



NJGSL MEETING MINUTES
Date:04/09/2026 Time: 8:00 PM
Location: Napa High Cafeteria

Start Time: 8:00pm

Attendees:

Executive Committee:

- **Debbie Anderson** –Co-President
- **Amber Sepulveda**– Vice President
- **Jenna Pace**– Treasurer
- **Kelly Bettencourt** – Secretary
- **Sara Tavizon**– Member at Large
- **Theresa Robles** –Snack Shack Coordinator

Subcommittee:

- **Becky Willems**- 6U division Rep
- **Kris Lowe-Hobbs**- 8U division Rep | Umpire Coordinator
- **Megan Valdez**- Opening Day Coordinator
- **Cierra Codron**- Opening Day Coordinator
- **Ryan Fennie** – Equipment Coordinator
- **Caroline Johnson**- Sponsor, Fundraising, and Spirit Wear

Other Attendees:

- **Daniel Moore, Jordan Allen, Emma Foote, Brooke Scherba, Joe Hall, Barolum Woods, Kevin Hager, Heather Oja, Lea Castrillo, Luis Bravo, Becky Willems, Ali Wagoner, Gasper Tavizon**
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Board Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM on April 9, 2025.

2. Meeting Norms

Meeting norms were read by Debbie:

- Honor the start time.
- Set a timekeeper and adjust the agenda as needed.
- Listen respectfully; one person speaks at a time.
- Follow the agenda and stay on track.
- Silence cell phones and remain present.
- The Board will seek input from attendees.
- Unrelated topics will be placed in a “parking lot” for later discussion or future agenda inclusion.

3. Agenda Adjustment:

- Motion made by Amber, seconded by Jenna. Motion passed. No Adjustments.
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4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- March 5th, 2026, Kelly Makes Amendment to talking from “NJGSL COACHES MEETING MINUTES” to “NJGSL MEETING MINUTES” Amber Motions, seconded by Jenna, minutes with adjustment approved
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4. Reports of the Board

President’s Report – Debbie Anderson

Spring Fling Baskets:

- Parents have requested baskets.
- Debbie created a donation letter to distribute.
- Planning to meet with past president Alex to gather historical information.
- Debbie requested input on any additional questions for planning.

Willow Creek District:

- **Start time moved to 5:30 PM due to an incident. NO players are allowed on campus prior to that.**
 - **Concern raised regarding dog walkers on Wednesdays.**
 - **Request made by a coach for a contact person to call if they don't open the doors.**
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Vice President's Report – Amber Sepulveda

- **Pitching Clinic Proposal:**
 - **Budget presented by Emily.**
 - **Each player must bring a catcher (parent or player).**
 - **Capacity: 25 players per hour.**
 - **Date: April 27**
 - **Cost: \$300**
 - **Discussion on opening spots to 6U if available (Emily recommended 8U minimum; Amber to follow up).**
 - **Motion made by Kelly, seconded by Jenna. Motion passed.**
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Treasurer's Report – Jenna Pace

- **March financial report presented (attached).**
 - **Snack Shack is currently breaking even.**
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Snack Shack Report – Theresa

- **A new sandwich sign was received and installed.**
 - **Bun warmer is operational currently but might be needing to be replaced some time as last fall 2025 it gave them issues.**
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Sponsorships & Fundraising Updates- Caroline Johnson

- **Hop Creek hosted a dine-and-donate event.**
- **Giants game: 182 tickets sold.**
- **Hoodie sales have covered costs; new order placed for smaller sizes.**

Opening Day Planning – Megan Valdez- Cierra Codron

- **The Opening Day Event was successful.**
 - **Thank-you cards were sent to sponsors.**
 - **Consideration for a new MC next year.**
 - **Additional planning for Spring Fling meeting to be scheduled.**
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Umpire Report – Kris Lowe

- **Appreciation expressed for new gear.**
 - **Junior Umpire Program discussed.**
 - **Coaches asked to remind parents to be respectful toward umpires.**
 - **Reports of parents giving junior umpires difficulty.**
 - **Recommendation: Ensure a Member on Duty is available to support junior umpires.**
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Equipment Update – Ryan

- **No Report**
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5. New Business

a. USA Softball Introduction

- **Kevin introduced Cesar, the new District Representative.**
- **USA Softball reaffirmed support for the league, particularly with umpiring and rules guidance.**

b. All-Star Program Proposal (Amber)

- **Overview of proposed All-Star program (mid-May through August).**

- **Teams to be formed based on player birthdate and skill level.**
 - **Current interest:**
 - 1–8U team confirmed
 - 2–10U coaches interested
 - 1–12U coach interested
 - **Tryouts:**
 - Proposed dates: May 3 or May 11
 - USA Softball allows tryouts after May 1
 - Intent-to-commit form to be distributed prior to tryouts
 - **Program Details:**
 - 1–3 tournaments planned
 - Focus on development; limited travel
 - Fees: \$175 per player (tournament fees additional, pay-as-you-go)
 - One equipment bag per team
 - Teams classified as “B” unless applying for “C” (8U may qualify as C team)
 - **Discussion Points:**
 - Concerns raised by Kiwana Softball Rep. regarding impact on their enrollment and how they were surprised to hear about this as they viewed us as a sister league.
 - Per Amber and Debbie the board clarified no intent to exclude or negatively impact sister leagues.
 - Attendee Questioned the term “All-Stars” and there being try outs as All-Stars typically do not require try outs. Kevin from USA softball explained this is not All-Start it would be competitive and that since the by laws state that the Vice President over sees it that she can change it. Amber dropped “All- Stars” from the title.
 - Questions addressed regarding:
 - Player selection criteria (minimum 75% spring participation)
 - Program leadership structure
 - Parent cost breakdown
 - Tournament participation flexibility
 - Coach selection transparency
 - **Motion:**
 - Motion made by Debbie to approve the All-Star Program.
 - Seconded by Kris Lowes.
 - Vote Results: 6- Yes, 1- Abstained
 - Motion passed by majority.
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6. Key Dates

- **All-Star Tryouts: May 3, 2025, at 9:00 AM (timeframe TBD)**
- **Next Board Meeting: May 4, 2025, at 6:30 PM**

7. Additional Notes

- Napa Valley Legacy Tournament Team mentioned (details TBD).
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8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Attachments:

 Napa Valley Legacy ALL-STAR SUMMER