

	SGSL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
	VIRTUAL - ZOOM
	TUESDAY, January 13, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M.

Attendance

Executive Board: Jennine Albert (Asst. Secretary), Daron Callahan (Player Agent) Alyssa Cohen (Co-Equipment & Safety Manager), Bryan Cohen (Co- Equipment & Safety Manager), Liz Gandza (President), Philein Griffin (Treasurer), Kristen Keska (Co-VP), Carol Pietrowicz (Co-VP), Joe Secondo (Field Manager)

Members: Heather Cohen

Guests: Jason Aducci, Chuck Cammarata, Pete Cowen, Matt Keegan, Kristina DiDominzio

Call to Order

E. Gandza called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Attendance

A silent roll call was recorded.

Approval of December's Meeting Minutes

A motion to accept the December BOD Meeting Minutes was made by Bryan Cohen and seconded by Alyssa Cohen. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

P. Griffin presented the monthly treasurer's financial report.

Vice President's Report

K. Keska and C. Pietrowicz reviewed the upcoming calendar of events.

- Spring Registration Ends Monday, 2/16/26 (late fee begins for Minors/Majors/HS)
- Late Registration Closes for Minors/Majors/HS, Sunday, 3/1/26
- Minors/Majors Evaluation- Sunday, 3/8/26 12-6 pm
- Coaches Meetings
 - Majors Division (5th - 7th grade): 3/11/26 at 6pm
 - Minors Division (3rd and 4th grade): 3/16/26 at 6:30pm
 - Rookie Farm Divisions (pre K - 2nd grade): TBD - looking at Saturday 3/28 to be able to combine with the Rookie/Farm coaches clinic
- SHS Meet & Greet, Wednesday- 3/18/26 (times need to be finalized with BOD)
 - Rookie/Farm: 5:30p - 6:30p
 - Minors/Majors: 7:00p - 7:45p
- Field Opening - Saturday, 3/21 9am - 12pm (Raindate: Sunday, 3/22)
- Majors/Minors Practices start - Monday, 3/23
- High School Clinics and Evaluations 3/23 and 3/24
- Rookies/Farm Practices start Monday, 3/30/26

- Board of Directors Meeting (All are welcome!) Tuesday, 4/7/2026
- HS Games Start Monday, 4/13/26
- Minors/Majors Games Start, Monday, 4/20/26
- Rookie/Farm Games Start (TBD)
- Photo Day, Tentative Saturday 5/9/2026
- SHS Girls Softball Clinic at Panthorn Park & 40th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, 4/26/26 (Rain Date...TBD)
- Jewel Classic & 2nd Grade Graduation Games, Sunday 5/31/26 (Rain date, SATURDAY, 5/30/26)
- Playoffs Start Monday, 6/1/26 and go through Wednesday, 6/10/26 (Weather Pending)

E. Gandza requested a motion to suspend the meeting agenda to allow Chuck Cammarata from Wolcott Girls Softball Association (“WGSA”) to address the group. The motion was made and seconded. E. Gandza explained that after the Board’s lengthy discussion in December about how to set Wolcott’s registration fees to play with SGSL in spring 2026, she asked Chuck to join the January meeting to address any BOD questions directly.

C. Cammarata thanked the Board for an opportunity to speak with them again. He expressed thanks and appreciation for the BOD’s approval for Wolcott to play with SGSL this spring. With respect to costs, WGSA has not yet opened their registration yet because they are waiting for SGSL to determine the spring 2026 registration fees for WGSA players. C. Cammarata explained that one of WGSA’s biggest problems is that they are competing with Bristol Little League to be the softball provider for Wolcott softball and they want to keep registration costs comparable to be a competitive option. C. Cammarata explained that he knew that Wolcott players would have a much better experience playing with SGSL than any other option and really wants the arrangement with SGSL to be mutually beneficial. He explained that WGSA will have expenses beyond what they play SGSL to play together in the spring. WGSA will still need to pay for their own insurance, equipment, field lease, maintenance and supplies as well as administrative costs. Since WGSA will need to cover all of these costs as well as the registration fees to SGSL, he respectfully asked that WGSA be charged only for the costs that WGSA will share with SGSL (umpires, uniforms, Panthorn field maintenance, etc.). He explained that even if SGSL charges WGSA only for the shared costs, WGSA will still likely operate at a loss this year but it will be worth it to establish the relationship and pilot this idea.

E. Gandza thanked C. Cammarata for his time and for presenting to the group. C. Cammarata thanked the BOD for their time and help and that he was looking forward to further collaboration.

President Report

E. Gandza noted that as we enter 2026 and SGSL celebrates its 40th anniversary, we honor all of SGSL’s excellent history and tradition and all of the wonderful players, families and volunteers who have contributed to the league over its history. E. Gandza explained that it would be easy to just keep doing things as they’ve always been done but she is extremely grateful to be surrounded by a group of dedicated volunteers who share the goal of continuous improvement and are willing to work towards new these new goals:

- Continue to improve the softball experience for all of our players through continuing to pick excellent coaches, provide clinics and programming for all of our players and families. Thank you to Carol, Scott, Jennine and Kristen and Pete for all of your work on these initiatives.
- Improve our safety measures by introducing CPR training and concussion protocols and pursuing grants for an AED. Thank you to Alyssa, Bryan, Daron, Liz C. and Kristina for all of your help in these efforts.

- Review our financial processes, identify issues and institute new and better guidelines and guardrails. Thank you to Philein and Scott for leading these efforts.
- Inspire our players and give them strong role models at the highest level of the sport by using team names that reflect top college softball teams. Thank you to the Board for being open to this change and working to implement it.

The top team names from the family survey were: Gators, Tigers, Bulldogs, Longhorns, Eagles, Cardinals, Flames, Ducks, Cyclones, Bruins. E. Gandza explained that the Sooners name had not been included in the family survey because of potential concerns with the word “Sooner” being trademarked. After further research it appeared that SGSL could use the generic word “Sooners” without trademark concerns. The BOD agreed to add Sooners to the top ten list to make a total of 11 teams that could be used for the 2026 spring season.

E. Gandza reported that the AED application has been completed and is ready to be submitted. She asked the BOD to review the application (included in the agenda package) and notify her if anyone had comments/edits.

E. Gandza explained that the BOD was going to try to find a way to offer CPR training to coaches so that at least one coach on each team was CPR trained.

Equipment Update

B. Cohen reported that he needs the team names to send to the uniform vendor so they can start production.

Fundraising Report

E. Callahan reported that the Southington Athletic spirit wear fundraiser has been closed. It made \$30. It will be reopened in March. She explained that she is working on possible dine-out fundraisers (Chipotle, Birdcode and Shake Shack), banner sponsorships and a bake sale at the Meet and Greet. E. Callahan asked the Board for thoughts on having a raffle for the 40th anniversary celebration instead of the jewel classic. The BOD agreed that this would be a good idea. E. Callahan reported that she would submit for the required permit.

Field Maintenance Report

J. Secondo reported that he requested and received bids from three waste management companies. The bids would be evaluated for expected award in March.

Player Agent Report

D. Callahan reported the current registration numbers:

Rookie: 9
 Farm: 18
 Minors: 17
 Majors: 18
 HS: 2
 Diamond Divas: 2

The yard signs are out at the schools and the Parent Square notice was sent out.

Old Business

B. Cohen motioned to vote on the 2026 Wolcott registration fee. J. Secondo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the choice to vote for “Option A” or “Option B” fee schedule. The “Option A” fee

schedule was approved unanimously. (Option A = Rookie and Farm: \$115/player, Minors \$135/player and Majors \$140/player.)

Committee Reports

Rules Committee

K. Keska and C. Pietrowicz reported that the rule modifications that have been collected from player, family, coach and umpire feedback and have been discussed with the board over the last year are available for review ([Revisions](#)) and will be voted on in the February BOD meeting.

Draft Procedure Committee

D. Callahan and C. Pietrowicz reported that the previously discussed guidelines for the 2026 draft will be finished shortly and distributed to the BOD for review prior to being voted on in the February BOD meeting.

New Business

E. Gandza reviewed the proposed 2026 MOU with Southington Travel. She explained that the terms are based off of the 2026 MOU with the additional provision that *SGSL and LTSP will meet in June 2026 to discuss the 2027 MOU including an updated contribution amount to reflect the recent increases in SGSL shared costs and resulting increased rec registration fees as well as the 2027 tournament dates before the dates are advertised.*

J. Albert asked the BOD if Wolcott players could be eligible to play in the Diamond Divas program. The Board agreed that they could.

There were no new BOD nominations.

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, 2/20/26 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennine Albert and Liz Gandza