

SVLL September Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2023 @ 6:08pm
Sierra Vista Sports Division

Attendance: Rory V., Ralph M., Rosalie M., Tiffany A.*, Paul H., Sarah, H., Joyce K., Michelle H., Brendan H., Adrian V., Amanda M., Annetta C., Jestine V.** , Aram J.

Not in Attendance: Tanya C., Davina J., and Anthony A.

Guest: Jen White

Approval of Meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No meeting minutes reviewed or approved at this meeting
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Round table to introduce everyone so new Board of Directors (BOD) were familiar with faces, names, and positions.
President (Rory Volgende)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction/Recap of SVLL• Lines of Communication- Group Text Email Face to face• Differences of opinions will occur and be passionate.• No District 8 meeting for this month, meetings should resume October 2023.• SVLL BOD meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month until February. Then, they will switch to the first Monday of every month; meetings begin at 6pm. There will be times were meetings are rescheduled due to holidays. Meetings are on currently on Tuesdays because that was the vote and the vote has not changed. Meetings are switched to Mondays beginning in February because SVLL schedules games Tuesday through Thursday and on Saturdays. That only leaves Mondays and Fridays open (purposely left open for rescheduled games for weather cancellations).• 12u state tournament has been a big and ongoing discussion that it will be coming to District 8. More information to come, but keep in mind for interests.
V. President (Ralph Monge)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 tournament is a huge tournament. This division is who we will be sending off to Regionals and potentially Williamsport.• Open Discussion:

	<p>Hosting tournaments is a huge commitment and a lot goes in to hosting. Last season we hosted not only our end-of-season tournament within our league, but we also hosted two district tournaments for majors and seniors, and the 11u state tournament of 14 teams (totaled 32 games).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested a class on how to do Scorebooks and Pitch Count
Secretary (Jestine Volgende)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please be considerate of monthly meetings. Allow the meeting and the meeting minutes to be published prior to sending out text messages about what is happening in the meetings. Lots of information was put out that got distorted. • Meeting minutes are pushed to the BOD within one week of the monthly meeting, for BOD review. Minutes are published on the SVLL website. Minutes are supposed to be approved at the following month's meeting. • Has information for Sarah and Michelle
Treasurer (Sarah Herbert)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This position has a financial committee that is split in three parts. Treasurer: Makes all purchases as needed for the league. Check Presenter: Stamps and accounts for all checks received and writes checks as needed for the league. Balance: Reviews purchases, checks and balances for the snack shack and bank account. • Open discussion: Begin making purchases for equipment in the off season. Get with Equipment Manager to discuss equipment needs. Sarah had mentioned last season that bats for Tball and CPitch are a huge need. • Current balance \$46,798.05 (surplus of \$29,271.05) Fields for July have been paid Received sponsorship check for All Star shirts received for \$150.00 Scholarship check for \$1,000.00 has been cashed Current balance reflects ending balance Last season was successful because of our sponsors and the different fundraisers that we did. • Next meeting would like to discuss a Savings account Next meeting would like to discuss budgets This may be a meeting for just the financial committee or the Executive Board
Player Agent (Anthony Anders)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not present
Registrar/Scheduler (Rosalie Monge)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.
Jr./Sr Player Agent (Tiffany Anders)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report

Information Officer (Amanda Mantz)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. • Open Discussion: New BOD and guest was not aware of the information provided on the website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A lot of parents don't browse the website, but it's the same website where parents register their players. ➤ Information of what a Player Agent does is not known to the public. Player agent is the liaison between the parent and the coach, coach and the league, parent and the league. Rosalie suggested that we put an information sheet together for parents on who they should be contacting, chain of command, provide emails and contact information. ➤ Aaron inquired if Player Agents can stipulate forms of communication. Confusing to have coaches use more than one platform to communicate. Yes, we encourage coaches to use their Sports Connect account to communicate so that the league has oversight. However, there are a lot of apps that help with instant communication if they don't get notifications from Sports Connect. But, yes... using one platform and being consistent is helpful for parents. ➤ SVLL Communication Platforms: Website Facebook Instagram Email blast ➤ Rory is awaiting for Jolene Fernald, former information officer, to send log in information for Instagram account and will forward to Amanda. ➤ Will need to get with Amanda to show her how to use the website.
Safety Officer (Annetta Crews)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
Equipment Manager (Paul Herbert)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report • See Secretary Report • Equipment that may need to be purchased after reviewing league shed: Equipment Bags Catcher's gear Plenty of Tees were purchased last season
Snack Shack Coordinator (Michelle Henretta)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
Coaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report

Coordinator (Aram Jacques)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present for discussion regarding All Stars
Tball Player Agent (Joyce Keck)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to Report
Coach Pitch Player Agent (Adrian Vasquez)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
AA Player Agent (Tanya Conde)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not present
AAA Player Agent (Davina Jacques)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not present
Majors Player Agent (Brendan Henretta)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
Intermediate Player Agent (Aaron Lax)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All expenses have been closed out See Treasurer report
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Board members who have children, in the league, usually have the registration fee waived because it's expected that the board members will provide more than volunteer hours than the average volunteer. However, in the recent years when board members resign after registrations the Board and the League are burned. There will be a caveat to waiving registration fees: **If a BOD resigns, the registration fee (for their player or players) will be charged to their Blue Sombrero account as a balance owed. • Review of Bylaws and Constitution • Bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reviewed grammatical errors to be corrected ➤ Change "tryouts" to "evaluations" where applicable ➤ Include the AA local rule change of "Pitchers cannot pitch back-to-back games." This is to develop more than two pitchers and encourage managers not to use the same players (voted on in 2022-2023 season). ➤ Include amount of coaches allowed in the field and in the dugout for each division. Umpire information for training and approval for any umpire to call a game and Jr. Umpires to call behind the plate. This does not apply to managers who have to call their game if an umpire doesn't show up. Managers are supposed to attend coach's clinic and umpire clinics for this particular reason.
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Continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Include information about discrimination in the Bylaws. ➤ Include “mercy rule” in all AA Division and above. ➤ Include “any overthrow to the pitcher is considered a dead ball and the runner cannot advance on a steal.” ➤ Suggest that end of season tournaments be Double Elimination instead of single elimination We will have to review the schedule to provide more time for a double elimination and consider the volunteer help and what tournaments we intend on hosting. Possibly moving Opening Day one week early. ➤ Serious discussion of All Star bullet that states “Tryouts are not mandatory, however, if the selected manager wishes to hold a tryout, they will have to coordinate times and places on or after June 1st.” 1 disagreement that tryouts should be mandatory. 1 new BOD stated, “as a manager, I would like the option given to me.” Open Discussion to include 4 seasoned parents who have been part of the league for more than 10 years who have experienced multiple styles of selections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be a criteria to tryout so that 45 players don’t show up. That is a lot of work on one manager. This also poses an issue with finding enough time between the end of season tournament and the beginning of All Stars. • Multiple options of selecting an All Star player, but ultimately it should be up to the manager. • The BOD interviews managers and this should be a discussion when they present potential players that they’ve seen throughout the season. • Managers, all of them, have an idea of the players that performed well throughout the season and inquire to other managers of possible players to scout. • The BOD has a right to inquire about selections and reasoning and potentially decline a player’s participation. Example: player had a disciplinary action against them throughout the season, the player displays unmanageable behavioral issues, etc.
New Business Continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen White (Guest) inquiries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What happens to the players who sold more than 50 Raffle tickets to get free registration for the next regular season and also paid the \$100 All Star registration fee but also get \$50 back if they complete the All Star season? The player will still get their registration fee waived for selling more than 50 tickets, for the regular season.
New Business Continued	<p>The \$50 that the player gets back for finishing the All Star season can be returned two ways 1) by check or 2) parent can apply to the next All Star season if the player is selected again.</p> <p>If the player did not sell more than 50 tickets but participated and paid the All Star fee the \$50 can be returned two ways 1) by check or 2) apply it to the regular season registration fee or the next All star</p>

	<p>season if the player is selected again.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How will the agendas be provided? September's agenda was given out at the last minute due to other business with the league that needed to be taken care of. Agendas are usually given out prior to the meeting with advance information. However, agendas are provided to the board members. ➤ Is there a rule that states that players can't wear jackets or sweaters during a game because kids were shivering and cold on some nights? Parents are responsible for dressing their children with weather appropriate attire. SVLL is not against them wearing clothing to keep them warm. Umpires have to be able to see jersey numbers to correlate to line up cards. SVLL does not prohibit sweaters or jackets being worn; players can wear sweaters or warm clothing under their uniform. Pitchers cannot wear white clothing under their uniform is the only rule. To include, this does not apply to Tball and CPitch. Throughout all divisions parents provided their children with blankets in the dugout and space heaters. ➤ "I'm not taking sides" but the "emails that were sent in for the AGM voting" is that going to be fixed. We will discuss the Constitution and the interpretation.
Topics tabled for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve August general meeting minutes • Approve August AGM meeting minutes • Vote on Bylaws after suggested updates and corrections have been made • Committees • Budget and Savings • Constitution
Proxy Votes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (*) indicates where a proxy vote was used • Tany C. proxy vote to Jestine V. • Davina J. proxy vote to Jestine V. • Anthony A. proxy vote to Tiffany A. • There were no motions to vote on anything at this meeting.
Meeting Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:22pm
October Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 3, 2023 • 6pm • Sports Division