy W as quickly as possible but no later than the 10/21 League Meeting. We will easily exceed the minimum headcount negotiated with Stewart Manor, so we have no concerns there.

Additionally – snowflake games for October 22 will be cancelled as every manager polled at the meeting indicated that their teams would not be playing on the day of the luncheon, covering all four snowflake games scheduled for October 22.

Topic 3 – As of the date of this meeting, the first day of the St. Jude's tournament had been completed, with four teams still in the running for the championship – the Admirals, Outlaws, Stars and Vikings.

Topic 4 – Planned manager changes for the 2027 were discussed, though several teams had not yet addressed this topic. The Kings are undecided on their manager for 2027, and it is also possible that the manager of the Colt 45s will change.

Topic 5 – See Treasurer's Report above. All \$250 end of season payments have now been received.

Topic 6 – Managers were reminded that if any of the year-end cash awards for winning the regular season or the end of season tournament are used for apparel, the LISSA logo must be placed somewhere on said apparel. Receipts for any purchases must be provided to Jimmy W to ensure proper reimbursement can be made. With the closing of Bill Linehan's business, it was noted that Russ Gompers, the Assistant Manager of the Kings, could provide support to our teams looking to customize apparel to honor their teams through his company, Stitches. If interested, please reach out to Russ at 917-575-6129. Joe noted that Josten Rings has the ability to provide rings to Hall of Fame players/inductees if anyone is interested.

Topic 7 – Jeff read the provisions of Article 8, section 9 of our By-Laws (September 2025 version) that covers election of LISSA officers. LISSA officers serve two-year terms which currently expire on 12/31/26. Anyone interested in running for an Officer position (including current Officers) must inform the Board at our October meeting of their intention to run. An opportunity will be provided for each candidate to speak, should they wish to do so. Elections would be held at the November League Meeting, and the elected officers' terms would begin on January 1, 2027.

Topic 8 – The first, of what will likely be more than one, discussion on the 2027 league alignment took place. A lively (and lengthy) discussion took place. Jeff reviewed the provisions of our By Laws (Article 13) which explained how we expected alignment decisions would be made, and the minutes of our January 2026 meeting relative to alignment were also read. Such minutes indicated that the first place in Divisions 2, 3 and 4 would move up and the last place teams in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 would move down without exception. The intentional "inconsistency" between Article 13 and the January minutes was clarified and explained. At present, the managers of the Colt 45s and the Kings commented that their teams would prefer NOT to move up and down, respectively. Many managers and Board members participated in the ensuing discussion and very preliminary concepts of having a 3-5-5-3 team division alignment and an 8-8 division alignment were discussed. No final decisions were made and the managers were asked to come to the October meeting with alignment AND SCHEDULING proposals (including number of crossover games, number of games intra and inter division, along with suggested division formats) that can be reviewed and discussed. Everyone agreed that we hope to avoid the multi-month process we had last year to resolve this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45am. Our next meeting will be October 21 at Allen Park and the Colt 45s will be our hosts.