

High Plains Little League Annual Meeting

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I. Call to Order

Board Members Present

Board Members Absent

Scott Raffelson, President	Aleigh Raffelson, Scheduler
Mike Langham, VP of Baseball	Christy Kennedy, Sponsorship
Sarah Ehn, Secretary	
CeCe Castro, Registrar/Challenger Coordinator	
Amy Hendrix, Player Agent	
Gina Klemik, Information Officer	
Gary Bowling, Coaching Coordinator	
Albert Castro, Equipment Manager	
Brian Hendrix, Safety Officer	
John Busby, VP Softball/Treasurer	
Morgan Garrison, Parent/Player Advocate	

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Scot Raffelson.

II. Next Meeting

John is looking for a place to have the next meeting which may include dinner for

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the board. Families are welcome, but cost will be incurred by the individual. Positive Coaching Alliance may also be present to discuss their program with the board.

III. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Albert to approve the minutes from the last meeting and was seconded by John. The motion carried without opposition.

IV. Financials

John reported that we have \$9630.55 in the bank for HPLL. All expenses from last season have been paid out and the balance listed above is current. The Fall ball league made \$160 which was perfect for the intention, and we are still receiving compliments on the program. A quote was received for painting a mural on the storage container at \$1600 which is more than we would like to spend. It was suggested to look into prepping the surface and then having some students actually complete the mural within certain parameters as part of a project.

V. Schedule

Aleigh is working on the schedule and will work with John on a base schedule for softball. She thinks that she can get everyone on the field at FRP. Additional work will be needed to accommodate rain or snow cancellations. The meeting with D49 still has not been scheduled at this time. The goal is to use FRP as much as possible for the upcoming season.

VI. Registration

Registration began on 12/1/16 with 5 sign-ups received. Gina has also received emails with questions that she has been addressing as possible. It was recommended to put the cost on the web site to help with providing information. The multi-player discount has been added to be completed automatically with registration. We will continue to get bids with regard to uniforms.

Registration locations and dates have been established. John reported that he has communicated with Alex from the Sky Sox organization with the following: HPLL game will be the weekend of April 22nd - Scot proposed that we try to get the Sunday

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matinee game. Fees have increased since last year for the event. John asked the Sky Sox organization to donate the rooms and supplies for all of the little league to host registration on Jan 28th 9-5. Walmart date scheduled for Jan 14th to promote the league with time to be determined. In person registration is scheduled for Jan 21st at fire station and hopefully Feb 4th in Peyton. Feb 11th last chance registration in person at the fire station. Scot will make a sign up genius for the board to sign up to assist with the registration process. There will be no waivers of late fee this season. Registration closes on Feb 16th and late fees begin Feb 12th. Try-outs have been scheduled for the following weekend. Sox the Fox is already scheduled for opening ceremonies. We need to start putting out signs with regard to registration to advertise, possibly as early as next weekend. We do have approval to put signs on Banning Lewis Schools, E-flyer for D49 has been completed and is in place, and points of contact have been received for other schools.

VII. Safety Plan

Brian submitted the plan to Scot who modified by eliminating the clip art, etc. to try and shorten the overall document. Dicks did offer first aid kits which we will receive. The plan is ready to submit and will be done within the next week.

VIII. Committees

Gina has been working on getting a list of volunteers to help work the concession stand but has only received 2 responses. John has talked to 2 different food trucks and may have a response from one of them who would give HPLL a cut of the profits from the sales at the field. It was suggested to have 2 parents from each team to work while the game is in progress, and to have the team moms assist with getting volunteers from each team to work the shift for the concession stand.

Scot spoke with the manager of the sheds to see if we can get a building for the concession stand with their advertisement on the side for no cost to HPLL. We are still waiting for the final answer and it will be situated so that whoever is working can still see the game. It will be brought up with the coaches at draft night to have them designate a team mom as soon as possible.

Challenger League: We are still looking for people to assist with the Challenger League, and Gina will send out another email to ask for volunteers. Dates are now in place which may help with the process and CSLL will also help promote our league as

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well as their own. We would still like to try and get a grant to assist with the cost from "grow the game." We need coaches, "buddies" Minors and above age to help with the league. The games will run for about an hour, there is a team of 10 and everyone hits through the line up for 2 innings. The players go one base at a time and everyone gets a chance to field a ball.

IX. Sponsorship

Christy sent a email with updated spreadsheet with sponsors and emails. We still need to let her know of any contacts. A new sponsorship email has been established. Swirley Cow night will need to be scheduled. She has an appointment to meet with the fundraiser coordinator who works with the middle school, Keiah, to discuss other options for fundraising. The "Buy a brick" program is \$21 each if we purchase 26-50 of the bricks and the profit would depend on how much HPLL decides to charge. Falcon Family Eye Care to give their donation in March. Mike has contacted Falcon Physical Therapy and will follow-up. If you have spoken with someone regarding sponsorship, follow up once again.

Scot met with Dicks Sporting Goods last Friday - HPLL is actually the example used by Dicks on how to do shop days. HPLL is the best performer they have had, which generates what they donate to us. We will get \$1500 cash, more nets, more helmets, and small catcher equipment. HPLL out performs the other leagues in the area. Shop Day is March 4th - after the draft so families know the appropriate colors for the team. Coupon is available to use that day and will be handed out at registration.

Scot will meet with Coca-Cola on Wednesday about a marketing agreement, hopefully for 4 years. We could then only sell Coke products at the concession stand. He has also spoken with USAA about money for a flag pole or possibly the American Legion. Musco Lighting will meet on Wednesday with Scot to discuss putting lights on the field. They have a lease to own program that may work for HPLL and the county. They will survey the fields and work up a budget and proposal. If we pay for the lease on the lights, we would like to have that count toward the field usage fee.

Hit-A-Thon will still be held and an option will be established for parents that do not want to participate such as donating items for the concession stand. Little League rules state that only one fundraiser can be held the involves the players. The calendar has the hit-a-thon scheduled for May 13th along with pictures but may be moved.

Movie Night: Amy proposed having a movie night at the field along with conces-

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sions as a fund raiser on a Saturday night after a game. CeCe moved to host a community movie night in the summer which was seconded by Scot. The motion carried with one vote opposed. Amy will check on screen options and projectors

HPLL advertising in New Falcon Herald with color ad 1/8th of a page next month and community post will continue to run through February.

X. Next Meeting

Next HPLL board meeting is scheduled for January 8th at 5 pm. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sarah Ehn HPLL Secretary

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