

NYSSA
Board Meeting
February 20, 2026

- **Attendees:** Absent were J. Balistreri, M. Scotto, R. Joyce, G. Hennigan.
Guests included J. Nardone, D. Geisser, N. Castelleneta, P. Grimes, M. Rossi.
- **Minutes:** Were accepted as presented.
- **Financials:** C. Schafer briefed the group on financials through February 20th. Everything on track.
Only one issue, Capital One charged us \$125.00, which they called Charge Back Frozen. Jules will take the action to contact the bank and get an explanation. I guess given the amount, an applicant's check must have bounced, but that's just my guess.
- **Applicant Status:** As of 2/20 we have 155 returning players and 21 new players. It was noted that 20 people who played last year will not be returning in 2026 for a variety of reasons. C. Schafer told the Managers which 2025 players were not returning for their info.
C. Schafer explained to the Managers the issue that 176 players presents:
We can have 10 teams of 16 on a team and have 16 on the Wait List. Not a recommended course of action because the Wait List would have 16 new applicants and that would not be a good message that NYSSA is sending.
The better choices are: 10 Teams with 17 players each and 6 on the Wait List or 11 Teams with 16 players on each Team with no Wait List. (The downside on that one is you'll have periodic bi's.)
Last alternative is place all 176 on Teams with a few of the 10 Teams having 18 players and no Wait List. I asked them to think about the choices and we will finalize the 2026 Plan at the next Board Meeting.
- **Town of Hempstead CPR Training:** Only three Board Members received the training: A. Cappelli, H. Brittman and S. Strauss. The certificate has a two-year validation so C. Schafer and J. Balistreri are still certified.
- **Website:** Al Cappelli briefed the Board on his solution and system features (his expert had a last minute conflict and did not attend). C. Finchley's expert briefed the Board on what he could do including system features.

Both presentations were complete and thorough. It's going to come down to economics. To maintain fairness

about bids and confidentiality Al C. gave C. Schafer his financial bid and Alan Finchley's expert is to email Harvey with his financial proposal. Both presentations covered our goals:

- Password security
- Unique Team Pages
- Video and picture capacity
- Game cancellation update
- Training for system use
- Automated score and standings update

- **March Luncheon, Dept. of Aging:** C. Schafer briefed the Board on the importance of getting a good turnout for the March 27th Luncheon. The Board was reminded that the Dept. of Aging is a key sponsor and this luncheon is important for us to show up and thank them for their support.

C. Schafer told the Board an email blast to all 2026 applicants will go out next week but each Manager should also send out their own Intranet Team notice to emphasize the importance of the Luncheon.

- **Final Player Ratings :** C. Schafer distributed final 2025 Ratings in 2 formats: alphabetically, and from highest to lowest.

Managers were asked to be prepared next month for any final adjustments due to medical reasons that popped up over the winter. So far we have 2 players that need an adjustment: A. Finchley and A. Silva.

Managers were encouraged to identify others before our next meeting.

- **New Business:** S. Strauss reminded the Board that we never decided on special game start times for July and August. The proposal was that we start games at 9:30 AM in July and August vs. 10 AM. S. Strauss to discuss with parks if they would allow us on the fields at 8:30 AM in July and August. The Managers approved by vote, a 9:30 AM start time for July and August.

- **Next Meeting:** 10 AM, March 20th at Catiague Park.

