



West Valley Slammers Board of Directors Meeting  
March 3, 2024

Attendees: **Erin Skarbek, Holly Carwana, Tricia Johnston, David Ordonez, Brian Skarbek, Shannon Hoffman, Jason Griggs, JR Sandoval, Marcy Sandoval, Jenny Rempel, Megan Wikramanayake, Lindsey Kouvaris, Tera Murray, Mat Sims, Laura Woolard**

1. Confirmation of Quorum and Call to Order @ 7:08pm
2. Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2024
  - a. Erin moves to approve; Shannon seconds; approved by majority vote
3. Financial Report - January 2024 & February 2024 - Tricia
  - a. Budget to Actuals reviewed year-to-date
4. Opening Day and First Games Recap
  - a. Opening day rained out; moved to March 9, 2024
    - i. 14U pitcher to throw first pitch
  - b. First 6U games yesterday
  - c. Field maintenance; 19 volunteers on Sunday, then another shower came through and set back work; all volunteers stayed to help and made some more progress
    - i. However, still 2-3 days before anyone can get on the fields; goal is to get them ready for Saturday; no rain in forecast
  - d. All opening day games have been rescheduled
5. Trophies / Closing Ceremonies?
  - a. Participation medals for all; trophies for championship (1st and 2nd) 8U-12U; medals (1st and 2nd) for 14U
  - b. Closing ceremony
    - i. w/ coach's game; kids umpiring; slow pitch with 8U (squishy) ball
  - c. Time for Championship Games (May 11)
    - i. Need to make sure times don't overlap for coaches with multiple teams
    - ii. Coordinate with closing ceremonies
6. Banner and Directional Signs - Lindsey
  - a. A frame directional signage to direct families and players from other leagues to the correct field
  - b. Large banners (10ft x 4ft)
    - i. Permission from school to hang 2 banners that say "Home of the Slammers"
      1. Field 1 backstop facing Barracuda Tank
      2. Field 4 backstop facing the Curtner & Leigh intersection
    - ii. Reviewed banner design
    - iii. Vinyl vs Mesh
      1. Mesh stands up to wind better, may be harder to read (less contrast), fades faster
      2. Vinyl easier to see, less fading, less expensive

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3. Decision to use vinyl first
  - c. Total cost for a&b: \$1350/\$1700 (vinyl/mesh)
    - i. Erin motions to approve; seconded; approved by majority.
  - d. Can we move existing sign between snack shack and bathrooms?
    - i. Branding is old; not current
    - ii. Could print another (if approved) and moved between bathrooms and snack shack; could also paint
    - iii. TBD
7. Volunteering
- a. First attempt at enforcing and tracking volunteer hours has been mostly successful
    - i. E.g., 19 people at last field day, snack shack shifts filled to date
    - ii. People are jumping in to help when asked
    - iii. Big picture, achieving goal of getting volunteers helping who wouldn't otherwise, allowing better field maintenance, snack shack coverage and other league support
    - iv. Nearly 100% full on all slots, except for 8U umps, field days before Bagby classic, and at Bagby classic (these will count for spring season, and could pay forward to next season)
    - v. There are enough hours posted for everyone to do their shifts, after opening day and hit-a-thon shifts are added
    - vi. Handful of individuals who are unable to help in the ways (e.g., due to schedule, physical ability), or on available days, that are posted; in these cases, working with league (Laura) to provide alternate opportunities
    - vii. When hours are achieved, checks are shredded (per communication)
    - viii. Background check issue: One person came forward wanting to volunteer, but stated they had a felony for carrying an illegal firearm 20 years ago. Board will wait until the fingerprinting report returns to ensure no other issues before considering volunteer eligibility. No decision on eligibility this evening.
8. Hit-A-Thon - **March 24**
- a. No blow-up devices on Bagby property
  - b. Hair braiding, dunk tank, face painters, cotton candy, raffle (batting cages, yoga, 49ers basket, free registration for next year?, waiver for volunteer hours?, swag basket?)
    - i. 12-14U players can volunteer to help with face painting
    - ii. Sell tickets and price activities and raffle by number of tickets
  - c. The idea of a skills competition was discussed, but with pictures and hit-a-thon there is not enough field space.
  - d. Entries set up on Sports Engine
    - i. \$100 for t-shirt
  - e. Need 4-5 tables; shades; bownets for fields
9. Picture Day - **March 24**
- a. Shannon worked with photographer to create schedule, which will be

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- distributed electronically to families.
  - b. Timing is tight (12 minutes) due to how many teams/players. It is critical that players arrive early so that the schedule runs on time.
10. All Stars 2024
- a. All star coach applications due (4/1) and interviews (4/4)
    - i. Applications accepted from any fingerprinted volunteer; committee takes into consideration coach history and qualifications
  - b. Tryouts April 28, 2024
  - c. Need to put communication out to coaches - in previous years it was posted on website, David will reach out
  - d. How many all star teams can we field; need to consider reasons to place a limit
  - e. Need to communicate team expectations clearly with families before tryouts
  - f. Need to recruit an all-star coordinator
11. Bagby Classic 2024: May 25-27
- a. Memorial Day weekend
  - b. Brian in communication with USA softball
  - c. Work with Campbell, Los Gatos for fields
  - d. 3-day, but each age division only plays on two days
    - i. 8U, 10U Sat/Sun
    - ii. 12U, 14U Sun/Mon
    - iii. 5 game guarantee
    - iv. Open tournament
  - e. Small group of people working on it, but still need a lead
12. Incident at Bagby
- a. Softball parent mistakenly parked in a non-softball spot and was confronted by someone from the school when she returned to her car; parent called police after being shoved
    - i. Police came out; issue resolved
    - ii. Rehiring Mark to manage parking in the lot off Curtner
      - 1. Erin moves to approve; Brian seconds; approved unanimously
    - iii. Curtner lot is not a drop-off zone; need to make sure to communicate this to families as well
13. Pitching machine
- a. Ordered
  - b. Need to order new box to protect it, \$2500; Jason reached out for donations; will let board know result and if approval needed for new purchase
14. Fields
- a. Still need fields, esp for 10U and 12U; 20 minute drive or more is too far
15. Next Meeting: **April 1**
16. Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm

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### **Upcoming Dates**

April 1, 2024 - Board Meeting, 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

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