



West Valley Slammers  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Jan. 6, 2025

## Meeting Minutes

### I. Roll Call

Nikki Pirotta (president), Lindsey Kouvaris (secretary), Michelena Goddard, Megan Wikramanayake, Brandon Studley, Ben Skinner, JR Sandoval, Marcy Sandoval, Mat Sims, Lauren Matheny, Brandon Rosato, Jason Griggs, Steve Eggers, Angela Heredia, Lisa Fukuyama (via proxy to Megan Wikramanayake), Dan Fukuyama (via proxy to Mat Sims), Jenny Rempel (via proxy to Michelena Goddard),

Three members of the public were present.

### II. Confirmation of Quorum and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

### III. Public Comment Time (2 min. per comment)

There were no public comments made.

### IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the Dec. 2 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### V. Cause for Applause

- A. Mat offered kudos to Megan for her work on tracking registration and pulling teams together.
- B. Nikki offered applause to Ben for all of his work on the financials.
- C. Cheers to Brandon S. for his work getting the Cutting Edge clinics online.
- D. Megan acknowledged Lindsey for her help with social media posts during the holidays.

### VI. Financial Report

- A. Tax Update – Ben asked for assistance identifying approximately 20 transactions so they can be properly coded. This will help us finalize our taxes. The Board reviewed the transactions and addressed many of the questions. Nikki will work with Holly and Ben in the coming days to reconcile the remaining items. Ben notified the Board that they can expect one more email with a similar request to identify transactions.

- B. Financials – Ben reported that the league is in a good place with regard to its current financials.
- C. Annual budget – The budget is forthcoming once taxes are squared away. Ben is expecting to share it at the February meeting.
- D. 1099 Filings – Ben will work with Brandon R. and Jason to ensure that 1099s are distributed to everyone who needs to receive one for 2024.

**VII. Snack Shack Deep Clean**

- A. The Snack Shack deep clean will be Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Marcy and JR requested assistance from 5 volunteers.

**VIII. Field Maintenance Days**

- A. Field maintenance days will be held Jan. 25 and Feb. 8 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Additional dates will be added, if needed. There will be no limit on volunteers—we'll take as much help as we can get.
- B. Equipment and supplies were approved several months ago so Jason can purchase items as needed.

**IX. Coaches' Meeting**

- A. Megan and Holly are working to finalize a date. Currently, they are shooting for the week of Jan. 20. The meeting will likely be virtual.

**X. Team Manager Meeting**

- A. Nikki and Angela plan to identify a date for a Zoom meeting in February.

**XI. Uniforms**

- A. Logo Redesign - Lindsey presented a logo design option for competitive teams.
  - 1. The Board provided feedback, which included a preference for more aggressive lettering or something similar to Varsity lettering. People like that the design included home plate and green ball graphics.
  - 2. An additional, smaller logos is also being design for use on hats, etc. The Board agreed the logo should include the letters "WVS" as an abbreviation for the league.
- B. A-Ball uniforms – Our 12U-A team has uniforms that will work in the short run, but new uniforms need to be ordered to get through the season.
  - 1. The team would like to use Bellalete. The estimate for navy and red pants (3 pairs), two jerseys (blue and red) is between \$300-\$400 per player.
  - 2. The Board discussed the vendor choice and how to handle the order given that the new logo is not yet ready.
  - 3. A motion was made and seconded to approve 12U-A using Bellalete with the current Slammers script logo and with the understanding that next year the team will get new uniforms with the new logo. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Rec Uniforms – For rec, the league will most likely stay with Boombah. They have been easy to work with and can accommodate a large order in the timeframe we need.

## **XII. Board Volunteer Roles**

- A. We need a new scheduler for games and practices. Sam Edie said she may be willing to step into the role. Nikki and Joe will meet with Sam to discuss the role more fully before she makes a final decision.
- B. We are still looking for a volunteer coordinator. One parent has expressed interest so Nikki is hoping to set up a meeting soon.

## **XIII. Spring Rec Registration and Coaching Update**

- A. Total registrations as of noon today: 294. Registration closes in two days.
- B. 14U – Our 14U division has low enrollment, which is not unexpected. We are hoping to get some late registrations after high schools hold tryouts and form teams. Megan and Brandon S. can work on how to handle late registrations through Sports Engine. Currently the team only has one pitcher; ideally we would like at least one more.
- C. 12U – We are expecting four teams with approximately 12 players each. If registration reaches 48 players, we will close it and start a waitlist. Megan and Brandon S. will continue to monitor and react as needed.
- D. 10U – We are planning for six teams of roughly 11-12 players. The division still needs one head coach. Megan and Mat will contact those who volunteered to be assistant coaches and see if someone will step up.
- E. 8U – Registration is strong with almost 100 players! We're expecting 9 teams. We have plenty of coaches and assistant coaches for the division.
- F. 6U – The division will likely have seven+ teams. Based on feedback from previous seasons, we're aiming for teams of 10-11, since the young players need a little more one-to-one attention. We still need a few more head coaches. Carrie and Megan are reaching out to see if they can identify some.
- G. Umpires will need to be discussed in more detail in February. We will need to decide whether to use Choice Umpires for 8U. We also need to decide how we want to handle junior umpires and whether they will need to register with USA Softball. Our current junior staff prefers to umpire 8U; they are not interested in 10U.

*Angela had to leave the meeting early.*

## **XIV. 2025 A-ball and Select Team Updates**

- A. As most know by now, David Ordonez has been appointed as head coach for 12U-A. The team had tryouts and created a roster of 12 players.
  - 1. Budget: The team proposed a fee of \$1800 per player. The Board reviewed their proposed budget. A motion was made and seconded to approve a fee of \$1800/player to cover expenses from January to the end of July. The motion was approved unanimously.
- B. There is no A-ball for 10U this spring and summer.
- C. Select teams
  - 1. There are no new updates from USA Softball.
  - 2. Select teams can be formed after the close of registration.
  - 3. Rec evals and Select tryouts will happen simultaneously.

4. Players cannot play in tournaments after March 1 or they will be ineligible for summer All Stars.
  5. The Select season ends May 1.
  6. Scrimmages, friendlies, and practices can only be held on Sundays. For WVS, Select events will be held on Sunday afternoons.
  7. Scrimmages and friendlies must be played against teams in our district. Nikki reached out to Vince to ask if we can scrimmage peninsula teams since we see them often at summer tournaments.
  8. As far as USA Softball is concerned, 8U is not officially a Select team since there are no tournaments available for that age division. This means that 8U Select benefits from more relaxed rules regarding rosters.
  9. USA Softball has stated that leagues may field more than one Select team in a single division. If the Select team is not playing in tournaments, they do not need a formal roster. If a Select team plays in one or more spring tournaments, they must have a formal roster.
- D. The league has not yet made formal offers to potential coaches for Select coaches (with the exception of Eric Dixon in 10U). We were waiting for some answers from USA Softball and are prepared to identify coaches this week.
- E. Currently, we have 34 interested in 8U Select, 32 for 10U Select, and 24 for 12U.

#### **XV. Vote to Ratify Changes to the Bylaws**

- A. Vote to ratify
1. A motion was made to approve the Bylaws changes that were discussed in December and subsequently posted online for the review period. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- B. Proposed changes to 8.2-A
1. USA Softball will allow for multiple Select teams in a single division. As a result, a motion was made to remove the last sentence in 8.2A, which limited the league to one coach per division. The motion was seconded and passed.  
17 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions
- C. Proposed amendment to 10U Playing Rules
1. Carrie Moreno wanted to introduce a change to the 10U playing rules. Since she was unable to attend the meeting, Lindsey read her email explaining the proposed change. There were no arguments for the change and no arguments made against the proposal. A vote was called. No members of the Board voted in favor of the change. All members voted against the change. There were no abstentions.

#### **XVI. Misc.**

- A. Would the league consider renting batting cage lanes to assist with teams getting in practices when it rains in February? The Board agreed that this could be something worth looking into. The suggestion was to price out one lane rental per team, 8U and above. Nikki will look into and report back at the Feb. meeting.

- B. Fingerprinting is confusing this year because of new requirements from USA Softball. Angela is investigating how our current system works (or doesn't) in conjunction with USA Softball rules. She will report back to the Board in February.

**XVII. Next Meeting:** Monday, Feb. 3, 2025

- A. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

**Items Approved Via Email**

- Board approved revisions to section 8.8 of the Bylaws
- Board approved revisions to 8.5-B of the Bylaws
- Exec Board approved **three** scholarship applications.
- Board approved **five** play up requests.
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**Upcoming Dates**

Jan. 8	Registration closes
Jan. 11	10U/12U rec evals and Select tryouts
Jan. 12	8U Select tryouts
TBD	14U rec evals
Week of Jan. 13	Coaches' meeting (date TBD)
Feb. 1	Rec practices may begin
Feb. 3	Board meeting, 7 p.m., Bagby
March 1	Opening Day