



West Valley Slammers  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Dec. 2, 2024

**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Roll Call**

Nikki Pirotta (president), Lindsey Kouvaris (secretary), Brandon Studley, Brandon Rosato, Megan Wikramanayake, Joe Rogove, Steve Eggers, Mat Sims, Dan Fukuyama (via proxy to Mat Sims), JR Sandoval, Jenny Rempel, Holly Carwana, Lauren Matheny, Carrie Moreno (remotely), Michelena Goddard (remotely), Sarah Mudgett (remotely), Marcy Sandoval (via proxy to JR Sandoval)

Two members of the public were present.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 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 Nov. 12 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**V. Cause for Applause**

- A. Nikki offered thanks to Brandon Studley for working through the beast that is spring registration.
- B. Nikki gave a shout out to Megan for her work to get A-ball and Select up and running.

**VI. Financial Report**

- A. The financial report and budget discussion were tabled due to Ben's absence.

**VII. Snack Shack Deep Clean**

- A. The Snack Shack typically undergoes a deep clean before the start of the spring season. Nikki asked JR and Marcy to provide some potential dates and to let us know about supply and volunteer support needs.
- B. JR reported that the soda fridge has been repaired.

## **VIII. Equipment and Keys**

- A. JR stated that a few coaches have yet to return their keys. Coaches who will be serving as Select coaches in the spring will not need to return keys at this time.

## **IX. Fundraising and Sponsorship UPdates**

- A. Fundraising - Pizza My Heart gift cards are on sale now. Jenny is buying what she needs in advance to help reduce costs for the Hit-a-thon.
- B. Sponsorships - Michelena reported that we have received about \$6,000 worth of sponsorships so far. She noted that this is slightly lower than last year at this time. Some businesses have opted to sponsor at a lower level than in years past and some businesses have players who have aged out of the league. Michelena asked for the board's assistance identifying potential sponsors.

## **X. City Field Permits for Spring**

WVS has been granted permits for use of the following fields during the specified days and times:

- A. Doerr Park: Saturdays, Mondays, and Fridays 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- B. Paul Moore Park: Wednesdays 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- C. De Anza Park: Tuesdays, Thursdays and alternating Fridays (sharing with Lincoln Glen)
- D. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to authorize \$1,340 to pay for the City field permits.

## **XI. Spring Rec Registrations**

As of today, our registrations per division are as follows:

- 6U: 43 registered
- 8U: 42 registered
- 10U: 25 registered
- 12U: 14 registered
- 14U: 1 registered

We would like to do some posts on social media to share that registration is open. Yard signs are also available. Please put them up around your neighborhood and/or any other public spaces where you think they would be effective.

## **XII. Cutting Edge Clinics**

A registration link for the clinics needs to be created in SE. Our goal is to release sign ups in mid-December. The pricing from Cutting Edge is the same as last year: \$105 for pitching and \$70 for both hitting and catching.

- A. Pitching (8-10 slots) at Bagby
  - 1. Dates: Jan. 18, 25, and Feb. 3
  - 2. Times: 9-9:40 a.m.; 9:40-10:20 a.m.; 10:20-11 a.m. (if needed)
- B. Hitting (8-10 slots) at CES
  - 1. Dates: Jan. 25 and Feb.3
  - 2. Times: (two 40 min. groups): 12-12:40 p.m.; 12:40-1:10 p.m.
- C. Catching (10-12 slots) at CES

1. Dates: Jan. 25 and Feb. 4
2. Times (two 40 min. groups): 9:40-10:20 a.m.; 10:20-11 a.m.

Since there is extra money in the budget the Board discussed whether to subsidize the clinics for all players or to offer scholarships on an as-needed basis. A motion was made and seconded to a subsidize to all registrants:

15 approved, 3 nos, no abstentions

A motion was made and seconded to offer \$15 per registrant for pitching and \$10 per registrant for hitting and catching, bringing the prices down to \$90 and \$60 respectively. The motion passed unanimously.

### **XIII. A-Ball and Select Team Updates**

- A. David Ordonez will be our 12U A-Ball coach and tryouts are this Saturday.
  1. Nikki offered thanks to David for his patience as we worked through the logistics. We will aim to get things rolling sooner next year.
- B. Eric Dixon and Greg Labmeier applied to coach 10U A-Ball. Following a review of the applications and interviews, the Select Team Committee has decided to offer Eric the position at 10U-A coach.
- C. Nikki spoke to Vince regarding expectations for Select teams. She reported the following takeaways from their call:
  1. Select players must play rec. It is up to the league what that looks like.
  2. Select teams can practice together and play friendlies/round robins with other teams in our district on Sundays.
  3. The cutoff date for tournament play is March 1. If a Select team or player participates in a tournament after March 1, they/she will not be eligible to play summer All Stars.
  4. The Select team must have a tryout.
  5. Select teams may have no more than 14 players on the roster.

### **XIV. Continued Discussion Constitution Section 8.0 and Playing Rules**

- A. Bylaws Sections 7 and 8
  1. **7.9C** - This section was added to ensure that All Star, Select, and A-Classified teams are governed by the same rules with respect to funding and fundraising. A motion to include section 7.9C was made, seconded and approved unanimously.
  2. **8.1** - A motion was made and seconded to revise section 8.1 so that it aligns with USA Softball's most current vision for Select programs. The motion was approved unanimously.
  3. **8.1.1** - A motion was made to remove section 8.1.1 pertaining to "Select Program Values" since it seemed unnecessary and not appropriate for bylaws. The motion was seconded and passed.

16 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention
  4. **8.2A** - A motion was made to adjust the language to give a more realistic timeline for the recruitment, interviewing, and selection of Select coaches. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

5. **8.2F** - A motion was made to change the language so that the timeline for the season is more accurate. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. **8.2G** - A motion was made to update language to clarify that interested Select players will participate in All Star tryouts prior to the summer season. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. **8.2H** - A motion was made to eliminate 8.2H. The section was irrelevant since tournament-only Select teams are not allowed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. **8.3 B** - A motion was made to give the League President the deciding vote in the event of a tie amongst the Select Team Committee. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
9. **8.3C a-b** - The Board felt 8.3C-a and 8.3C-b were superfluous. A motion was made to remove them. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
10. **8.4.2 and 8.4.3** - A motion was made to remove these sections. They are no longer relevant now that tournament-only Select teams are not allowed. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
11. **8.4B** - A motion was made to require divisional player agents to approve Select team rosters. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
12. **8.5C** - A motion was made to amend the language to provide clarity about how donated funds can be utilized and what the process for approval will be. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
13. **8.6** - A motion was made to remove sections previously designated as "Playing Rules for Select Players in Recreational Games" and "Playing Rules for Select Players in Tournament-only Teams" since they are obsolete. The motion included additional modifications to simplify the remaining playing rules language. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
14. **8.6C** - A motion was made to add a point clarifying that rec activities should take precedence over Select team activities. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
15. **8.7** - A motion was made to update language so that it aligns with expectations for All Star teams. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
16. **8.8A** - A motion was made to add "per division" in order to align the language of the Bylaws with what the Board previously decided. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
17. **8.8B** - A motion was made to add a volunteer requirement and fundraiser participation (as appropriate) to A-Classified teams. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
18. **8.8C-E** - The Board opted to resolve 8.8C-E via email after Lindsey had time to ensure the cross referenced sections were accurate and applicable.

## **XV. Board Voting**

- A. Per Article IV-D in Bylaws (approved Sept. 25, 2024), members of the same household serving on the Board simultaneously shall have one vote. This change affects two families who were elected to the Board prior to this amendment being made.
1. A motion was made to postpone enforcement of Article IV-D until the next election. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## **XVI. Next Meeting: Monday, Jan. 6, 2025**

- A. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

### **Items Approved Via Email**

- Exec approved splitting registration into 2 payments for a requesting family.
- WVS President approved re-activating an existing QR code for \$35/month through the end of January 2025.
- Board approved a volunteer buyout option at \$350/family.
- Exec approved \$4,500 for CPA expenses.
- Exec approved one spring scholarship application.
- Revisions to section 8.8 of the Bylaws were made and circulated via email. The changes include:
  - Updating cross referenced sections, clarifying expectations around player selection and rosters, and setting fees and payment schedules.
  - A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes to section 8.8 as presented via email. The motion was approved with 18 yes votes. (Only 18 responses were received.)
- Revisions were made to section 8.5B of the Bylaws adjusting the language to eliminate the requirement to return unused funds to competitive teams.
  - A motion was made and seconded to approve the revisions to section 8.5B as presented via email. The motion was approved with 15 yes votes. (Only 15 responses were received.)

### **Upcoming Dates**

Dec. 7	12U A-Ball Tryouts: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. all positions; 12-12:45 p.m. pitchers/catchers
Dec. 14	10U A-ball Tryouts
TBD	Select Team Tryouts
Jan. 6	Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Dec. 31	Early bird registration closes
Jan. 8	Registration closes
Jan. 11	Evals 10U, 12U, and 14U