High Plains Little League Meeting

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I. Call to Order

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

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The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Albert Castro, Equipment Manager.

Guests present for this meeting: Robert Rogers, Lisa Robertson

II. Approval of the Minutes

Amy moved to accept the minutes as submitted for May, and the motion was seconded by Christy. The motion carried without opposition.

III. Coach Issues

Morgan, HPLL Parent/Player Advocate, has had a few parents email her about concerns regarding coaches. The guests present attended to discuss the issues with the HPLL board. They were concerned that very few practices were held for the Giants Jrs team once the season started. He was also unable to make up practices that were missed due to weather. Their player never started a game during the season, which was discussed with the manager of the team and the President of HPLL. He was never allowed to play more than 2 innings in a game, which is the minimum requirement. The rules state that a player who was present in consecutive games will start every other game, they reported that the same players started and played in every game. They indicated that there was a lack of communication between the coaches and players.

The Giants in the Majors division also had coaching difficulties. Emails were sent to the President and Parent Advocate for the league regarding the issues. They reported the same issues with amount of play time and constantly playing only in the outfield. There were problems with inappropriate language, blaming umpires, and yelling at officials during the game. They stated that he was having confrontations with parents, and then those players were punished by having to sit and only play the minimum amount. The coach also disinvited their player to the team party and stated that he would only play him as little as possible. The parents were assured that the issues would be addressed by the board.

IV. Financials

John sent an email to the board with specifics regarding financial status for HPLL.

V. Fall ball

CeCe and Albert talked to the director of the CSLL challenger league, and HPLL will be able to send communication to those players regarding the challenger league for this year. This would allow those players to extend their season. The dates for fall ball are listed on the calendar, and the fee will still be the same from last year.

VI. Player Agent

There are 2 players who missed try-outs for All-Stars. One Junior player was unable to attend due to POS. Christie moved to allow Colin S. to be on the all-star team

due to extenuating circumstances for missing tryouts, and Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition. The player from the Minors division who missed the try-outs will also be allowed to play all-stars. He also missed try-outs due to military orders to move. Christy moved to accept the player on the Minors All-Star team, which was seconded by Sarah. The motion carried.

VII. Tournaments

Gary is the coordinator for the tournaments that will be hosted by HPLL. All of the games will be at Falcon Regional Park. Volunteers will be needed for pitch count, scorekeeper, concession help, etc. Christy will help coordinate concessions with the softball players at FRP on July 5th-9th for the district tournament. Morgan moved that we ask softball girls to work the concession stand and they receive the profits after covering costs. The motion was seconded by Amy. Motion carried without opposition. Gina will put out requests for volunteers to assist with the tournament, and Scot to build a sign up genius for volunteers positions at the tournament.

VIII. Sponsorship

The wind screen for the red field is ready to be installed. We made \$205 from the Little Ceasars proceed night. They are willing to sell us \$5 pizzas to sell at concessions at the tournament. Christy and Amy to coordinate getting the pizza. Scot to check with Kona Ice for being at the field for part of the tournament. The Coke truck will also be present to use to sell concessions.

VIIII. Softball Issues

A meeting will be held on Wednesday to discuss options to keep our players engaged in the softball program. They will discuss options for tournament play, etc. to move forward with softball. One of the suggestions is to move the registration dates to match the teams that they will be playing from Denver.

IX. New Board

We will continue to advertise for new volunteers.

CeCe moved to skip July Board meeting unless there is an urgent matter, as most of the board members will be involved with the District Tournament. It was seconded by Christy, and the motion carried. No July meeting will be scheduled, and the monthly meeting will be planned for August.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Ehn, HPLL Secretary

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