

High Plains Little League Annual Meeting

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm by President, Scot Raffelson.

Board Members Present

Board Members Absent

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

II. Approval of the Minutes

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

III. District 5 Meeting Scot and Mike attended the district meeting to represent HPLL. Several compliments were received on the 9-10 tournament last season, which was hosted by HPLL. Possible changes for the 2017 season were discussed, such as splitting the larger tournament into north and south divisions. It was also suggested to

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possibly complete the first half of the tournament prior to the 4th of July next year. HPLL will need to start recruiting umpires as soon as possible for the upcoming season and the tournament. Colorado Springs Little League has a new president for the upcoming season. The District 5 administrator had to assist with the membership meeting due to various difficulties for Colorado Springs little league.

Boundaries: The North boundary has been established with what was agreed upon between HPLL and Tri-lakes Little Leagues. A meeting will be set with Colorado Springs LL, HPLL, and the District Administrator to determine the southern border. Players that were in a certain league last season can still play for that organization, as well as their siblings, if they choose to do so. Hopefully, the decision will be made by Dec 1st which is prior to registration. Academy Little League will not be offering softball next season, so those players will be able to play for a different league. Colorado Springs Little League is expected to start softball next season and possibly a Majors division.

IV. Registration

The board discussed the fees for 2017 and elected to keep them the same at this time. It was decided to enforce the late fees for this year if registration is not completed prior to the deadline and possibly offer a discount to families with multiple players. It was decided to see if the Blue Sombrero system could have the school waiver form for parents to print and have filled out at the time of registration, in order to expedite the process. Scot will check the fees for the other leagues to see if HPLL is comparable and final decision will be made next meeting.

V. Container Organization

A time needs to be set to build shelves and organize the container at FRP. Albert will help coordinate a time Oct 23rd so that he can ask for volunteers to assist with the project.

VI. Logo Update

The board discussed the need to update the logo for HPLL for next season. It was suggested to have the players submit designs that meet certain guidelines to select from for the new logo. Scot to send out an email requesting designs. HPLL will offer an

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incentive for participation and the winner would receive a prize such as spirit wear as well as recognition at opening ceremonies.

VII. Spirit Wear

We currently have the store on Dick's website with spirit wear but very few orders have been received. Aleigh suggested having order opportunities at registration and opening ceremony, but then not again until all-stars. Design options discussed for team colors and Property of whichever specific team. Aleigh has an order form developed and further discussion will be held at the next meeting

VIII. Safety Plan

Brian is working on modifying the safety plan for next season. He will begin working on the safety training presentation for the coaches. He will coordinate the CPR and first aide training for any new coaches next season. He plans to talk with Falcon Fire about the need to transport players to Children's Hospital in Denver for any serious injury. Some of the changes included are the pet policy, throwing balls outside of the field of play, and adjustments to the lightning policy.

IX. Security System

Scot met with Adam, the district supervisor for El Paso County parks. He asked for electrical to be installed for the security system and snack shack (4 outlets) and placing the large mound. Basically, it is up to us to decide where cameras are located to help decrease vandalism at FRP. Cameras would only record the activity, unless Falcon Broadband would agree to provide WIFI as part of the sponsorship. Letters were sent to all sponsors to thank them for the contribution for last year. The other new fields and building for the concession stand and restrooms will be built in 2018.

X. Constitution

Amendments were made to the HPLL Constitution for 2017. The Information Officer position was added back in, and the description for the Player/parent Advocate was added. The time for the annual meeting was changed to the second week of September rather than a specific day. John also requested to change the fiscal year to calendar year rather than October to October, but the date is filed with the state and Little

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League International so it may not be able to be done. The HPLL board must vote on approval, and then the changes can be sent to the membership for approval. Albert moved to accept the constitution with the 3 amendments proposed, and it was seconded by Mike. The motion carried without opposition. The constitution will be sent out to the membership for approval.

XI. All-star Fees

It was discussed to impose a new fee to participate in all-stars to help cover expenses for uniforms, etc. Scot suggested \$25-35 fee which is less than other leagues who charge \$100-\$150 for all-star players. Discussion will be held at the next meeting to make a decision.

XII. Committees

We will need additional volunteers to help with committees such as concessions and Challenger League for next year. A board member will have oversight but help is needed to run it. Possible committees include: Challenger league, grant writing proposals for field improvements, concessions, etc. It was suggested to make a wish list for parents who wish to donate items to the concession stand rather than participate in a fund raiser.

XIII. Scheduling

HPLL is considering using an app called "Set-more" run by square to work on adding make up games and practices when they are missed due to weather. Age groups would then be restricted to using only those available for those divisions.

Draft Rules -The HPLL membership voted to use the rule modifications submitted by the board at the annual meeting. The six core players plus one retention will be distributed to the managers as soon as possible to consider for the draft. Player agent must be notified of all player retentions prior to try-outs. Parents may accept or decline the retention and will have 2 days to respond. No response will be considered acceptance of the retention.

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XIV. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm. The motion carried. Next meeting will be scheduled for November 13th at 5 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Ehn, HPLL Secretary