

High Plains Little League Annual Meeting

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm by President, Scot Raffelson. Castro arrived at 5:14 pm

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent
Scott Raffelson, President	Aleigh Raffelson, Scheduler
	Gina Kimek, Information Officer
Sarah Ehn, Secretary	Mike Langham, VP Baseball
CeCe Castro, Registrar/Challenger Coordinator	Morgan Garrison, Parent/Player Advocate
Amy Hendrix, Player Agent	
Gary Bowling, Coaching Coordinator	
Albert Castro, Equipment Manager	
Brian Hendrix, Safety Officer	
John Busby, VP Softball/Treasurer	
Christy Kennedy, Sponsorship	

II. Approval of the Minutes

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It was moved by Christy to accept the minutes for the September 7th meeting. It was seconded by John and passed without opposition. The Membership has also approved the changes to the constitution that were proposed by the board. It was moved by John and seconded by Amy to approve minutes for October 7th as submitted. It also passed without opposition.

III. Financials

John is making the payments to D49 and El Paso County for field usage next week. Then he will have an updated account balance.

IV. Boundaries

The boundaries are not changing for 2017, per Scot. A meeting was held with the district administrator to facilitate, but no agreement was reached. Colorado Springs LL was unwilling to give up any territory at this time. CSLL will have softball once again next season, but no Majors division for baseball. They will have Intermediate again this year and want to play games with other leagues. There is a question as to whether the softball players will be able to stay with HPLL again next season, even though they live in CSLL territory. CSLL will be moving their fields from EL Pomar to Memorial Park and Palmar Park. Academy LL new fields will be moving north in 2018, but they will be required to share the fields and cap the enrollment.

V. Registration

Cece reported that the divisions have been created using the information from last year. The dates for registration will be added to the calendar, and discussion was held if fees for next season should be increased. John proposed that fees be increased by \$15 across the board to help offset costs for fields, uniforms, etc. Christy suggested that we increase fees but not for t-ball and rookies, because they do not use umpires and have the least amount of field time. New fees were proposed as follows:

T-ball - \$95	Softball Minors \$155
Rookies \$125	Softball Majors \$165
Minors \$180	Softball Juniors \$170
Majors \$180	Softball Senior \$170
Intermediate \$185	

Jrs. \$205

Albert moved to accept the fees as proposed, and the motion was seconded by Brian. The motion carried without opposition. The dates for in person registration include: Jan 28th, Feb 4th in Peyton, and Feb 11th. John is working with the Sky Sox to organize an in person registration and will check on a date for Walmart to advertise HPLL registration. Scot will make a community bulletin for The Falcon Herald to advertise the league and dates for registration.

CeCe will check the Blue Sombrero system to see if a multi-player discount is able to be added for online paperwork. A \$10 discount for players 2 and above moved by John and seconded by Gary. The motion carried without opposition. The board discussed options for flyers to distribute at the various schools. Scot will have information on cost for the December meeting for flyers or cards to hand out after Christmas. Online registration will start on December 1st and we will also need to buy 3 additional registration banners to advertise the league. John will order the additional banners.

VI. Spirit Wear

Aleigh will set up a meeting with L3 to check on spirit wear orders and prices. Blue Sombrero system is not able to provide a pop up form for orders when completing online registration.

VII. Safety Plan

Brian distributed a copy of the safety plan via email to the board. Final modifications will be made, and it is will be submitted to Little League International. John moved and Albert seconded to approve the plan as submitted.

Weather station and lightning detectors: Prices and information provided by Brian regarding possible options to purchase the devices. They range from \$200 - \$3200 depending on options and parameters. He has contacted some of the companies for possible discounts and additional guidance on products. There are also portable models that run \$800-\$900 that have some of the same features. There are instruments to measure wind chill and wind speed that are hand held. It was suggested to check with El Paso County to see if they would contribute money toward the device.

VIII. Constitution Review

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The changes approved by the membership were submitted to LL international for review.

IX. All-star Fees

It was decided not to have all-star fees, as the league fees have already been increased. John will work with a vendor to try and get some of the expenses covered for uniforms.

X. Committee Needs

There are some individuals that have showed interest in assisting with the concession stand, and CeCe will serve as the lead for the Challenger League. We plan to have the Challenger division play during the Fall ball season, so that it does not conflict with the CS Challenger division. A grant may be available through "grow the game" to assist with the cost to establish the league. Grant writers are still needed to apply for money to assist with field development, etc.

XI. Sponsorship

Christy has sent the most current information to each board member and has reached out to several companies regarding sponsorship. John has a meeting with Ford, and Christy has a contact with someone from Coca Cola. Please continue to notify Christy with companies that have been contacted so she can follow up if needed.

XIII. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 pm. The motion passed without opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Ehn, HPLL Secretary

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