



Date: April 8, 2025  
Location: Hugo's Ocean Beach

Call to order for the ordinary board meeting by: Nate Smith at 7:10 p.m.

Executive Committee Roll Call	Attendance
President, Scott Lewis	Present
Vice President, Nate Smith	Present
Secretary, Michele Baranski	Present
Treasurer, Martha Khoury	Present
Player Agent, Kristy Kirk	Present
Umpire in Chief, Alexa Flynn	Present
Past President, Jill Wyatt	Present

Attendance: 17 people, including the above board members and All-Star Manager Margarete Turla-Sesepasara; Logowear Manager Stacey Szabo; Sponsorships Director Dalina Marlett; Snack Shack Manager Patricia Pontes, Past President Dan Amiram; Clinics Manager Ashley Hackbart, Cool Breeze Directors Marco Tomassi and Kristen Montgomery, Registrar Wally Sweet and Team Manager Tony Skogen.

### Items:

- **Approval of Minutes:** Secretary Michele Baranski presented the March meeting minutes.
  - **Vote:** Jill Wyatt motioned to approve the minutes, and Martha Khoury seconded. The board voted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** There was a brief discussion about the PNL. Jill said she expected the Padres ticket line item to be around \$15,000. All Star expenses were around \$9,000 for deposits, two invoices for \$4,00 each, and \$7,000 for Cool Breeze pins. Jill is marking red lines on the budget and would like to review it with Martha. There are still payments due to umpires for playoffs and Cool Breeze, but we still have cash and a \$25,000 bond.
- **Vice President:** Nate Smith reported that a ROE (Right of Entry Request) has been submitted to the City to perform major repairs on field 5. The request is for repairs to the backstop, fencing, and the addition of nets to prevent more foul balls from flying into the parking lot or around children. The ROE also includes repairs to the batting cages. The total ROE was \$43,000.



Improvements have been made to Field 5, including addressing the gaping holes in the backstop fence by the first base dugout, the wheel on the vehicle entrance, and a gate has been added at the entrance to the park. The gate to the park is not yet in use, as it is caught in a coastal commission loophole. There are also fewer vans in the parking lot, which shows that the Get It Done reports work. The Special Use Permit we are trying to get would mean the responsibility for the junior fields (5,6,7,8) would be on PYSA. That would entail all maintenance, including mowing. The league would need to purchase a mower to maintain those fields.

Nate stated that he has emailed Jerry Abbott and others to ask the City to get the special use permit (SUP) going.

- **UIC:** Scott proposed that we centralize our rules and asked Alexa to create a Google document with a list of items to be included or revised in the league's rules. The Rules Committee can then review the list thoroughly and develop an organized plan in the months leading up to the Rules Committee meeting.
- **Spring Season:** Closing ceremonies will be on April 27th. The coaches' game will include a dunk tank and ice cream for the girls. The nominations for the executive board committee need to be voted on at the ceremonies as well. Scott motioned for Dan Amiram to receive the Herder award for his service to the league. Martha seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The league will also be honoring the umpires and Phil, who is retiring. Martha and Kristy will lead a skills competition. There will be an "after party" at We Be OB.
- There was a discussion about having a Gala for fundraising next season. Martha Khoury volunteered to help coordinate the event with the Here Comes the Sun tournament.
- Nate Smith mentioned that district banners still need to be put on the fences. Closing ceremonies would be a good time to hang them.
- **All-Star Committee:**
  - All-Star player interest forms will be sent out on April 9th.
  - The All-Star Manager Interest form will be sent out on April 17th.
  - On April 16th, Managers will receive preliminary interest from players.
  - April 21st, close player interest form
  - April 26th Rankings due
  - April 28th Rankings finalized
  - April 28th-29th Manager Interviews
  - April 30th, the Managers announced
  - May 1st Sandlot games
  - May 2nd All-Star team selection



- May 3rd Team Announcements
  - May 4th Practices begin
  - May 6th Contract signing
  - May 7th Zoom for families
  - May 10th, first tournament
- Martha has begun ordering pinstriped uniforms for this year's All-Star teams. The website has a summary of the tournament schedule for the All-Star season.
  - A significant change this year is that we have lined up the timeline so that the player rankings come in before we select All-Star managers.

Dan Amiram and Jill Wyatt discussed the players coming down from high school, how they would be ranked, and the criteria for them to play in the All-Stars. It was agreed that there should be more conversation and a decision made.

Nate Smith made a motion to approve the number of All-Star teams to be 12: two 8U teams, four 10U teams, four 12U teams, and two (up to three) 14U teams. This motion also leaves the option of forming a practice squad for 8U. Jill seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- **Player Agent:** Kristy Kirk reported that the Select season is over, and she looks forward to the manager surveys. Alexa discussed how the Select season is tough to manage regarding scheduling the teams.
- **Sponsorships:** Scott recognized Dalina for helping repair their relationship with Hodads. Dalina would like to borrow players when asking for sponsorships. It helps to draw in more money.
- **Cool Breeze Tournament:** Marthat Khoury reported that a family would like to donate to and sponsor the tournament. Marco reported that one team has canceled, which opens up one spot. Kristen gave out four options for an updated logo. Lauren Clulow will help with logo design and ring design.
- **2025-2026 Executive Committee Nominations:** The nomination committee presented their proposed slate for the 2025-26 year. Scott Lewis presented the slate, which included:
  - President: Scott Lewis (incumbent)
  - Vice President: Nate Smith (incumbent)
  - UIC: Alexa Flynn (incumbent)
  - Player Agent: Kristy Kirk (incumbent)
  - Secretary: Michele Baranski (incumbent)



- Treasurer: Martha Khoury (incumbent)
- Past President: Jill Wyatt (incumbent)

Alexa motioned that the 2025-26 executive committee nominations be presented at closing ceremonies. Margarete seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

- **Housekeeping:** Secretary Michele Baranski will compile a Google document of “Lessons Learned.” Scott would like a closed community group on Facebook to share information, such as lost and found, the field closings, drafts, etc. Wally Sweet would like to see the Agenda and Minutes on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2025.

Post-Meeting Minutes:

- **Executive Committee vote:** On Wednesday, April 29, 2005 the All-Star Selection Committee recommended this slate of 2025 managers for the executive committee’s approval:
  - 14U Gold: Cogan Semler
  - 14U Silver: Rob Walsh
  - 12U Gold: Courtney Duthie
  - 12U Silver: Martha Khoury
  - 12U Bronze: Mario Ibarra
  - 12U Copper: Nathan Smith
  - 10U Gold: Craig Snyder
  - 10U Silver: David Skillings
  - 10U Bronze: Kristy Kirk
  - 10U Copper: Michael Alves
  - 8U Gold: Ashley Hackbart
  - 8U Silver: Nicole Alvarado

President Scott Lewis asked the executive committee to vote by email. A majority of executive committee members responded and approved the slate on Thursday, May 1st.

- **General Vote:** On Sunday, April 27, 2025 Scott Lewis brought the proposed Board of Directors slate (see above) for 2025-26 to Closing Ceremonies for a general vote. There was no discussion, and the general group voted to



approve the slate as presented. The new Board of Directors will take office at the July 2025 Board of Directors meeting.

- On Monday, May 5, 2025, Executive Committee members convened and conferred regarding concerns raised by a 12u manager regarding the 12u vote of eligible players for All-Stars within the top 15, once three players opted out. The manager felt the rule was applied inconsistently. After a thorough discussion, it was determined that past precedent was followed when applying the top 15 players. Margarete Sessepessara, Michele Baranski, Kristy Kirk, and Nate Smith met with the manager by Zoom later that evening to explain and discuss. No action is needed now, and the Board will determine if changes are necessary to the rules.

**Submitted by: Michele Baranski**

