



Vista Girls Softball Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
6:03pm-7:57pm
VGS Boardroom

Joe Allen - President	<i>Raul Hernandez - Director of Fields & Maintenance</i>
<i>Josh Richcreek - Vice President</i>	Thomas Liddicoat - Director of Select & All Star
Karla Barton - Secretary	Shawn Matteson - Director of Sponsorship & Fundraising
Jeremy Keller - Treasurer	Jonathan Arxer - Director of Uniforms
Marife Albay - Player Agent	Eddie Alfaro - Publicity
Korina Allen - Director of Activities	Open - Spirit League
Melissa Matteson - Director of Awards & Pictures	Anna Ibanez - Team Parent Director
Megan McKinney - Director of Coaching	Ray Miller - Umpire in Charge
Matt Almond - Director of Concessions	Jose Fonseca - Webmaster
Javier Cardenas - Director of Equipment	19 total positions

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by President Joe Allen

All members present except for VP Josh Richcreek & Director of Fields & Maintenance Raul Hernandez

Agenda:

6:03-6:05 Joe introduced Jonathan Arxer to the Board, who is here as an interested applicant for the position of Director of Uniforms - everyone introduced themselves and their Board Titles

1. **October Financials** 6:05-6:08 - *Treasure, Jeremy Keller, went over the accounts and discussed (via his laptop - printer wasn't working to print this out for all to*

see but he is able to email this info to anyone who would like to see it) financials dating from 10/1/25-11/12/25: Spring Registration fees starting to come in; Snack Bar has \$6,356 in it, Cost was \$5,000, Net was \$1,356 which is consistent of last Fall's numbers. Checking account was said to have \$8500, All-Star and savings accounts have remained unchanged around \$9200 since last meeting.

2. Follow up from October's meeting: 6:08-6:17 (a-d discussed below)

- a. **Did application approval happen for the VGS sign in Vista Village? (Korina sent in application)** *application got approved for December - Korina to be working with Roush banner company this week to get this done*
- b. **Christmas Parade - have we locked in the truck/driver/trailer/Hostess (Takis) donations for handouts? (Shawn & Melissa discussed these in last meeting)** *S&R Towing to provide a truck and driver for float set up; using 3 bales of hay (may only use one since truck has no railing); Looking on Amazon for softball ornaments and other softball christmas related decor; \$50 faux tree from Home Depot or a borrowed tree from Megan McKinney; Using \$100 budget with \$50 looking to go towards decorations that would help promote VGS*
- c. **Jonathan Arxer emailed his application for Director of Uniforms on 11/4 - attending meeting today to introduce himself and we can vote on him joining the board - Jonathan spoke of his experience and interest in joining the board; he's currently a building director on Pendleton and used to working with vendors and using invoices and spreadsheets; he said he is fine with helping with merch as well as uniforms; brought up possibly bringing in the Color Guard for Opening Day Ceremonies**
- d. **Spring Registration went live: shortly discussed Registration questions**
Early: 10/21/25-11/16/25 \$100-\$195
Regular: 11/17/25-1/1/26 \$0-\$225
Late: 1/2/26-1/9/26 \$145-\$250

3. Rules & Bylaws Updates 6:18-6:19 - quick discussion about any changes to the rules & bylaws needing to be emailed to VP Josh Richcreek before our next board meeting (Wed., Dec. 10th); Changes need to be submitted to the Commissioner by February; Rules & Bylaws are available on the VGS Website
Rules and Bylaws Committee consists of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Player Agent, and Director of Coaching

**Item that came up for changes to be sent to VP - Auxiliary members to have limited voting privileges to be added*

4. Send out Manager Applications 6:19-6:25 Megan/Korina to send Jose document to send out via email to find managers; email being preferred method of sending out this info due to website link not capturing all info and then Marife has to follow up with applicants to get a Google Doc for background checks and other information; discussed dates for spring start dates and manager interviews per last meeting minutes

5. USA Softball Board Conference - November 23, 2025 6:25-6:31 Board voted unanimously to all all board members to be invited to attend - Joe to send out invitation via Board Chat to get a headcount/RSVP; Conference has workshops with lots to learn, location in Orange County with booths, gear, uniform vendors, fundraiser opportunities/ideas, pins, balls, softball gear, etc

6. Bathroom remodel and field usage 6:31-6:42 As of Monday, 11/17 the city will have the power out in order to conduct the bathroom remodel project, which they have a 3 month window to complete. This is set to affect the building with the board room and snack bar, as well as possibly power to the lower batting cages and possibly the bullpen, affecting the ability to hold batting practice for Select teams and pitching/catching lessons

Discussed Field Clean Up Day for Saturday 2/7 starting at 8am - Melissa brought up being able to use Scouts to help with volunteered time to contribute to the clean up day and setting up outfield fences; mentioned that we are out of chalk but that we may get a donation from VP Josh possibly

7. BMOD Shifts - What to do and not to do 6:42-6:47 Explanation from Joe on expectations to be helping the league; leaving kids alone and staying out of dugouts, unless there's an emergency situation, etc

8. Hit-a-Thon Date and Budget 6:48-6:57 Discussed and voted on the date of Saturday, March 14, 2026 and a budget of \$3,000 (\$500 more than last year due to increased prices on everything); donations needed for the prize table.

Discussed Opening Day swag/giveaways and budget of \$2,000 (\$500 more than last year) was voted on by board

6:58-7:57 Non-agenda topics discussed:

6:58-7:07 "attempted kidnapping" talked about a very misunderstood situation that occurred on Saturday 11/8/25 - brought about the discussion of parents and families needing to keep a closer eye on their children and having clear understanding of situations, especially if police are getting called

7:07-7:13 Homeless person - another misunderstood situation - families decided to get involved with an individual who was minding his own business, asked to take down a tent and he did, Park Ranger showed up to help but the individual had left by then

7:13-7:24 Parents need to supervise their children (mainly siblings who are not actively involved in a game/practice with their team) - Sign to post in the Spring about Please Keep Your Children Supervised At All Times - how playing near creek isn't recommended - need to be reminded that these fields are at a public park and we need to respect the rules about loud music, dogs being at the fields (on or off leash) - Call Park Ranger for issues to be handled that are not VGS related/specific

7:24-7:26 Select Practices Mondays - Band this weekend Sat/Sun so no Select practice during the weekend of 11/15-11/16, also due to predicted rain all weekend - Coaches need to figure out upper cage use time - Select Team done by 1/1/26

7:26-7:29 Melissa and Shawn talked about Vista Optimist Club Pancake Breakfast that is scheduled for December 13th from 8-11am - selling tickets for \$10 each; getting 250 tickets to sell - Need to create a QR code to buy these online instead of tickets in person - Post to Instagram

7:29-7:32 Christmas Parade flyer needs to be posted to socials through Eddie (Publicity) and Jose (Webmaster) via Korina

7:32-7:45 Open Board Positions - only Spirit Leagues needs to be filled; this needs to be done by a Spirit League Parent, not a VGS Board Member

- Discussed adding Ben and Sydney as auxiliary members to the board since all Board positions are filled; discussed their ability to have modified voting rights; they are able to attend meetings and have BMOD shifts; discussed having them take on "assistant positions" and having committees to help keep board meetings shorter since things will get discussed/resolved outside of meeting amongst the committees*

7:45-7:57 Ray (UIC) asked for feedback on umpires; upcoming JR Umpire clinics USA softball coaching clinic being hosted at VGS

7:57 Unanimous vote from the Board to elect Jonathan Arxer to the Board as our new Director of Uniforms (he briefly left the room while the vote happened)

Meeting called to an end at 7:57pm after announcing Jonathan Arxer as the new Director of Uniforms