

# High Plains Little League Board Meeting

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### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by President, Scot Raffelson

Board Members Present:	Board Members Absent:
Scot Raffelson, President Sarah Ehn, Safety Officer CeCe Castro, Registrar Albert Castro, Equipment Manager Diana Strobel, Player Agent Christy Kennedy, Parent Advocate	John Busby, VP of Softball Gary Bowling, Coaching Coordinator Mike Langham, VP of Baseball Marissa McCullouch, Fund Raising Coordinator

### II. Approval of the January Meeting Minutes

Approval of the January meeting minutes was tabled pending submission. Jen Keller has resigned from the HPLL board, and Sarah Ehn will serve as the interim league secretary.

### III. Financial Report

The list of current sponsors includes: Dick's Sporting Goods \$1500, Falcon Broadband \$500, Dominion Turf \$250, Next Gen Energy \$1500, Summit View Roofing \$1000, Meridian Dental \$750, Falcon Family Eye Care pending, Falcon Physical Therapy pending. HPLL has received a notice from the IRS stating that the league owes \$3182.00. John and Scot will follow up on the notice asap due to our non-profit status. There will still be expenses for uniforms, LL International charter fee, field usage, etc.

### III. Hit-A-Thon

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Mike will be making a flyer for the hit-a-thon to send out once the team rosters are set. It was suggested to move the date for the event to the middle of May in hopes of better weather and participation.

#### IV. Inter-league Play

No answer has been received from Academy Little League regarding scheduling games with High Plains Little League and a follow-up contact will be made. Scot is planning to contact Tri-Lakes Little League about scheduling inter-league games for the minor division. Johnny and Scot will begin building a schedule for the T-ball and Rookie divisions.

#### V. Boundary Changes

The proposal to change the boundaries within District 5 has been submitted to the District Administrator for consideration. The registration numbers for this season compared to last year were also included to help make the case to increase the territory for HPLL. The district meeting will be held toward the end of March, and this issue will be discussed.

#### VI. Registration

The registration numbers for the upcoming season are down significantly despite the multiple attempts to promote the league. It was proposed to tryouts back 1-2 weeks to try and increase the number of players, but elected to keep the same time table due to difficulty with try-out facilities and draft night. The Coach's Clinic for the upper divisions is scheduled for 1200 with try-outs to begin at 1-130 and will run to approximately 5 pm. There will not be try-outs conducted for Softball, Jrs. and Intermediate teams as the pool of players is small. The Coach's Clinic for the lower divisions will be held at the field rather than CBA. The late fee for registration begins 2/15/16.

#### VII. Local Rule Changes

Christy moved to accept the local rule changes submitted to the board for approval. The motion was seconded by Diana and passed without opposition. Rookies, Minors, and Majors division will follow little league tournament rules and the highest seed will always be the home team until the "if" game.

#### VIII. Intermediate Teams

The coaches for this age division have requested a trial of forming a core group of players that would remain with the same team unless the coaches or player request a release. At that point, the player would then be released into the draft. Supplemental players would be obtained via the draft after a third team is filled to an equal level. Scot proposed that the board give this option full consideration. He moved that for a trial period for Jr and Intermediate players to become property of that team for 2016 season per Little League operating manual to be addressed in September at the annual meeting. No change will be made to the All-Star procedures and should a parent or coach request release from a team; the player will enter the draft. The motion was seconded by Johnny and carried without opposition.

#### IX. El Paso County Road Adoption

HPLL has adopted Eastonville Road from Londonderry to Latino for trash clean up. It will need to be maintained 4x/year and teams will be assigned to assist with the task.

#### X. Challenger Division

HPLL will need to obtain a charter for a challenger division to begin in the fall after All-Star play has been completed.

#### XI. Adjournment

Christy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm. The motion was seconded by Diana and carried unanimously.

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Sarah Ehn, HPLL Safety Officer

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