

# High Plains Little League Board Meeting

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### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:23 pm by President, Scot Raffelson.

Board Members Present:		Board Members Absent:
Scot Raffelson, President	Sa-	Kent Shaw, Umpires/Scheduler (Resigned)
rah Ehn, Secretary / Safety Officer		Jody Shaw, Parent Rep (Resigned)
Gary Bowling, Coaching Coordinator		
CeCe Castro, Registrar		
Albert Castro, Equipment Manager		
Diana Strobel, Player Agent		
John Busby, Vice President		
Marissa McCullouch, Fund Raising Coordinator		

### II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Diana moved to approve the June meeting minutes as submitted. It was seconded by Albert, and the motion carried without opposition.

### III. Resignation of Board Members

Kent Shaw and Jody Shaw submitted a letter of resignation from the HPLL board. Cece moved to accept the resignation, and the motion was seconded by Gary. It carried without opposition. There will need to be 17 members of the league present for the annual meeting in September, per the HPLL constitution.

### IV. Current Open Board Positions

Vice President of Baseball, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Scheduling/umpires, Player/parent Advocate are all open positions for the 2015-2016 HPLL board. There was discussion if the current members who are holding dual positions would continue in that roll for the upcoming year. Those individuals will have the opportunity to decide on the options if we do not have enough volunteers to fill all of the board positions. We

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can also have positions for committee members such as fall baseball, challenger league, field development, etc. Any volunteers will be welcome to join on the board.

#### V. Financial Report

A financial report will be prepared for the annual meeting to disclose our current status with expenditures and fund raising. Scot has prepared the report for D49 field usage, but the district has not requested the funds to this point.

#### VI. Equipment

We have had 15 safety manuals returned, but are still missing several of them that were issued last season. Albert will double check the team bags to see if more of them can be recovered. Scot also has 4 out of the 5 All Star books which will be given back to the registrar to have the information for next season as appropriate. All of the equipment is now in storage with the exception of bases at PLC large. There is a lock on the Snack Shack to secure the building. A complete inventory will be needed to ensure that we are not missing any equipment. Softball teams are still practicing and will have access to equipment as needed.

The All-star softball team had an article written in the Falcon Herald, and Scot was able to talk with the representative from the newspaper to thank them for the support. HPLL needs to advertise our league in the newspaper to help with recruitment for next season.

#### VII. County Partnership for Falcon Regional Park

Scot met with the county and the planners for the park on August 4th. There are 2 baseball fields and bathrooms in the plan for the first phase. They will be built next to each other north and south vs east and west as originally planned. There will be fences at 300', so HPLL will need to get temporary fences to use for little league play. Typically they last 3-4 years, and the temporary fences run ~\$3000 each for a field. The center building is still in the plans and ground will be broken in November. HPLL has requested to be present at the ground breaking, as we are contributing money to the project. There will be 3 flag poles so the little league flag can also be displayed at the field. Temporary mounds will also have to be provided by HPLL to use for practice and games. We have been approved to have storage sheds within reasonable distance

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from the fields for equipment access. John will begin checking prices for sheds and possibly be able to provide them with advertisement in exchange for a price break on the buildings.

John did attend the 8/11/15 public meeting for any new information. No major developments were reported at that time. The contract between HPLL and El Paso County has not been written to this point. HPLL will still be responsible for maintenance of the new fields, but the county will be sure the grass is maintained. The plan initially is for sod and then later for turf, including one of our fields. The county is in the process of working on utilities for the new development.

#### VIII. HPLL President and Safety Officer trip to LLWS

The Safety Officer and President of HPLL will be attending the LLWS as the safety plan for the league won the competition for the southwest region. First prize for the contest would be lights for one of our fields. Scot has submitted pictures from our league at the request of the company running the competition.

#### IX. Lessons Learned

Please have a list prepared for any lessons learned from this year for the annual meeting. For example, we need more volunteers for try-outs who are not coaching teams. The information will be discussed at the meeting and be provided to the new board for HPLL next year.

#### X. Annual Meeting

The board members that will be returning for next year include: Scot, Gary, Diana, Albert, CeCe, Marissa, and Sarah have indicated that they will be returning for next year. We will need 17 members present for the meeting scheduled September 9, 2015 at 7 pm. The president must report on the status of the league, including number of players, etc. Financial report will also be discussed. Lessons learned will be presented and questions from any of the members will be discussed. We will take nominations of interested individuals for the 2016 board, but no positions will be assigned. Nominees will be voted on for 2016 board. Question and answer period may be suspended at any time at discretion of the board.

#### XI. Adjournment

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Albert moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:11 pm, and it was seconded by Marissa. The motion carried without opposition.

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