

HIGH PLAINS LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MINUTES FROM September 11, 2013  
AT Falcon Fire Station #3

**Meeting was called to order by President Scot Raffelson at 6:33 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Scot Raffelson, Sarah Ehn, Jennifer Brown, Vance Brown, and Kent Shaw

Scot welcomed the HPLL Members to the annual meeting and explained that the HPLL Constitution details the second Wednesday of September for the Annual Meeting

The 5 Board members present are returning leaving 6 positions open, but the Board will take more individuals to assist with some of the Directors roles.

**Scot reviewed the number of players HPLL had this Spring and currently in the fall;**

Total Number of Players for Spring:

Tball-50 – 4 Teams  
Rookies-50 – 4 Teams  
Minors-65 – 6 Teams  
Mjrs-50 – 4 Teams  
Jrs-44 – 4 Teams  
Softball Minors – 23 – 2 Teams  
Softball Majors – 23 – 2 Teams  
Softball Jrs – 13 – 1 Team  
318 Players

Total Number of Players for Fall:

Tball-19 – 2 Teams  
Rookies-21 – 2 Teams  
40 Players

Total Players served for 2013

358 Players

HPLL had excellent player, parent and volunteer support this year

**Financial Report:** The current financial snapshot, dated 9/11/13, was submitted by R. Cornelliussen and is attached to these minutes. Currently HPLL has a cash balance of \$69,658.40 and a CD balance of \$3,400.14. The outgoing Board voted in August to move an estimated \$58K to the CD for field development.

**D49 Meeting:** Scot held a meeting with D49 regarding field modification for the 2014 season. HPLL is looking to write grants to assist with Costs to improve PLC fields and/or development of HPLL owned fields

HPLL has contacted a field architect to have plans drawn to develop a 5 year and 10 year plan. Scot explained there is a need for two plans, one using PLC fields and D49 and one for HPLL owned fields. With these plans, the grant offers can see the future for HPLL.

**Fundraising:** HPLL needs new ideas, the TV sales were down.

We have at least 4 returning sponsors form this year. New HPLL Board will need to revise the sponsorship package because we cannot fit all companies on the shirts. It was suggested to sell banner space on the outfield fences. These would need to be removed each game as these fields are owned by D49.

We also have 2 new sponsor inquiries

Discussion for new Board for an option for scholarship funds for players to help recruit new player (lower income)

**Scot met with Grace Community Church** –They are willing to allow HPLL to build fields on their 35 acres. Traffic control is a concern due to access is through the neighborhood.

**New HPLL Website** – as of August 2013 hosted by blue sombrero

Working on website registrations for 2014 season

Website is free to HPLL forever, but they get a mailing list for coupons

Eteamz (previous provider) charges \$10 every registration vs. 2.38% for blue sombrero

**Field modifications for next year**

Modification through D49

Loss of FMS Majors field due to spring softball

PLC modification to possibly both fields

PLC Large to have infield grass and mound removed and base plugs @ 60', 70', and the current 90'

Possible PLC minors to have grass removed to accommodate 70' bases (will add plugs @ 50')

D49 will develop MOU and quote for PLC field modifications and send to HPLL for review for the new Board to negotiate

New infield dirt will be brought in, negotiating getting extra and place at WHES

Trying to get more games in a central location for a concession stand and mentorship of players by players

Next meeting with D49, anyone is welcome to attend; Scot will put on the HPLL calendar

Possible 3<sup>rd</sup> filed @ PLC for t-ball/rookies

**Committee for field location and development:**

Have a real estate agent to assist

Have Oakwood home contact (owner of Banning Lewis Ranch)

Accolade homes of Calhan also willing to assist

Need volunteers

Must consider long term termination clause

If PLC is the location, HPLL must negotiate first right of refusal for the PLC improvements

**Player Agent;**

Parents that need kids on same team requests, HPLL makes every effort to make this happen

Parent request a higher level for their player- must try out before any moves can be made

No guarantees – HPLL must follow LL rules, coaches children are the exceptions

Draft – mostly smooth, player agent helps with trades if needed

Registration – Try-outs very helpful and tournament age children must try-out to be eligible

Scheduling – Many weather delays this season

Field usage (D49 and multiple teams)

HPLL and other leagues, softball, Jrs, Majors

Umpires – In the region, High Scholl games have priority

Need volunteer umpire list

HS students for volunteers – start at minors to train and move up with experience

All scheduling done by master computer program

Cancellation must be 2 hours before game or HPLL still charges for the game

Umpires are staffed for Jrs, Majors, and Minors

All-Stars – must have firm commitment for All-Stars

Practice and tournament

2013 we had a poor turnout for try-outs

Did not have a 10-11 yr old team because of the poor turnout

Conflict Resolution

Need more follow-up to address the problems, rather than just a letter or email

Attempting to document rules, policies for various issues

Several parent issues/complaints that were address during the season

We all must work together (players, parents, coaches) to press respect and sportsmanship

**Scot explained to the members in attendance the Board positions and the process for selecting the positions**

**Scot asked for nominations to the 2014 HPLL Board**

The following individuals volunteered:

CeCe Castro  
Amber Dancy  
John Busby  
Albert Castro  
Deanna Sartor  
Jeff Klimek  
Gary Bowling

**Motion to accept all nominees to the 2014 HPLL Board of Director for a term until September 2014**

**Motion made by Scot Raffelson and seconded by Vance Brown**

**Unanimous Vote to accept – MOTION PASSED**

**Open Discussion:**

Sponsorship question for banners, etc.

Academy LL, Tri-Lakes LL, C/S LL looking into 50/70 games – HPLL expects 1 team

Working on redistricting to include all of D49 area and Scheiver AFB to be in HPLL boundaries

Board meeting are open to the public and will be posting schedule on web site

Meeting minute will also be posted in draft form once ready

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

## 2013 High Plains Little League – September Annual meeting agenda September 11th @ 6:30pm. Falcon Fire Department Station #3

Intro of remaining Board Members

Review the State of High Plains Little League

Total Number of Players for Spring:

Tball-50 – 4 Teams

Rookies-50 – 4 Teams

Minors-65 – 6 Teams

Mjrs-50 – 4 Teams

Jrs-44 – 3 Teams

Softball Minors – 23 – 2 Teams

Softball Majors – 23 – 2 Teams

Softball Jrs – 13 – 1 Team

318 Players

Total Number of Players for Fall:

Tball-19 – 2 Teams

Rookies-21 – 2 Teams

40 Players

Total Players served for 2013

358 Players

Financial Report – (Rollie)

Rollie to provide final financial report

Explains the usage of the money in the CD

Review the fund raisers results and thank the members for their support

Cooperation with D49 on field modifications for 2014

PLC modification to possibly both fields

PLC Large to have infield grass and mound removed and base plugs @ 60', 70', and the current 90'

Possible PLC minors to have grass removed to accommodate 70' bases (will add plugs @ 50')

D49 will develop MOU and quote for PLC field modifications and send to HPLL for review for the new Board to negotiate

New infield dirt will be brought in, negotiating getting extra and place at WHES

Grants – GoCO, Daniels fund, El Pomar

Daniels fund does grants for youth sports

Hold a meeting specifically for grants in late September with Jack Bay of D49

Look to develop grants for dugouts, turf, and lights @ PLC

Look to create a third field @ PLC

Interesting note, D49 would like to create a regional park out of PLC and HPLL would be a part of this

We discussed "first right of refusal" since we will be doing much of the grant writing – no final decision made

HPLL needs to develop a 5 year plan(s)

One that uses PLC as "our" fields and one that develops our own fields

Need a committee of members to do a Field location search and possible development

Player Agent updates

Review all Board Positions

Open up the nominations – need of Secretary, VP of Softball, Equipment Manager, Treasurer, Info Officer, Fundraiser/Sponsorship, Coaching Coordinator, and Director of Umpires.

Address any additional questions

Meeting adjourned

**HPLL 2012 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**

as of 11-Sep-13

<b>INCOME</b>				
	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	% of budget	
BBF		<b>\$52,879.51</b>		

fundraisers	<b>14,275.00</b>	<b>\$5,819.60</b>	<b>41%</b>	ATV sales were less.
registration	<b>36,621.00</b>	<b>\$40,579.07</b>	<b>111%</b>	
sponsorship	<b>6,500.00</b>	<b>\$10,562.03</b>	<b>162%</b>	
All Stars	\$3,233.00	<b>\$2,130.00</b>		Only 3 teams vs 6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,629.00</b>	<b>\$59,090.70</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>Income</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>				
	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	% of budget spent	Comments
charter fees	\$448.00	<b>\$416.00</b>	<b>93%</b>	
Team Insurance	\$958.00	<b>\$639.05</b>	<b>67%</b>	
league Insurance	\$1,332.00	<b>\$1,331.82</b>	<b>100%</b>	
district fees	\$500.00	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>100%</b>	district 5
equipment	\$5,000.00	<b>\$3,870.81</b>	<b>77%</b>	New mound, chalk, ball etc
uniforms	\$14,250.00	<b>\$16,661.26</b>	<b>117%</b>	All Star uniforms not budgeted in orig numbers
field repair	\$1,000.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0%</b>	
Investigation	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	
licenses	\$20.00	\$0.00	<b>0%</b>	
office supplies	\$50.00	\$19.77	<b>40%</b>	
telephone (voice mail)	\$230.00	\$180.00	<b>78%</b>	
postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	
printing/reproduction	\$400.00	<b>\$595.00</b>	<b>149%</b>	school flyers, DSG & Falcon eye coupon
rental	\$16,382.00	<b>\$5,790.99</b>	<b>35%</b>	fields 3962, toilets 1243, storage 585
tourny fees (All Star)	\$2,500.00	<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>18%</b>	
trophies	\$1,400.00	<b>\$1,200.85</b>	<b>86%</b>	
web host	\$300.00	<b>\$165.51</b>	<b>55%</b>	
Advertising	\$300.00	<b>\$404.75</b>	<b>135%</b>	3 banners
Training	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	
Umpire program	\$8,000.00	<b>\$9,846.00</b>	<b>123%</b>	no locals, more association, rain outs would have been higher, higher rates
Post Office Box	\$250.00	\$240.00	<b>96%</b>	
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0%</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$53,420.00</b>	<b>\$42,311.81</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>Expenses</b>

Cash Balance

\$69,658.40

**FUNDRAISING BREAKDOWN 2012 SEASON**

	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>PROFIT</u>	-
SKY SOX	\$2,660.00	5,230.00	\$2,570.00	
ATV Drawing	\$6,281.00	9,080.00	\$2,799.00	
<b>COLORADO CANDIDS</b>		523.25	\$523.25	
spirit wear		372.50	\$372.50	