	<b>SGSL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b>
	<b>VIRTUAL - ZOOM</b>
	<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025 @ 9:00 P.M.</b>

## **ATTENDENCE – Members/Guests**

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Elizabeth Gandza (President), Carol Pietrowicz (Vice President), Kristen Keska (Vice President), Peter Farr (Secretary), Philein Griffin (Treasurer/Secretary), Bryan Cohen (Equip. & Safety Mgr.) Alyssa Cohen (Assistant Equipment & Safety Mgr), Scott Kennedy (Assist Treasurer)

### **MEMBERS**

Heather Cohen, Jillian Gentile, Chris Ouellette, Jen Ouellette, Liz Callahan, Kristina Didominzio, Vincent Didominzio

### **GUESTS**

Chuck Camarata (Wolcott Girls Softball), Eric O'Toole (Wolcott Girls Softball), Joe Secondo (2), Kim Troccoli, Daron Callahan, Pete Cowen, Ryan Seeger, Kevin Rogers, Steve Wright, Amanda Grabowski, Chris Lineberry

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Elizabeth Gandza

Elizabeth Gandza called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 p.m. and welcomed all board members and guests.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Peter Farr


Peter Farr conducted a silent roll call. The May 2025 SGSL Board of Directors meeting minutes were reviewed and presented. Minutes were Approved via a motion to ACCEPT made by Kristen Keska and seconded by Philein Griffin.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Philein Griffin (Temporary)

Philein reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the accounting details with the Board:

- Paid bills totalling \$4,500
- Further details were unavailable at this time
- There were no questions or concerns regarding the Treasurers Report

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## **FUNDRAISING AND SPONSORSHIPS:**

Liz Callahan

### **FUNDRAISING**

- Chipotle Passive Fundraiser – Tonight 6/10
- Banners – (3) USA Elite, Lions Den, Southington Ortho
- Raffle – Sales \$881.00
- Dinner Nights – Sliders/Panera \$484.77
- Will do raffles again next year
- Wish to Bring Back Fancy Bagel Shake a can
- Liz Gandza thanked Liz Callahan for her fundraising efforts

## **VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT**


Carol Pietrowicz/Kristen Keska

Kristen reviewed the Calendar for the rest of the season:

- June
  - Majors Championship 6/11
  - Fall Ball Registration
  - Summer Sandlot 6/23, 6/30
- July
  - Summer Sandlot 7/7 & 7/14
- August
  - SGSL BOD Meeting 8/12

Kristen reviewed the rules/status of available/open Executive Board positions and their status:

- Nominations at August Board meeting
- If interested, need recording of speech to Secretary or express interest on floor during meeting.
- New terms begin September 1
- Positions currently up for election/re-election:
  - President (Liz Gandza)
  - Vice President (Kristen Keska)
  - Equipment Manager (Bryan Cohen)
  - (2) Player Agents
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary (Philein)

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### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Elizabeth Gandza

- a. HS Championship games went well Congrats to the Bats!
- Minors games were great, Majors Championship tomorrow 6/11
- Jewel Classic last weekend was extremely successful and well attended
- Kristen future review of Rule Modifications/Umpiring
- Working on the Coach/Family end of the season survey: What worked, what didn't. Liz asked if there was anything else that should be added to the survey.
- Next season planning (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### **PLAYER AGENT'S REPORT**

Carol and Kristen (Temporary/Open)

- Nothing to report.

### **EQUIPMENT and SAFETY MANAGER'S REPORT**


Equipment and Safety Manager Bryan Cohen and Alyssa Cohen

- Bryan reported that trophies and medallions are ready to go for league championship games. Inventory will need to be done once bags of equipment has been returned. Bryan stated that we already have a good amount of inventory for next season, even have extra uniforms/shirts etc.

### **FIELD MAINTENANCE MANAGER'S REPORT**

Field Maintenance Elizabeth Gandza

- Liz Gandza reported the following on Field Maintenance matters:
  - Need more clay
  - Big Thank you to Chris Lineberry for the donation of the giant field tarps
  - Pest Control – Mice in the upper sheds – need to irradiate
  - Water for the upper bathrooms
  - Septic being pumped? Pete Cowen remembers it needing to be pumped twice a year
  - Fertilizer for Fields – 3 or 4 bids for treatments
  - Kevin Rogers and Liz Gandza have talked to Chuck Sherwood and did a walk through of the fields and what is needed. Another application is needed in a couple of weeks.
  - Pete Cowen asked/mentioned company that does the cutting of the lips on the fields (in past Chuck Sherwood and another company)

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Scholarship Committee** (Pete) –Nothing to Report

**B. Diamond Divas (Jennine)** – Will be hosting game this Friday Saturday at Memorial at 9:00 am.

**C. DOUBLE Play Swap** (Liz Callahan)

- a. Nothing to report

**D. Jewel Classic Committee**


- a. Nothing to Report

**E. Summer Sandlot Committee**

- a. Bryan and Alyssa Cohen are getting communications out to players and families.
- b. A google form will need to be developed to collect data/information
- c. T-Shirts
- d. Need to Confirm Coaching Volunteers
- e. Dates need to be finalized
- f. Scott and Liz will help out

**F. Fall Ball Committee**

- a. Fall Ball Committee – To start up soon...may collaborate with Wolcott for Fall Ball, maybe even area towns. Liz Gandza to head committee, Bryan Cohen will assist with equipment
    - i. Communication to Families going out
    - ii. Registration Fee w/Contingency
      - 1. Make sure fee covers
      - 2. Time w/USA Elite w/their fundamental skills
      - 3. Possible Collaboration w/Southington Little Leagues?
        - a. (2) 12U Teams w/Competition with North Haven, Wolcott, Silver City
        - b. (3) 10U Teams
        - c. 12U and older could pose challenges w/numbers
- Liz Callahan asked why not use D-Bats and why USA Elite – brief discussion was had that included Pete Cowen explaining that Jen donates our scholarships every year, long relationship, clinics etc.

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### **G. Committees on Hiatus:**

- a. Rules and Modifications – several topics came up this season that will need to be discussed for next season
- b. Constitution and By-Laws, Rules and Modifications, Evaluation Committee, Draft Procedure Committee

### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Elizabeth Gandza


- A. AED – Kristina application pulled, need further update and still on the radar for the future.
- B. Southington Orthodontics – interested in sponsoring something in our softball community, possibly a batting cage, but wasn't tied to one specific idea, maybe a Capitol Project, such as a ramp from the top side of the stairs between the upper and lower field, maybe more concrete pads, benches or covers over the benches
- C. Southington Lacrosse – Space in Upper Garage – Liz has spoken to Kyle Savage regarding physical definition/division of the upper garage space; however, nothing has been resolved at this time.
- D. Wolcott Softball request/update – Wolcott Softball is looking at their options and are interested in collaborating on some games during next season. (See below in Open Floor)
- E. Kristen Keska then briefly talked about SportsConnect and Gamechanger issues. It seems to have been resolved through Tech Support.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Elizabeth Gandza

#### **A. OPEN FLOOR**

Liz Gandza introduced guest Chuck Cammarota, President of the Wolcott Girls Softball League. Chuck spoke to the board on behalf of the (WGSL). The WGSL league is having difficulty retaining players and teams and if they continue in this recent direction, they will lose funding and could fold their in-house recreational softball program. Despite the decline in recreational players, their Travel programs are quite successful. Chuck is

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reaching out to see if it was possible for their recreational teams to play in our league next spring and is willing to listen to any offers or suggestions that SGSL could provide or are interested in. Unfortunately, if things do not change for their league, they would need to drop independence and consider joining Little League which is not their first option. Chuck stated that they would probably be able to field 1 or 2 teams per age group. Chuck also offered use of their fields as a possible consideration (Wolcott HS, Middle School, and Wakelee Fields). Chuck stated that they would adapt to SGSL rules, and was thinking that they would enter whole teams from their registration as opposed to entering the SGSL draft thus avoiding mixed teams and allowing their Wolcott players to play with familiar players and friends. After Chuck's presentation, the board discussed various questions and options that would come down to the details including financial costs, umpire fees (procedures). A decision was not made at this time as the proposal will need more discussion to make an informed decision. An opportunity to try is possible for a collaboration for fall ball 2025.

#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

Liz introduced Pete Cowen to the board. Pete, current Lightning Coach and past Board member, is interested in re-joining the SGSL Board of Directors. Kristen Keska nominated Pete Cowen for election to rejoining the Board. His nomination was seconded by Philein Griffin. A motion to accept the nomination was carried unanimously.

Welcome back to the Board of Directors Pete!

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Liz Gandza and seconded by Kristen Keska at approximately 10:09 p.m.

**The next board meeting:** Virtually on Zoom on August 12, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Farr  
SGSL Secretary