

Heart of America Softball League (HASL) Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Kris Wells – 6928 NE 52nd St KCMO 64119
Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2025
Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm

Call to Order

Anthony Rodeghier called to order the regular meeting of the HASL Board at 6:31 pm.

Roll Call

- Anthony Rodeghier (Commissioner)
- Shannon Stigall (Treasurer)
- Karen Riffle (Governance)
- Kylee Nicolay (Social Media Coordinator)
- Kris Wells (Fundraising and Events Coordinator)
- Candy Kissee (Assistant Commissioner - Womens')
- Caine Kreimendahl (Assistant Commissioner - Open)
- Jen Bob (Membership Coordinator)
- Maggie McBride (Secretary)

Approval of March Minutes

Kris made a motion to approve the minutes, Maggie second - unanimously approved

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report - Shannon Stigall:

- Balances as of 7/8/2025
 - o Checking (Operational Account): \$43,924.89
 - o Hall of Fame "bucket" (included in total above): \$1,331.90
 - o Savings: \$25,238.76
 - o Ramona Baker Fund \$961.94
- Storage fees went up \$12 per month
 - o Discussion to look for an alternative, it's a small space and cost keep increasing

Assistant Commissioner Report – Candy Kissee

- World Series - Shirts have been ordered and paid for, will be in before Bon Voyage
 - o Database updates - Due by August 15th
 - o Discuss reimbursement at the next meeting
 - o 6 or 9 teams are going to Series
- Dash is forfeiting all 3 of their games on teh last Sunday, some teams are short players but hopes to pick up to play. JenBob offered to be available as a sub.

Assistant Commissioner (Open) Report – Caine Kreimendahl:

- Dream Killers are the only open team going to GSWS in Houston
- 2025 HASL GSWS shirts have been ordered. Will be here before the Bon Voyage
- Voting for individual awards will be closed on July 15th

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- I will order individual award medals and team plaques by July 20th - Only about 40 women have voted, prompting a reminder to encourage more participation.
- 2025 HASL HOF Nominees- 1. Jan Allen 2. Donyell Gregory 3. Terra Childs. Ballots will be sent out to eligible voters by July 14th.
- Lineup and umpire cards have been ordered for Show Me Showdown and for the 2026 HASL season

Membership Coordinator (Womens') – Jen Bob

- No Report

Governance – Karen Riffle:

- Board Elections - open positions needs to be sent out
- Bylaw Changes - no bylaw amendments have been received yet.
- Nominations Committee - size reduced from 5 to 3
- Voting concerns - popularity contest and team size can drive results.

Activities/Fundraising Report – Kris Wells:

- Supply Drive - make a push for this weekend to bring items.
- Bon Voyage Party - Keep putting the info out, confirmed raffles etc

Social Media Coordinator – Kylee Nicolay:

- Series Entry Fee Reimbursement Discussion (last year's motion attached) - Tabled until next meeting
 - o 6 women's teams going - entry fee is \$670 / Deadline for registration is August 10th / Rosters due August 17th
 - o 1 open team going - entry fee \$600
 - o Total series reimbursement = \$4,690
- Fall Mini Schedule - Tune-up for Series (schedule/email to coaches attached)
- Budget and Expenses for Mini-Schedule
The financial breakdown for the mini-schedule includes \$600 in team fees from four participating teams (captains still need to pay). Costs are \$450 for field rentals (\$150/day) and a budgeted \$400 for umpires (\$100/day for two umpires for both days). Hassle will cover the remaining \$250, as previously discussed and approved. Darren was contacted for umpires and needs a follow-up in early August.
- End of Season Recap Newsletter
Discussion about the Hassle Hype End of Season Recap Newsletter concluded that it should be released in the fourth quarter, after the World Series, to include series results and cover the entire season and participation. This timing was supported by the board.
- On my to-do list:
 - o Supply Drive Flyer
 - o Social Media Post about annual meeting (bylaws and nominations)
 - o End of Season Award Winners Post (team and individual awards)
 - o HASL Hype Season Recap Newsletter

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Secretary Report – Maggie McBride:

- No Report

Commissioner Report – Anthony Rodeghier:

- Mini-Tournament Dates and Participation
The mini-tournament dates are confirmed for August 17th and August 24th, with an open practice on September 7th. Four teams signed up. Frustration was expressed regarding coaches needing to improve communication with players.
- Board and Committee Transitions
New board members take office in October. Karen is in the process of pulling up open board positions to ensure compliance with governing language and facilitate smooth transitions.
- Hall of Fame and All-Star Game Planning
Discussion revolved around reviving the Hall of Fame/All-Star game as a standalone event for next year, possibly mid-season, to increase participation. Historically, MVPs played against All-Star/Hall of Fame teams and received shirts. Suggestions included bringing back a picnic, making it a "big event" like it used to be at City Park, and potentially replacing or supplementing the golf tournament due to declining participation. Other contests like Home Run Derby or pitching contests were also mentioned. Brittany at the women's mini-series location offers good deals for events and practices.

END OF REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Anthony made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM CST, Kris seconded - unanimously approved

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday August 13, 2025