

Sunday March 12, 2017

High Plains Little League Annual Meeting

I. Call to Order

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

II.

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 pm by President, Scot Raffelson.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The approval of the minutes from the last meeting will be tabled until next month.

III. Financials

John reported that HPLL has \$56,453.31 as the current bank balance. Last year HPLL spent \$62,000 for all expenses. Additional expenditures for this season include \$5000 for L3 deposit, \$2803.73 for the windscreen at the field, \$2800 for All-American,

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and refunds that total \$504.00. We will still need to pay \$207.00 to Little League International, money to Home Depot, etc. Thus the actual total is \$45608.13 as the current bank balance. HPLL will still have to pay uniforms, the balance due for uniforms, and field fees for an approximate total of \$44,000. There should be another \$4000 in sponsorship still to come in this season. Thus, we will need to promote the hit-a-thon and continue to find sponsors to help off set expenses.

The hit-a-thon is scheduled for May 13th in conjunction with picture day. This year the team moms will be asked to help promote and remind players about the event.

Scholarship Fund - Currently, there are 13 players requesting money from the scholarship fund, and there is a balance of \$231.00. The players on the Volcanoes team have already received a \$25 discount each, so that families were deemed not to be eligible for the assistance. Albert moved to split the money between the 7 players who were not on the Volcanoes team with the total \$33.00 each. Scot seconded the motion, and it carried without opposition. John will distribute the funds accordingly. It was suggested that an option to donate to the scholarship fund and explanation that the membership fee goes directly to the scholarship fund for registration next year.

IV. Registration

Registration for this season has been closed. There are 347 players total between all divisions. They are divided as follows: Intermediate 27, Juniors 36, Majors 56, Minors 71, Rookies 66, T-ball 44, Junior Softball 15, Softball Minors 19, Softball Majors 13. All of the players have been assigned to the teams. There was a request from a previous player to join the Junior division, and they were given permission from the coach to join the team. The parent was contacted but no response was received. The registration for the Challenger division is now open through July 8th on the website. There is also a link to buy Sky Sox tickets for the HPLL night until April 22nd.

V. Volunteers

Gina will continue to send out requests for volunteers to serve on various committees. We will also still advertise the night at the Sky Sox game.

VI. Sponsorship and Fund Raising

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Christy requested that anyone who has a contact with a certain business to follow up with them. The cost for the wind screen is more than originally expected at \$2800 due to adding the "Home of HPLL" designation. We are still trying to get a donation of a shed for the concession stand and will need volunteers to help run it.

VII. Scheduling

The schedule for this season is finished. T-ball and Rookies are scheduled at Falcon Regional Park and worked up through the divisions to schedule that field. Each team will have 15-17 games scheduled and there will be back to back games at times. Any player that is All-Star eligible must play at least 12 games to qualify.

VIII. Board Apprentices

Aleigh suggested that we pursue some volunteers to be board apprentices to come to the meetings and begin to learn board positions and responsibilities to replace current members when needed.

IX. Opening Ceremonies

Gary was selected to lead the player pledge with the 2 players at the ceremony. Scot will then lead the parent's pledge. The youngest softball and baseball player will throw out the first pitch, and those players will be notified by Scot and John. The board members should arrive at 9:00 for set-up with teams to be field by 9:30. The ceremony will start at 10:00 with Scot to deliver the opening statement and the American Legion flag presentation. The ROTC is confirmed for the event.

X. Safety

CPR classes have been scheduled for any board members or coaches who do not already have certification. The charge for the class is \$10 again this year.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm by unanimous vote.

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****Addendum****

A conference call meeting was held on March 30th to discuss options for opening ceremonies due to the possibility of inclement weather. The board members present elected to cancel the event due to the prediction of snow and cold temperatures. It was suggested that we try and honor the softball and baseball championship teams at the HPLL Sky Sox night April 22nd. Scot will contact the organization to make arrangements if possible. Games scheduled for April 1st may also have to be rescheduled.