

## HPLL Board Meeting 4/13/14

- Meeting called to order at 2:05pm
- In attendance
  - Albert, Cece, Sara, Marrison, John, Vance, Jennifer, Kent, Kent's wife Jodi, Scot, Gary
    - Andy emailed Scot said he would not be in attendance, he had a scheduling conflict.
      - Linda was not in attendance
- March 9, 2014 meeting minutes approved.
  - Scot made a motion
    - John approved
      - Vance seconded
        - All approved
- Fundraising & Sponsorship - Marrison
  - We will continue accepting donations
  - We have about 20 so far
  - Scot had more tickets printed
  - Marrison will set up 2 collections dates for tickets and money. Once dates are set, Marrison will send out dates to everyone.
  - We need to set a final date to stop selling Sky Sox League Night Tickets
    - Looking at 2 weeks before the league night. May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Jennifer left meeting at 2:11PM
- Registration - Jennifer
  - Going to table to next meeting
- Schedule - Kent
  - Kent is having problems with communication with the managers with the Majors, 50/70, & Juniors teams.
  - D49 is giving HPLL grief with field usage. We need to put something on the website about the scheduling issues with BLRA and Field usages.
  - We as a league need to be diligent to D49, as they can pull contract at any time, and that would force us to not have a league.
  - Kent is having issues with interleague scheduling.
    - Tri-Lakes person quit 2 days before season started.
    - Any games canceled, Kent is trying to reschedule ASAP
    - Scot is going to reschedule rookie games that were canceled do to BLRA Softball
    - Kent is opening it to Tri-Lakes and Academy to play games on our fields if the other leagues pay for umpires.
    - Academy's League is in negotiations with Focus on the Family

- At this time FOTF is not renewing contract, due to the trailers in the parking lot,
  - TOC - Tournament of Champions
    - 4 teams per division
    - Its hard due to players being pulled for summer leagues
    - Each league supplies 2 teams, is it really worth it?
- Opening Ceremonies - Cece
  - Overall went really well, considering it was postponed two weeks due to weather
  - Other board member heard a lot of good things.
  - Great turn out with parents
  - Had all board members present, sign a baseball and softball to give to each of the youngest players in the league.
  - Cece will get thank you cards for all the vendors present at opening ceremonies
    - Falcon Broadband, Sky Sox, DJ, Falcon ROTC, Falcon Fire Dept., Inflatable Entertainment
  - Concession went really well
    - Made \$283.00 on opening day
    - Sold the remaining items on picture day
      - Made \$260.00
  - Kent is to forward the contact information to Cece to contact them for a possibility for concessions to be sold at PLC small field.
- Financial Report - Scot (Linda not present)
  - Paid off All American invoices except for 2 invoices.
    - Now that all invoices have been paid, we should be looking to get some back from them
  - Field Usage
    - Not getting a good response back from managers about field usages, which could be an issue
    - Scot will send a email out to all mangers to be sure to send usage to Cece
  - Quest phone line - Do we keep it open?
    - Haven't checked since DeAnna left, Scot will check.
    - Look into possibly canceling line. If that is the case, we look into changing signs with just the website on it.
    - We as a board will look at making a decision at next months meeting.
- Player Agent - Scot (Andy not present)
  - Player pool - for a player to come play a game if a coach is short players. These players will rotate on the list. Once a player has played, that player will go to the end of the list.
  - Currently we have:
    - 7 Minors
    - 10 Majors
    - 5 Intermediate

- 3 Juniors
  - We have not heard of any managers needing players thus far.
- District 5 Meeting Minutes - Scot
  - o Little League is doing a survey about baseball issues
    - Don't be surprised if you get one
  - o District 5 boundaries are set for this year, but don't expect them to stay this way.
  - o Little League international is looking to expand in the state.
    - A lot of areas where there is not little league
  - o Any local league can re-write bylaws and offer a discount if a person is a coach or manager
    - We need to look at this for our league.
    - Please don't forget to look at this for next year.
  - o WeatherBug is going to become a national sponsor
  - o District 5 tournament to start July 7<sup>th</sup>,
  - o Place has not been determined
    - Looking at Arapahoe, Cherry Creek, & Academy are some possibilities.
  - o Congress votes:
    - Synopsis #1: This would allow leagues chartering the Challenger division to register players from any area within their district or adjacent districts not offering a Little League Challenger program.
      - HPLL Vote - No We don't have a challenger division
      - District Vote - Yes
    - Synopsis #2: This would change the age determination date for all divisions of Baseball & Challenger to be December 31/January 1 which would comply with the International Baseball Federation (IBAF). There would be a one-year transition plan established as outlined, for the 2015 season if this changes was implemented.
      - HPLL Vote - Yes
      - District 5 Vote - No
    - Synopsis #3: This would allow players over the age of 18 to register and participate within the Challenger Division. Players league age 4-18 may participate in the Little League Challenger Division, while players league age 15 and above may participate in the Senior League Challenger Division. Players league ages 15-18 may participate in either division.
      - HPLL Vote - Does not Vote
      - District 5 Vote - No
    - Synopsis #4: This would revise the softball pitching regulations for Regular Season and Tournament
      - HPLL Vote - No
      - District 5 Vote - No
    - Synopsis #5: This would allow Minor and Major softball divisions to schedule and play two doubleheaders per week.

(Sunday-Saturday) and Junior, Senior and Big League teams to schedule and three games in a day.

- HPLL Vote - Yes
- District 5 Vote - Yes
- Synopsis #6: This would allow league age 5 year olds, assessed capable by the local league, to be permitted to participate in Minor League Coach Pitch or Machine Pitch Divisions.
  - HPLL Vote - Yes
  - District 5 Vote - Yes
- Synopsis #7: This would allow games under the Special games against Little League teams to count towards players Regular Season schedule and Tournament eligibility for Junior, Senior, & Big League softball.
  - HPLL Vote - Yes
  - District 5 Vote - Yes
- Synopsis #8: This would allow participants playing in the catcher position to wear short or long-model chest protector in the Minor & Major baseball divisions.
  - HPLL Vote - Yes
  - District 5 Vote - Yes
- Synopsis #9: This would allow a local league to determine if the implement this rule for the Regular Season; However, batters would be mandated to keep at least one foot within the batter's box throughout their at-bat after entering the batter's box during the Little League International Tournament under Tournament Rule 3.
  - HPLL Vote - Yes
  - District 5 Vote - No
- Synopsis #10: This would eliminate a Minor/Major Division player from fake bunting and "Slap-hitting" the ball.
  - HPLL Vote - No
  - District 5 Vote - No
- Synopsis #11: This would change the penalty for the illegal pitch to include all base runners advancing one base in addition to a ball on the batter in the Junior, Senior, & Big League Softball division.
  - HPLL Vote - No
  - District 5 Vote - Yes
- Synopsis #12: This would remove a player from the pitching position if they hit three batters during a game.
  - HPLL Vote - No
  - District 5 Vote - No
- Synopsis #13: This would mandate Big League players participate in a minimum of forty (40) percent of the Regular Season games to be eligible for Tournament.
  - HPLL Vote - Yes
  - District 5 Vote - Yes

- Synopsis #14: This would allow 9-10, 10-11 and Little League Tournament schedules to include up to two doubleheaders per team per week without Regional permission. It would also allow Junior, Senior and Big League tournaments to schedule teams in up to three games in a day.
    - HPLL Vote - Yes
    - District 5 Vote - Yes
  - Synopsis #15: This would allow the use of artificial (portable) pitching mounds for all baseball divisions at the District level.
    - HPLL Vote - Yes
    - District 5 Vote - Yes
  - Synopsis #16: This item would after the term of office for District Administrators and the Field Representatives Directors to the Little League International Board of Directors. This item is limited in scope. Delegates will debate and discuss the merits of changing the term of office for positions. The Little League International Board of Directors has authority to approve the changes as presented after deliberations from the delegates at the Little League International Congress.
    - HPLL Vote - Yes
    - District 5 Vote - Yes
- Player Awards - Scot
    - Start thinking about ideas. We will discuss them next month.
  - Executive Session - Scot
    - Murr/Sulka incident
      - Scot & Vance had meeting with Murr's
      - Murr's are upset that Joe Sulka is not banned as well.
      - Sulka stayed away for a week to let things calm down
      - Reports were made from other parents that Murr was drunk, disruptive, followed the Sulka's out, keyed the vehicle.
      - Police went to Murr home, he wasn't there.
      - There was a warrant out for Murr, and then he turned himself in.
      - Murr emailed Scot on Wednesday to ask to be present at his son's games, said that this time no formal actions or charges have been taken, when he knew about his court date the following day.
      - There was a court date on Thursday.
      - Sharon Sulka has approached Scot; she is saying the Murr's intimates them.
      - Ty is scared and is in counseling.
      - We as a board have come to an agreement that we continue to suspend Mr. Murr from all HPLL Functions and revisit after his court date and after the board meets again.

- Mr. Murr will have to write a letter to the new board requesting to be allowed to come back after the determination of legal issues.
    - Scot will draft a letter to Mr. Murr stating we will continue to suspend him until legal issues are done and revisit at a later time, and sent it out to the board for review.
    - Scot will let the Sulka's know about what the board has decided to do with Mr. Murr.
    - Sara will call Jim and let Scot know
    - We need to protect ALL our players.
  - Other Business
    - o Vote - Kent is asking to change local rules for 50/70 and for junior divisions.
      - Local rules for 50/70 Division:
        - Managers or coaches may not warm up a pitcher at home plate.
          - o Wants it changed to: Managers or Coaches MAY warm up pitcher at home plate.
        - A pitcher once "removed" as a pitcher (i.e. replaced by another player being brought in to pitch) may not pitch again in the same game.
          - o Wants it changed to: A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.
      - Local rules for Junior Division:
        - Managers or coaches may not warm up pitcher at home plate.
          - o Wants it changed to: Managers or Coaches MAY warm up pitcher at home plate.
        - A pitcher once "removed" as a pitcher (i.e. replaced by another player being brought in to pitch) may not pitch again in the same game.
          - o Wants it changed to: A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving in a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.
      - Scot made a motion to change
      - Gary seconded
      - All present approved
    - o Gary - Parents on field
      - Gary is requesting for all managers & coaches to tell all their parents to stay off fields unless they have a volunteer application on file.
      - Coaches need to enforce this.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:34PM