

# Leominster Adult Mixed Softball Association

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE	December 2, 2016		
MEETING START TIME	7:05pm	MEETING CLOSING TIME	9:05pm

### Roll Call (✓ Present / ✗ Absent)

✗ Matt Avallone (President)	✓ Lori Beaudoin (Administrator)	✗ Rocco Warren (Treasurer)
✓ Johnnie Viselle (Secretary)	✓ Vic Blanchard (Scorekeeper/Webmaster)	✓ Ryan Pellecchia (Scheduler/Webmaster)
✗ Doug Hare	✓ Roman Ferguson	✓ Jon Haxton
✓ Kevin Keese	✓ Michael Bottos	

### Minute Review from Previous Meeting

✓ Minutes Accepted

### Agenda Topics

1. Copies of LAMSA 2015 rules were handed out to all BOD members and we went over them all thoroughly. Small edits were made to some of the wording, and the following rules were discussed/changed:
  - a. We need to enforce rules on uniforms more, such as teams not wearing similar colors and not having different uniform numbers. Especially when entire teams are not in uniform. We will look at this on a case to case basis.
  - b. For games where rain is in the forecast, it has been decided that a team must produce at least 10 roster players in order to opt for the decision to postpone the game. Roman motioned for this to be added into the rules. The motion was seconded and was passed 5-2 and will become rule 7c.
  - c. Lori motioned to make an amendment to the mercy rule. If the home team is leading after 2 ½ or 3 innings by 20 or more runs the game will end. The motion was seconded and passed 6-1. This will be added to rule 10b.

d. Johnnie stated that older male players should be allowed to use the 11" female ball if they choose. Vic motioned that male players age 65 and older be allowed to use the 11" female ball. The motion was seconded and passed 7-0. This will be added to rule 12b.

e. Vic motioned to remove time limits in the playoffs for all coed divisions. The motion was seconded and passed 7-0. This will be added to rule 17g.

f. A new playoff format was discussed if a division has nine teams. The top three teams will get a bye and the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place teams will play a three game series. The winner of this series to play the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in the semifinals. This will be added to rule 18a.

g. USSSA has adopted a new courtesy runner rule that will supersede all previous courtesy runner rules and will be listed as rule 20a.

2. Roman stated that there should be first aid kits available at all times. The board will have them available when needed.
3. We discussed using a strike zone mat for balls and strikes. Roman motioned for the league to start using this next season, the motion was seconded and passed 6-1.
4. Our holiday dinner party date has changed to December 16<sup>th</sup>.
5. We did not have enough time to go over the list of players to rank and determine their D1 status. We will have another meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup> before our holiday party to get this done.