



West Valley Slammers
Board of Directors Meeting
Nov. 3, 2025, 7 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Nikki Pirotta (president), Lindsey Kouvaris, Mat Sims, Dana Mancha, Brandon Studley, Kelly West, Robert Hernandez, Angela White, Samantha Edie, Denise Chan, Steve Eggers, David Ordonez, Ben Skinner, Jenny Rempel (remotely), Megan Wikramanayake (via proxy to Lindsey Kouvaris)

Member of the public: Pete Jeziorske

2. Confirmation of Quorum and Call to Order

Quorum was confirmed and the meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

3. Public Comments

Pete Jeziorske told the board he would like to form an A-ball team for 10U. He feels there are many talented players in the division and that there is an opportunity to form a team without diluting the rec league. He wants WVS to be able to retain the players as opposed to losing them to other travel ball teams.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Oct. 6, 2025 Board meeting via unanimous consent. The motion passed.

5. Cause for Applause

- a. A round of applause to David and Robert for spearheading field maintenance days, and thanks to the families who helped. Many of the highest need projects were completed. The replacement of the mounds was tabled until closer to spring.
- b. Thanks to Angela for helping get volunteers for the field maintenance days.

6. Financial Report

a. October Financial Report: P&L and Balance Sheet

- i. Snack Shack revenue was up significantly from this time last year.
- ii. We returned a small number of registration fees to families who did not

- play for various reasons.
- iii. The vast majority of Fall Stars expenses are reflected in the current P&L; some additional expenses will show up in November.
 - iv. Fall Star fee payments are expected this month.
 - v. The retainer will stay until the lawsuit against the League is resolved.
 - vi. Concern was expressed that our finances are trending down overall. There was discussion of some of the reasons affecting that change. Nikki asked anyone who has remaining concerns to email the Exec Board so that we can address your concern in more detail.

b. Approve League Budget

- i. The budget was initially shared in August. We asked for feedback and now we need to review and approve a league budget.
- ii. Ben explained that past budgets have not included overhead costs for every “sub-budget” that we create for our various levels of play (rec, All Stars, A-ball, Fall Stars, Select). In the past, most of the overhead has been carried by spring rec families. Ben proposes spreading the cost of overhead across all levels, with a heavier load being carried by the competitive teams.
- iii. The Board reviewed the proposed budget in relative detail.
- iv. A second budget option was presented that would divide overhead costs more equally across all areas, which would result in fee increases to rec and competitive players.
- v. A motion was made to approve an increase on expenses to competitive teams to cover league overhead but not to increase rec fees. The motion was seconded and carried.
10 yes, 3 no, 2 abstain
- vi. A motion was made to table the discussion of the detailed numbers of the budget until the next meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

7. Injury Report

On Thursday, Oct. 27, 12U FS-Mancha was playing a scrimmage against a combined team of Crawford and Jackman rec players. A player slid into second base and sustained a severe ankle injury.

The Board discussed ideas to prevent injuries like this in the future, including sliding mats to teach proper sliding, break away bases, a higher standard of competency before allowing girls to slide in a game setting, etc.

8. Fall Ball Update

a. Thank you for a successful rec season.

- i. No rained out games!
- ii. Girls traveled near and far.
- iii. Overall feedback has been positive.

b. Fall Stars/Fall Select season ends Nov. 30

- i. The idea was raised to participate in the Toys for Tots in December, which would require the board to make an exception to the end date for Fall

Stars.

1. A motion was made to extend the Fall Stars season through Dec. 9, 2025. The motion was seconded.

10 yes, 3 no, 0 abstain

c. Practice update

- i. Now that daylight savings has ended, it is getting dark early. Nikki sent an email to Fall Star coaches and asked coaches not to practice after visibility goes down.
- ii. Dixon has asked if his team can use indoor facilities to practice on weekdays. Our insurance would cover this activity so there were no objections assuming the team covers the costs.

d. Fall Volunteer Payments

- i. 37 families did not complete their 2 hours.
- ii. If teams do friendlies this weekend, we can try to open Snack Shack to allow for additional volunteer hours. Otherwise, they will be billed for the buyout next week.

e. Fall Star payments

- i. Messaging was "up to 4" tournaments. Some teams played 2, some played 3. One played 5.
 1. For the team that played 5, the coach has requested that his families be invoiced for the original fee amount plus the amount for splitting the 5th tournament.
 2. For those who played fewer than four tournaments, the Board proposed pro-rating fees based on the number of tournaments played. A motion was made and seconded to pro-rate Fall Star tournament fees per team based on the number of tournaments played.

12 yes, 1 no, 2 abstain

9. USA Softball Update

a. Insurance

- i. Nikki spoke with the NorCal commissioner over the weekend to clarify our insurance coverage. We have an insurance policy that covers each of our registered players. We also have team insurance that covers us at team events and offside facilities.

b. Regional Directors Meeting

- i. USA Softball is discussing how best to proceed with Select since some leagues abused the idea last year.

10. Bagby Classic

- a. Tentatively postponed until June 20-21, 2026 (Father's Day Weekend) due to timing constraints.
- b. A Bagby Classic chair is needed. Nikki is happy to co-chair, but cannot take the whole thing on by herself.

11. WVS Open Board Positions

a. Consider Removal of Board Member - Snack Shack Chair

- i. We need to have a formal vote to remove Courtney Cabrera as our Snack

Shack chair due to a high level of absences to regularly called meetings and lack of response to emails, phone calls, and texts. Nikki sent Courtney an email last week to let her know that this vote would be called at today's meeting and received no response.

- ii. A motion was made and seconded to remove Courtney Cabrera from the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Open Positions

- i. We need to source candidates for open positions. We should aim to share open positions on social media and on our website.

12. Spring Planning

a. Spring rec fees

- i. We will keep rec registration flat.

b. Registration

- i. We are planning to open registration in the next couple of days.

c. City Park Permit Application

- i. The application has been submitted. Nikki hopes to add one more request before the end of the day.

d. Begin fundraising

- i. We are currently without a fundraising chair, nonetheless we should begin thinking about spring fundraising and sponsorships.

13. Bylaws Revision

a. 8U Rules (Chapter 6)

- i. A motion was made by unanimous consent to table this until the December meeting.

b. Discussion and Action – Retroactive Application of “Repeat Offenses” Rule 1.6/Appendix A of Bylaws

- i. A motion was made to grandfather in current board members for the duration of their time on the board. The motion was not seconded.
- ii. A motion was made and seconded to table this item until the December board meeting.

14. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES:

Dec. 1 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.