**High Plains Little League**

**11/10/19 Board Meeting**

**2nd Meeting of 2020 Board**

Meeting start: 6:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:36 pm

Attendees:

Jeff Klimek Gina Klimek John Busby Kristin Jones

Paul Schafroth Jennifer Schafroth Megan Brand Richard Straub

Bryan Hughes Michael Clark Mike Rose

**Review of Proposed Schedule**

* + 1. Gina go through the dates and vote on schedule so we can post it.
* Meeting dates and schedule is updated on Blue Sombrero website
* DECEMBER DATES:
  + 1 December – online registration begins
  + NO December board meeting per vote// motion by Jeff Klimek, 2nd by Bryan Hughes – all in favor and approved
* JANUARY DATES:
  + 11 January (Saturday) – in person registration – Fire Station tentative location//hours 9am to 4pm – volunteers needed on shift schedule
  + 12 January (Sunday) – HPLL Board meeting – NOTED that this is a BIG MEETING agenda to prep for tryouts and review online registration numbers
  + 15 January (Thursday) – in person registration – location TBD//hours 5-8pm – NOTED that we have used Swirly Cow and McDonald’s in the past as both are league sponsors - – volunteers needed on shift schedule
  + 25 January (Saturday) – in person registration – Fire Station tentative location//hours 9am to 4pm – volunteers needed on shift schedule
  + 30 January (Thursday) – in person registration – location TBD//hours 5-8pm - – volunteers needed on shift schedule
* FEBRUARY DATES:
  + 9 February (Sunday) - HPLL Board meeting
* MARCH DATES:
  + 7 March (Saturday) – DICK’S SPORTS SHOPPING DAY!
  + 8 March (Sunday) - HPLL Board meeting
* APRIL DATES:
  + 4 April (Saturday) – tentative Opening Ceremonies for Minors, Majors, Intermediate, Juniors/Seniors, Softball
  + 19 April (Sunday) - HPLL Board meeting

\*\*\*TRYOUTS DISCUSSION\*\*\*

* Tentative date of 22 February at SoccerHaus is now at issue after receiving quote/negotiations etc – SoccerHaus management has turnover and still trying to sort out date
* Either seek alternative date of 15 Feb or 29 Feb \*OR\* alternate location
  + CBA, Arena, UCCS Fieldhouse, Falcon HS gym etc

NOTED during discussion that DRAFT is contingent on tryout date – need one week to prep from tryouts date to draft date

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* + 1. Registration Prices
* Review of 2019 season fees for baseball & softball
* Discussion on funding needed to run 2020 operating year – need $65,000
* NOTED that this DOES NOT include the $15,000 pledged to El Paso County to assist in field improvements/build-out at FRP
* Discussion pertaining to player #s from 2019
  + Softball (combined total) – 46
  + Tball – 48
  + Rookies – 42
  + Minors – 46
  + Majors – 50
  + Intermediate – 26
  + Juniors – 25
* Discussion pertaining to price increases for several levels v. all levels
* MOTION by John Busby, 2nd by Bryan Hughes – All in favor – approved for the following:
  + SOFTBALL fees remain UNCHANGED
    - Minors (age 7-10) remain $165
    - Majors (age 9-12) remain $175
    - Juniors (age 12-14) remain $180
  + BASEBALL fees changed as follows
    - TBall (age 4-7) - $100 – increased from $95
    - Rookies (age 5-7) - $140 – increased from $135
    - Minors (age 7-11) - $200 – increased from $190
    - Majors (age 9-12) - $200 – increased from $190
    - Intermediate (age 11-13) - $200 – increased from $195
    - Juniors (age 12-14) - $220 – increased from $215
    - Seniors (age 15) - $220 – increased from $215 – will combine with Juniors for 2020 season
  + $20 fundraising fee for all levels
  + $25 late fee imposed for 10-15 February registrations
  + Multi-kid discount remains unchanged - $10 off for 2nd child - $30 total family discount
  + Umpire and field fees remain unchanged for 2020 season
* Registration flyers were completed and delivered to HPLL area elementary schools on 12 November

\*\*Registrations will cut off on 15 February

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**Equipment**

**01.2.1** Updates - NO UPDATES

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**Safety Plan**

**01.3.1** Richard – what do we need to help you.

* Richard has reviewed the plan – suggestions for additions include:
  + Put AEDs at both fields – possibility to get one donated and add placard of some kind to field denoting AED onsite if needed
  + Inclement weather instructions announced and signs made at L3 for the fields
  + If we have any hazmat materials now or in future – paint, fuel etc – would need to post MSDS sheets in prominent location
  + Child/physical abuse training for coaches – possible to include with concussion training session and accept current certificate of training from other organization
  + CPR training – one person per team and HPLL Board to be certified
  + Safety representative – one adult and one player per team to distribute information etc

**01.3.2** Signs for Field from L3 - signs for parking in the back needed

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**Review of Finance**

**01.4.1** Update from John –

* brief discussion on operating budget for year – excludes $15,000 pledged to El Paso County

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**El Paso County**

**01.5.1** The agreement has been written up to extend through the 2025 season at the current rate of $14 per hour.

* HPLL negotiated new 5 year contract with field usage fee at $15 for the contract term
* Do not have actual contract for review & execution yet

**01.5.2** The field that will start in late summer will be the same size.

* Field construction will start in July 2020 after All-Star tournaments have concluded
* This expansion phase will include bathroom building and expanding/paving parking area
* Design plans will be provided to HPLL for review prior to 100%
* Larger field for older divisions is not included in this phase

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**Sponsorship/Fundraising**

**01.6.1** First Bus trip is scheduled for Nov 16th, 3:00 about 30 people are signed up $480 profit, but could use 15 more people another $450

* Flyer pushed to various FB pages and will bump again before actual trip
* Megan requested fundraising/sponsorship list from 2019 season – Gina will forward that information

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**01.7.2** Raffle – status of license and discussion to vote

* John Busby provided update on license
* Initial license paperwork submitted on 1 November; State will evaluate for 3-4 weeks if HPLL is eligible entity – if determination is YES, State will require additional paperwork submission prior to license being granted
* Goal = ready by 11 January registration with raffle specifics/tickets etc

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION:

* Vandalism reported at FPR – damage to fencing & trash cans reported to County
* Separate tryouts for TBall & Rookies discussed due to later season start – practices start beginning of May and games start end of May
  + Consider email to 7 year old Rookies registrants if want to tryout at Minors level instead as they would miss opportunity to ‘move up’ if skilled enough
* Question if possible to keep registration open until opening day in April?
  + Discussion on difficulty to draft teams, anticipate coach needs, team #s etc
  + HPLL will take late registrations on a case-by-case basis for a certain period of time and then have to close for the season
* Jeff & Gina out of town for Thanksgiving holiday so urgent issues should be sent to John Busby
* Board will have to conduct business in December via email due to issues that cannot wait until January board meeting
* The website Blue Sombrero has had some updates so will need to retrain on registration process before January in-person registration sessions
* Discussion surrounding separate opening ceremonies for TBall and Rookies ~ 23 May; could use as a showcase to introduce All Star teams for older divisions

***Next Meeting Sunday January 12th ~ 6:30 pm.***