



West Valley Slammers
Est. on November 12, 1993
Board of Directors Meeting
Aug. 5, 2024
7 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call

Jason Griggs, Ben Skinner, Jenny Rempel, Michelena Goddard, Lisa Fukuyama, Angela Heredia, Marcy Sandoval, JR Sandoval, Mat Sims, Steve Eggers, Carrie Moreno, Megan Wikramayake, Sarah Mudgett, Dan Fukuyama, Lindsey Kouvaris, Nikki Pirotta, Joe Rogove (via proxy to Nikki Pirotta), Holly Carwana (via proxy to Megan Wikramanayake), Brandon Rosato (via proxy to Lindsey Kouvaris), and Cat D'Aulerio (via proxy to Sarah Mudgett)

II. Confirmation of Quorum and Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 7:11 p.m.

III. Closed Session: Play Up Petitions

A. Review Applications

1. Gianna Fuccella (12U)
 - a) Rachel Fuccella spoke on behalf of Gianna as a parent and coach over the last three seasons, testify to her playing abilities.
2. Alyssa Kelly (12U)
 - a) Kyle Murdock spoke on behalf of Alyssa as her coach for the All Star summer season, citing safety concerns.
3. Reese Conan (12U)
 - a) Reese's mother spoke on her behalf, raising concerns about safety and advocating for her to move up to grow her abilities.

Steve Eggers spoke on behalf of Alyssa, Gianna, and Reese as a former coach of all three.

4. Zara Hernandez (8U)
 - a) Zara played 6U for two years. She has a fall birthday and her family has requested she play up to 8U for safety reasons.

5. Zoe Ordonez (12U)
 - a) David Ordonez spoke on behalf of Zoe as both a father and coach. He testified to her abilities and her playing history as a B and A team player.

Meeting moved to a closed session for further discussion related to play up requests. Megan reviewed the information shared in play up applications for each player.

Nikki reviewed the notes from the Executive Board session on July 29, discussed current playing rules, and presented the Exec Board's recommendation for a change to the playing rules.

The board discussed a multitude of factors affecting the decision to allow a player to play up, including safety, the risk of player attrition, and the effect of USA Softball's change to age requirements last year. Concerns were raised about how moving girls up will affect spring rec enrollment.

B. Vote on Play Up Applications

- Gianna Fucella: 19 yes, 1 no – meets 2/3 threshold; approved to play up
- Alyssa Kelly: 10 yes, 10 no – does not meet 2/3 threshold; not approved to play up
- Reese Conan: 18 yes, 2 no – meets the 2/3 threshold; approved to play up
- Zoe Ordonez: 19 yes, 1 no – meets the 2/3 threshold; approved to play up
- Zara Hernandez: 19 yes, 1 no – meets the 2/3 threshold; approved to play up

IV. Public Comment (2 min. per comment)

V. Approval of Minutes from July 8, 2024

- A. Motion to approve, seconded - 19 yes, 1 abstention

VI. Cause for Applause

- A. Nikki expressed appreciation to Megan for getting Fall Ball up and running.
- B. Nikki expressed gratitude to Sarah for social posts.
- C. Thanks to everyone for their ongoing effort to lead the board and the league.

VII. Financial Report

A. Treasurer transition

1. The transition was not ideal. There was no direct transition between the previous treasurer and Ben as the incoming treasurer. Instead, things were handled through Joe as possible. This slowed the process of getting Ben access to everything he needs to manage the league's financials. It also adversely affected the league's ability to update signatories on its bank accounts.

- B. Access to financials – US Bank account signatories
 - 1. Ben Skinner, Holly Carwana, and Nikki Pirotta need to be added as signatories on West Valley Slammers US Bank accounts. Tricia Johnson needs to be removed as a signatory from all West Valley Slammers accounts at US Bank. If she is still listed, Erin Skarbek should also be removed as a signatory from all West Valley Slammers accounts.
- C. Summer team reimbursements
 - 1. Please allow a grace period as we complete the transition and get everything up and running.
 - 2. The largest effect is to the summer coaches. Nikki will send an email to the summer coaches to let them know that we are in the process of catching up

VIII. Fall Ball Update

- A. Enrollment numbers and updates on coaches
 - 1. 6U: Two teams – 1 with 12 players, 1 with 11 players; still looking for coaches
 - 2. 8U: Three teams – 2 teams of 11 and 1 team of 10; still looking for at least one coach
 - 3. 10U: Potential for 3 lighter teams with 10-11 players
 - 4. 12U: 2 teams; still need one coach
 - 5. 14U: Have approximately 9 girls signed up
 - a) May consider combining 12/14U. Megan and Jason will talk offline. We need to be sure 14U has a pitcher.
 - b) We potentially have a coach for 14U.
- B. Fall Star tryouts will be complete by Friday, Aug. 8.
- C. Late registrations will be accepted as long as space is available. Registration is currently open online. Goal is to have teams put together by Sunday, Aug. 11. Practices can start as of Monday, Aug. 12.
- D. Fall Star team reimbursements – ACE, SafeSport training, USA Softball registration
 - 1. In summer coaches had to do ACE, SafeSport training, and USA Softball registration, but it expires at the end of the summer. Fall coaches will need to complete all of the training and it will be good for the whole year.
 - 2. The league covered expenses for coach training and team registration in the summer and intends to do so for the fall as well.

IX. Equipment

- A. JR asked player agents to inform coaches that equipment and keys must be returned to Equipment Manager in person (i.e., not dropped off) at the end of each season. A sign out sheet will be used to track equipment coming in and out.

X. Parking

- A. School starts on Thursday. An email needs to go to all Slammers families to alert them that there is no parking in the Curtner lot and no parking in the church parking lot on Sundays.

XI. Update to Constitution, Bylaws, and Playing Rules

- A. Due to lower than ideal attendance, we will table the discussion tonight.
- B. A meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 26 for a dedicated discussion of recommended changes to the constitution, bylaws, and playing rules.
 - 1. A question was raised as to whether the meeting will be held as a closed session or open to the public. Per the Bylaws, the meeting shall remain open unless it deals with private matters such as personnel issues.
 - 2. The board voted to have a meeting in person on Aug. 26. at 6:30 p.m.

XII. Facilities Update

- A. Locks will be changed on Monday, Aug. 12. All keys will be marked “do not duplicate” and numbered. Keys will be tracked alongside equipment. Fall coaches and Fall Star coaches will be given keys. Bathroom keys, blue boxes, and pitching machine keys will remain the same for now.
- B. Field maintenance date needs to be scheduled.

XIII. Volunteer Hours for Fall

- A. Volunteer support is needed for the Snack Shack this fall. Nikki proposed assigning each team a weekend to staff the Snack Shack.

XIV. Next Meeting: Monday, Sept. 9, 2024

- A. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Upcoming Dates

Aug. 12	Fall practices begin
Sept. 8	Fall games begin
Sept. 9	Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Oct. 7	Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Oct. 19-20	Alexis Briski Tournament (using Bagby fields)
Oct. 27	Fall games end