HIGH PLAINS LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2018

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| Members Present | Members Absent | Guests |
| Jay Goodwin | Aleigh Raffelson | Brandon Read |
| Jami Read | Terry Kennedy | Guy Yeasous (spelling) |
| Jeff Potts |  |  |
| Andrew Harrell |  |  |
| Elise VanGrinsven |  |  |
| Toni Harmon |  |  |
| Jason Lachermeier |  |  |
| Gina Klimek |  |  |
| Scot Raffelson |  |  |
| Cece Castro |  |  |
| Gary Bowling |  |  |
| Albert Castro |  |  |
| Christy Kennedy |  |  |
| Jeff Klimek |  |  |
| John Busby |  |  |

**Meeting called to order at** 6:34 This meeting is being recorded to help with accurate meeting minutes.

**Meeting minutes:** Meeting minutes from February were reviewed and approved

1st Albert Castro and 2nd Jamie Read

Passed and accepted by the majority.

**Financial Report:**

$56,693.42 balance as of beginning of month. This is prior to incoming statements and there are still some additional deposits for sponsorship and registration.

**Registration:**

As of today 343 registered players.

Division total as of today:

**Baseball**

49 t-ball teams are at 10 players

60 Rookie teams are at 10 players

74 minor

60 major all teams are at 12 players/Braves are at 11

24 junior/senior

25 intermediate

**Softball**

21 minor

12 major

5 junior - we are still working on finding players, registration is still open until March 10. Christy Kennedy & Scot Raffelson will be having a parent meeting this week to give parents an update. We will also be working with Pioneer league. Suggestion made was that if we do not get enough players that we turn it into development. Problem with that is there is no coach.

13 senior

Cece will send email out tonight to let coaches know that teams are built

**Equipment Update**:

T-ball needs more balls. Condition of mounds and bases will be checked. Mounds need to be at PLC small and FRP. There will be an inspection at all fields on Thursday to see what is needed. Lock codes will be changed. New locks needed on the containers that were destroyed at FRP.

**Suggested Rookie Rule Change:**

Suggestion by Mr. Guy - Currently kids and coaches are pitching. Mr. Guy is suggesting that we go back to machine/kid pitch which will help speed game up and improve players. At the beginning of the season kids would not be pitching in a game. It would be integrated in through the season. He is willing to donate hack attack and generator to make this happen. We will probably need to look into purchasing a new pitching machine. Scot will look into seeing if changes can be made to the local rules that will have this part of it.

**Sponsorship & Fundraising:**

1. Follow up being done to Glaser gas.
2. John did not find a check from company that is saying they sponsored last year. John will email the company back to let them know that
3. Little Ceasars will go out as a High Plains Night suggested date is March 14. Alternate date is April 4.
4. Suggestion to have a Culver’s night. Toni will look into.

**Scheduling overview:**

1. Travel teams have been blocked out on schedule
2. Jason contacted UCCS to have a High Plains day. Tickets are FREE. Can tailgate and bring own food into parking lot. This will be looked at again to see if we can fit into schedule.
3. Schedules are being created.

**Opening Ceremony:**

1. Roasted Jalepeno will be there. Have them arrive at 10:30
2. American Legion will be there with flag patrol
3. Food Drive - have players bring canned food which will be donated.
4. Sponsors will be contacted to let them know they can setup table
5. See if Cox family will bring sprint car
6. Ask Culver Shultz with the Rookies Owl Team to do opening prayer
7. Suggestion to Invite junior/intermediate state players from last year (juniors have a HS game) Will look into this more.
8. John Busby is working with with KRDO to come out

**Safety Plan:**

1. Submitted and approved by Little League International.
2. There are still inquiring for CPR class. We are working on setting up another class.

**Player Agent Report:**

1. The tryouts went well.
2. There were some coaches that were not paying attention to the kids trying out.
3. Suggestion add a break in to allow for lunch.

**Road Clean UP**

Not scheduled at this time. Scot said he needs to contact the city to get material/equipment to do this.

**Complaints/Concerns:**

Parent complained about child not being drafted to the team he wanted. After gathering documentation and submitting to Mike Sedalias (District 5) it was determined that the family will be refunded and removed from High Plains Little League. John will get with family to give refund.

**New Committees:**

Concessions: Christy Kennedy will work on making a schedule for concession stands during game time. There is a credit at Coca-Cola.

Grant writing: This committee is still in need of a person

Jami completed the bat grant. We will be receiving 20 bats and whatever comes along with it.

**Meeting with Little League**

Little League representative came to Colorado Springs to hear districts concerns.

**Softball inner league with Pioneer league**

We would need to have Pioneer league added to our insurance which is about 20. Albert motions that we play with Pioneer League, Gina 2nd the motion. Board motioned for HPLL to Pioneer League.

**Additional topics brought up at meeting:**

Senior baseball team being discussed for this season. (add to April agenda)

Cece brought up concern that we need to build board so that the board is stable going into next year.

Next meeting April 2nd

Meeting adjourned at 7:56