



West Valley Slammers
Board of Directors Meeting
April 1, 2023
MINUTES

Attendees: Erin Skarbek, Tricia Johnson, JR Sandoval, Marcy Sandoval, Lindsey Kouvaris, Brian Skarbek, Michelena Goddard, Laura Woolard, Megan Wikramanayake, David Ordonez, Mat Sims, Tera Murray, Angela Heredia, and Jason Griggs

- I. Confirmation of Quorum and Call to Order
 - A. Call to order at 7:13 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2024
 - A. Erin makes a motion, JR seconds. Minutes approved unanimously.
- III. Financial Report - March 2024 - Tricia
 - A. Statements were received today since it's the first of the month. As a result, financials are not fully updated. Tricia will send an updated report to the board via email.
- IV. Recap - Opening Ceremonies, Hit-A-Thon and Picture Day!
 - A. Opening Ceremonies: Thank you to Holly for organizing a great event, and thanks to the Board for their various roles in making the day happen.
 - B. Picture Day: The day was a success despite the weather and having to delay the Hit-a-thon. We received lots of feedback from families about what a great community event it was.
 - C. Hit-a-thon: Our first two attempts were rained out. The Hit-a-thon is now scheduled to take place before or after games, depending on the division, the week of April 15.
- V. League Needs - Standings updated on website, phone device and plan for Venmo and Snack Shack
 - A. Standings:
 1. The way teams were set up on the website does not allow standings to show. To correct it, we would need to remove team pages and rebuild them, which would have a ripple effect for everyone.
 2. An alternative option was presented—to set up each division as a league in GameChanger which will allow standings to be shown in the app. There were no objections to the idea. 8U, 10U, and 12U coaches will be notified of the change.

3. Our goal will be to set up the website differently next year to allow for standings on the team pages.
- B. Phone/Device
 1. One of our volunteers has agreed to assist us with researching options to enable WiFi access in Snack Shack. Use of personal hotspots for Square and Venmo is not a long-term solution.
- VI. Spring Break - April 9, 2024 - April 13, 2024
 - A. Due to the rainouts, some teams have reached out and asked to hold makeup games during Spring Break. Teams were told that's okay as long as it's abundantly clear to their families that participation during Spring break is optional.
 - B. Optional practices may happen during the break.
- VII. Planning for Summer:
 - A. All Star Coordinator: Lisa Fukuyama has agreed to serve as All Star Coordinator. She will be responsible for working with All Star teams to coordinate tournament registrations. A and B teams will handle their own registrations.
 - B. All Star Committee: Chief Player Agent, 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, Umpire-in-Chief
 - C. All Star Coach:
 1. All Star coach applications due (April 1) and interviews (April 4)
 2. Received applications from coaches in the 14U, 10U, and 8U divisions. We are still hoping to secure interest from a 12U coach.
 3. Potentially, we will have 3 8U teams, 2-3 10U teams, 1 12U team, and 1 14U team.
 - D. All Star Tryouts: April 28
 1. Bobby will set up All Star registration. Once that is complete, an email will go out to families encouraging interested players to register to tryout.
 2. 12U and 8U: 9-11 a.m. (may need to expand timeframe depending on interest)
 3. 10U and 14U: 1-3 p.m.
 4. We have adequate volunteer support for the morning tryouts, but we still need additional volunteers for the afternoon.
- VIII. All Star Uniforms
 - A. Planning to stay with Boombah.
- IX. Bagby Classic: May 25-27
 - A. 20 teams have signed up to date. Still plenty of slots available.
- X. Board Elections
 - A. Shannon is in charge of administering the election.
 - B. We plan to continue with electronic balloting.
 - C. Some roles need to be re-envisioned and/or redefined to lighten the load and/or to better reflect what the job actually entails. Board members should send their thoughts on their individual roles to Erin. Board members should also let Erin know if they plan to leave the board and/or change roles.
- XI. Closing Ceremonies? May 11
- XII. Volunteer Update

- A. Laura hopes to give each team an update on their volunteer hours in the next week or two.
 - B. Going forward, it would be ideal to create a dashboard that volunteers could use to track and log hours, and verify their fingerprinting.
- XIII. Parking
- A. Parking in the Curtner lot continues to pose a problem. Volunteers report that some drivers have been disrespectful and rude, and that they do not want to work the parking lot again.
 - B. Issues are ongoing and have been for years. The Board agreed to close the Curtner lot to Slammers family and friends on weekdays for the duration of the season. The lot will remain available to umpires.
 - C. Erin will reach out and ask if WVS can provide after school care families with a paper placard to help our volunteer parking lot attendants know which families can access the lot and which cannot.
- XIV. Miscellaneous
- A. A request was made for the league to purchase a printer that could be used for league-focused administrative tasks. Laura and Erin will discuss further.
 - B. A suggestion was made for the league to provide training, via video or in person, for volunteers doing Snack Shack, field prep, GameChanger scoring, etc.
- XV. Rainout incident
- A. On March 30, games were postponed and later canceled due to rain. Nonetheless, two games were held on a field that was prepped by the teams involved. This caused confusion, anger, and concern among the broader Slammers community.
 - 1. David shared notes on the calls/emails/texts he received regarding this matter. Other board members also shared some of the complaints they received.
 - 2. The Board discussed the situation and came to an agreement about how to move forward. In the future, all fields will remain closed if the Field Director determines that they cannot be adequately prepped and safely played upon. Coaches will not be allowed to work independently to prep a field on rainout days.
- XVI. Next Meeting: May 6
- A. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Upcoming Dates

- April 1, 2024 - All Star Coach Applications Due
- April 4, 2024 - All Star Coach Interviews / Coaches Selected
- April 9, 2024 - April 13, 2024 - Spring Break - NO games (April 8-12 Cambrian School District Spring Break)
- April 28, 2024 - All Star Tryouts
- May 4, 2024 - Regular Season Ends (last 6U games)
- May 6, 2024 - Board Meeting
- May 11, 2024 - Championship Sunday