



West Valley Slammers  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Oct. 2, 2023

**AGENDA**

1. Roll Call  
Attendees: Erin Skarbek, Tricia Johnston, Brian Skarbek, JR Sandoval, Marcy Sandoval, Lindsey Kouvaris, Jason Griggs, David Ordonez, Mat Sims, Megan Wikramanayake, Holly Carwana, Jenny Rempel
2. Confirmation of Quorum and Call to Order
  - a. Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.
3. Approval of Minutes from Sept. 14, 2023
  - a. Approved with the edit of Laura's proper last name. **MSC**
4. Approval of 2023-2024 Budget
  - a. Budget, as presented at the Sept. 14 meeting, was approved. **MSC**
5. Approval of Playing Rules
  - a. Playing rules, as discussed at the Sept. 14, meeting were approved. **MSC**
6. Select Program
  - a. We must comply with USA Softball rules, but the league can add additional tweaks/rules in our bylaws.
  - b. USA Softball is changing rules for Select programs in an effort to keep the leagues competitive and prevent girls from leaving to travel ball programs.
  - c. USA Softball draft rules are still unclear as to how Select teams will or will not be integrated into the rec league. Two options seem to be arising:
    - i. Select integrates into rec league during the spring.
    - ii. Select teams do not participate in rec play and only compete against Select teams from other leagues.
  - d. Board discussed the pros and cons of various options on the table. Board was largely in agreement that a Select program should continue. Conversation centered on how to successfully implement the Select program in concert with new USA Softball rules and how to ensure that all players—rec and Select—have a

- positive playing experience.
  - e. Board discussed adding additional rules into the bylaws to ensure that all players receive reasonable playing time (e.g., limit on innings pitched by a Select player.)
  - f. Board reviewed preliminary changes to bylaws to implement a Select program under the new, forthcoming USA Softball rules.
  - g. In light of forthcoming changes from USA Softball, WVS's current 12U-Select team has expressed interest in staying with the league as an A Team. Board discussed the request and review of proposed bylaw changes that would allow for WVS to have a 12U A-ball team in 2024 only.
  - h. Board voted to post amended bylaws for public comment. **MSC** Proposed changes to the bylaws will be posted online for a minimum of one week. The Board will meet via Zoom on Oct. 16 to formally vote on the bylaws changes.
7. Spring Registration Dates, Items
    - a. At the November meeting we will have a detailed schedule for spring. Registration is slated to open on Nov. 1.
  8. Sponsorship Drive begins
    - a. Tabled to November meeting.
  9. Field Director Update
    - a. Field maintenance day was a success with 22 volunteers.
    - b. Planning to host a second maintenance day in late October to focus on shade covers.
  10. Equipment Chairperson Inventory Update
    - a. Reviewed equipment on hand: balls, catcher's gear, helmets, etc.
    - b. Ordered 10 new tees, 2 are MIA
    - c. Bags have been distributed to fall teams; extra bags are ready for distribution.
    - d. Will need to replenish some supplies for spring.
  11. Next Meeting: November 6, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

### **Upcoming Dates**

Oct. 28:	Fall Ball rec Games End
Nov. 1	Spring registration opens
Nov. 6	Board Meeting
Dec. 4	Board Meeting