

HPLL Annual Meeting  
September 14, 2016

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by HPLL President, Scot Raffelson, at 7:13 pm.  
Board members present: Scot Raffelson, John Busby, Mike Langham, Sarah Ehn, CeCe Castro, Albert Castro, Gary Bowling, Christy Kennedy

II. State of the League

Scot presented the state of HPLL with regard to player numbers, membership, and progress toward goals. Board meetings are held on a monthly basis, and the time and location for the meetings are listed on the calendar on the website. Any members are welcome to attend any of the board meetings for information or to provide feedback.

Total number of Players for Spring 2016: 331 Players (Additional 25 players from 2015)

T-ball 46 (4 Teams)  
Rookies 59 (5 Teams)  
Minors 64 (5 Teams)  
Majors 48 (4 Teams)  
Intermediate 37 (3 Teams)  
Juniors 25 (2 Teams)  
Softball Minors 14 (1 Team)  
Softball Majors 11 (1 Team)  
Softball Juniors 14 (1 Team)  
Softball Seniors 13 (1 Team)

Total number of Players for Fall 2016: 77 Players

Softball 22  
Baseball 55

III. Financial Report

John Busby, HPLL Treasurer, provided the financial report for the league.  
Please refer to the attachment for specific details. The board for next year will need to decide if fees must once again be raised to offset the cost for field usage, etc. All of the members were encouraged to talk with any sponsors or business owners that may be willing to contribute to the league for next year. Current account balance as of 09/01/16 is \$23,001.01.

V. Player Agent Updates

No issues reported this season with parents, however, there were significant issues with coaches and one instance where the Sheriff's office was contacted for assistance. One coach and one manager were removed from their position and will not be allowed to coach or manage for HPLL in the future. Positive comments were received about the 9-10 tournament that was hosted by HPLL.

VI. New Age Standards

Little League has instituted new age standards to change the cut off date to 8/31. They will be going to December 31st by 2018 to correspond with calendar dates. For any players born after 9/1/05, new age determination is in effect immediately. Everyone else stays with the 3/31 date through their little league career. Birth certificates will still be checked for All-star teams and eligibility. There are no waivers for all-stars in baseball, but softball can move players if needed to complete a team.

#### VIII. Board Positions

Nominations for Board Members for the 2017 season: They are not set positions, as they will be determined at a later time. There are 12 positions to fill on the board. We would also like to add a Fall baseball coordinator and a Challenger coordinator this year. All positions are detailed in the HPLL constitution.

All individuals nominated were voted on by the membership and accepted without opposition. A meeting will be held to assign the specific positions for the next board.

#### IX. Updated Draft Rules

Scot discussed the recommendations from various managers within HPLL to modify the draft rules to allow the core players of a team to stay together for better competition and continuity. The HPLL board reviewed the requests and voted to present a recommendation to the membership for consideration. It is recommended that each team be allowed to select a core of 6 players and one additional player that would be the manager's son or daughter that would be retained to that team. The manager or player's parent would have the right to request release from that team if desired, and then the player would go back into the draft for selection. The manager would also have the option to keep those players when moving into the next division if they are age appropriate. Following discussion, it was moved and seconded to accept the rule change. The motion carried without opposition.

#### X. Lessons Learned

Each of the board members were given the opportunity to discuss lessons learned the previous year, which the new board may need to consider. Questions were also addressed regarding the possible boundary changes for HPLL within District 5 and regarding operation of a Challenger division. There were suggestions regarding picture day modifications, safety badge distribution, and fund raising ideas. The board continues to discuss the need for additional volunteers to assist with the concession stand, Challenger division, and various committees for league development and fund raising.

#### X. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. The motion carried without opposition.