

SLVA PRESEASON EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

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Item	Details
Meeting	SLVA AGM / preseason executive planning meeting
Date and time	Tuesday, September 1, 2026 6:30–7:30 PM ET
Chair	Shea Tough
Attendees recorded by Zoom	Shea Tough, Geo, Sharon McPherson, Wendy Christiansen, and one additional phone participant. Finance updates were provided by Lindsay.
Purpose	Align the executive team on league start dates, permits, scheduling and statistics operations, team placement, fees, tryouts, and the potential shift to a digital platform.

1. Season Calendar and Permits

The executive team reviewed the permit schedule and the operating calendar for the upcoming indoor season. The first practice night is scheduled for September 17, one week earlier than the prior year, and the first league play date is scheduled for September 24. The working schedule includes 23 play dates, the team will discuss with execs via whatsapp best Christmas and Easter-weekend dates have been excluded, while March Break dates and other school conflicts still require confirmation with the permit office.

The permit PDF will be circulated to the executive group for final review before the full schedule is sent to teams. Shea had already asked the school and permit office for visibility into anticipated cancellations, including parent-teacher nights and school events.

2. Equipment and Practice-Night Operations

The league will continue using the same official balls as last season to avoid unnecessary costs and operational complexity. A tack ball may be used only when both team captains agree for that specific game; if there is a disagreement, the official league ball is the default.

Practice night will take place on September 17 at 7:00 PM. The practice-night communication will include court assignments, player and captain times, the ball policy, and a request for executive members and participating players to assist with net setup and takedown.

3. Scheduling, Statistics, and Digital Platform Options

Janet has stepped down after two years managing paper-based statistics and scheduling, making this function an immediate operational bottleneck. The group reviewed several platform options. Jam Sports/Oasis was viewed as cost-prohibitive at more than \$1,000 per month, while RecHero emerged as the preferred option at approximately \$1,000 per year.

RecHero would digitize schedules and statistics, reduce manual work, and support more automated team matching. Andrea was proposed as the new Statistics/Scheduling Manager. The executive team was supportive of moving toward a paperless system, but formal approval was deferred to a WhatsApp vote after alignment with RecHero.

4. Team Placement and Realignment Model

The group discussed replacing or supplementing the existing A1–A4, B1–B4, C1–C4, and D1–D4 tier structure with a 1–16 roster system supported by cumulative performance and Elo-style ratings. Teams would still begin based on the prior season's standings, while new teams would need to earn advancement through results rather than bypassing the placement structure.

Geo raised a concern that more flexible team movement could make gym assignments, court changes, and start times less efficient for players. No final format change was adopted. Shea will ask RecHero whether a hybrid transition model is possible—keeping familiar tier labels (still in a 16 week roster, possibly just colour coded) and a three-week realignment cadence while using the platform for digitization and performance tracking. The executive team will review the options and vote before implementation.

5. Fees and Financial Update

Lindsay reported that TDSB/PDSB fees are increasing by 3%. The expected team cost for the season is approximately \$1,750–\$1,900 per team, with the digital-platform cost adding an estimated \$250 per team. A detailed financial breakdown will be circulated to the executive team before final team communications. All teams were expected to return for the upcoming season.

6. Tryouts and Player Coordination

Sharon will compile the sub-list of prospective players interested in trying out. The list should include each player's contact information, position, and skill level so the league can place players efficiently and respond to captain requests. Sharon will also forward captain requests for new players to Shea so they can be matched against the sub-list.

Source note: These minutes were prepared from the Zoom recording, transcript, and automated meeting summary for the September 1 SLVA AGM.