

High Plains Little League Board Meeting

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by Vice President of Softball, John Busby

Board Members Present:	Board Members Absent:
John Busby, Vice President of Softball / Treasurer Sarah Ehn, Secretary / Safety Officer Gary Bowling, Coaching Coordinator CeCe Castro, Registrar Albert Castro, Equipment Manager Kent Shaw, Director of Umpires / Scheduler Jody Shaw, Parent Representative	Scot Raffelson, President Marissa McCulloch, Fund Raising Coordinator

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes Moved by Jody and second by CeCe

The minutes from the previous meeting have been reviewed by each member of the board. Jody moved to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by CeCe, and it carried without opposition.

III. Scholarship Fund

We have received sponsorship donations for the scholarship fund of \$400 and \$240. There was also another \$200 collected via the membership fee to HPLL. There are 5-6 people requesting the scholarship funds for this season at this time. Last year, there were 8 requests for scholarship reimbursement. There was discussion about re-funding the entire fee, rather than 50% since we have additional revenue in this account. The other option is to stay with the current policy of 50% reimbursement and leave the remainder of the money in the fund for next year. CeCe moved to keep the scholarship reimbursement amount at 50% and save the balance toward next year. The motion was seconded by Diana and carried unanimously. John will distribute the checks to the recipients of the scholarships next week.

IV. Resignation of Vice President of Baseball

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Vance Brown resigned from the Vice President of Baseball position for HPLL for 2015. There have been four individuals who have indicated interest in filling the position. John proposed that we interview the candidates at a future board meeting to take the position for next season. Sarah moved that the positions of VP of Baseball and VP of Softball be combined for the rest of 2015, and new candidates for the open position be considered next season. Gary seconded the motion, and it carried without opposition.

V. Scheduling

Kent has created a manger contact list to distribute to all of the teams in order to facilitate communication to reschedule games. He will send the list to Gary with the steps required to reschedule, which includes notification of the umpire via Kent when possible or directly to John Peterson. Pitch count forms will also be sent to Gary to forward to all of the managers that includes the rules for rest days, etc. Clarification will be provided to the coaches and mangers on how to use the pitch count forms as needed. The information on pitch count must be kept and made available if requested.

Kent has been working on the umpire schedule and is using volunteers whenever possible to save money for the league. There was a complaint filed about a volunteer umpire which was resolved by John at the field. The issue was discussed and reviewed by the entire board with no further action required.

The board discussed on options to compensate your volunteer umpires, but it was requested that the umpire have a try out prior to determining a rate of pay. They will receive a lunch from the Snack Shack on the day of the game. Kent will also talk with an experienced umpire to set up a mentorship with the new volunteer for training and education purposes.

VI. Fundraising

Spirit Wear: John talked to the vendor to see if a modification could be made to the hats to make the logo stand out. There are three options for hats currently, and the price sheet will be distributed. No orders to this point for spirit wear, but there have been inquiries about the team hoodies. We will try to advertise the spirit wear at the snack shack with samples. Jody recommended that we try to use team moms to help with advertising spirit wear. Team moms should email or call John regarding Sky Soxx,

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Discount cards, and spirit wear. John will also send emails to all of the parents to remind them about the Sky Sox game, and Sarah recommended that we also ask the coaches to mention the event.

Drawing tickets: Originally, the plan was to give tickets to each person who purchases Sky Sox tickets. John proposed to have tickets given to anyone who purchases discount cards or Sky Sox tickets. The tickets would be distributed at the game, and each individual would have the opportunity for the extra ticket by showing the discount card.

VII. Player pool

There are 10 players available in the pool, whose names have been forwarded to Gary. The coaches will contact Diana if they need a player for a game, and she will help with arrangements.

VIII. Closing Ceremony

CeCe thanked the board members that were present for the opening ceremonies, and the consensus was that the event was a success. We need to be sure that we coordinate time better with Sox the Fox for next year.

CeCe agreed to coordinate the closing ceremony, which will need to have All-Star presentations. We elected to omit the bounce house, due to insurance issues. There will be a drawing for some prizes, but it was decided that you must be present to win. The tickets will therefore be distributed at the event.

It was suggested to have the managers turn in their bags and safety manuals at closing ceremonies. They should also return the first aid kits with the rest of the equipment. The board discussed the option of instituting a fine next year if the equipment is not returned, but no decision was made.

IX. Field Usage

The teams must submit the field usage per hour to the HPLL secretary on a weekly basis. The total must be submitted to D49 at the end of the season for payment. Diana will send a reminder to all of the coaches to request the information. Games at FMC will start at 545 for the rest of the season, because we are not allowed on the field prior to 530.

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X. Adjournment

CeCe motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Albert. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Sarah Ehn, HPLL Secretary