

Sunday January 8, 2017

High Plains Little League Annual Meeting

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I. Call to Order

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by President, Scot Raffelson.

II. Approval of the Minutes

It was motioned by John to accept the minutes as submitted for the December meeting. It was seconded by Christy, and the motion carried without opposition.

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III. Financial Report

John reported that \$9014.00 is the current bank balance. The recharter fee and insurance of \$2900 and has been paid.

IV. Registration

The first in person registration is scheduled for 1/14/16 at FFD Number 3 from 10-4. CeCe submitted the current registration numbers as of 1/8/17. The information for each division was in an email sent by CeCe to all of the board members. The total is 29 at this time for baseball, and the softball total is 4. Banners have been put out to advertise league registration as of last weekend. Pop out signs will be put out starting tomorrow in various locations. Sign up sheets will be forward to all of the board members to sign up for shifts that are 2 hour increments for the in person registrations.

The "Go Fund Me" page is still active, and the board decided to close the account. Sky Sox flyers will be made by Scot to distribute at the registrations for HPLL night. We will also have the fee comparison information available for all of the other leagues in the area to help justify the fee increase that we have in place. Try out dates and draft night dates will also be listed on a flyer to distribute. Sign up sheets will also be available to encourage volunteers to assist with the concession stand, challenger league, and grant proposal.

V. Sponsorship and Fundraising

The information has all been updated so that everyone can see who has been contacted and the results from the contact. Sullivan Field and Screens has submitted information and it will take 7 sponsors of \$250 each to build a wind screen for the new field. Some of the sponsorship money will be used for this purpose, and the logo of the business is actually printed on a screen that is displayed at the field. HPLL will also be listed on the screen in the center. It takes 7-10 days to complete the order and ship the merchandise. Christy can complete the form once the 7 sponsors are finalized and send it to the company for completion. It was proposed to put "Home of High Plains Little League" in script letters for that portion of the wind screen. CeCe suggested that we try to get red and blue screens to match the colors for each field. The names can be removed if they choose not to sponsor HPLL the following season, and any new sponsors can be added individually. Currently we have \$6500 committed for sponsorships.

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CBA - We are trading a screen banner for use of their facility for try outs for HPLL. No additional money will be needed for try-outs this year and last year.

We are still working with WEATHER KING of Falcon about trying to get a shed donated with their name on it to use as a concession stand. Scot will follow up with our contact.

Scot met with representative from Coca-Cola. The first year is performance based so no money is donated. A credit application was sent for John to fill out and if it is approved, Coke will deliver everything to our field. HPLL would pay for the case and then recoup the money by the concession stand sales. They deliver to the area on Tuesdays. They have offered their concession trailer for special events and it has been reserved for All-Star tournaments. They will also bring us coolers to use as long as we are selling their products.

Fundraising - Amy will schedule a Swirley Cow night for HPLL in conjunction with a registration opportunity. Christy spoke with 99 pledges and the link has been set-up for hit-a-thon. That's My Brick: 26-50 bricks 4x8 is \$21 each and then the profit margin depends on what we charge per brick. We would need to know location of the path and the time frame in order to publicize them for sale. This will be discussed for future use once the plans are finalized with the county.

Double a donation grant - companies that participate in this program give a certain amount of money for hours donated by their employee to the league. Christy will look for additional information and determine if we have matches between volunteers and companies that participate.

V. Try-outs

Details needed to start planning tryouts which will be held at CBA tentatively Feb 18th 9 AM - 6 PM. The managers and coaches for each team will have to split up to watch each event due to time and space constraints. Grounders, throwing, hitting, and pitching will be the stations. Everyone needs to submit ideas to Amy and Scot for divisions, time table, etc. Scot will check with CBA for the additional availability on Feb 17th in the evening if needed for additional try out opportunities.

VI. Doyle Baseball Clinic

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They have reached out to HPLL to host a one-day clinic for players and coaches.
Quote received for one-day clinic: need indoor/outdoor facility, coordinator

30 coaches is \$25/coach

30 players \$45/player and if 70 players is reached then coach rate is discounted.

HPLL elected not to host the event due to the size of our league to help cover the cost.
Scot will contact them and let them know about the decision.

VII. Pitchers and Catchers Clinic

It will be held on January 16th for 3 weeks on Monday nights. The cost is \$75 per participant per clinic. Pitchers clinic is full but there is still some space in the catchers clinic.

VIII. Field Signs

Quote for the metal signs for the field \$80-100 for all 4 signs to help with enforcing the code of conduct and measurements on the outfield fence. Scot moved to purchase 8 total signs for no more than \$200.00. It was seconded by John, and it carried without opposition.

IX. Misc.

Dicks shopping day is scheduled for March 4th for HPLL

Brian discussed lightning detectors with Pride Soccer who paid \$5000 for their device. He talked to the owner of the company and was able to get a discount. It would still cost \$6900.00 The range can be expanded and the additional sirens are infinite. It was suggested to bring the information to the county to see if they are willing to help with the cost. The expense may be spread over 2 fiscal years.

Scot met with Musco lighting to receive a quote. One field would cost \$143000 to add lights. Lights are guaranteed for 25 years and they provide most of the maintenance.

Coaches clinic is March 4th with the safety presentation. Coaches to be booked to present simple ideas.

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Hit-A-Thon and picture day to be scheduled together possibly on a Sunday afternoon. Baseball schedule is roughed out and softball schedule to be completed when Aleigh and John are able to touch base.

Opening Ceremonies is April 1st

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm. Next meeting to be scheduled for Feb. 12th at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Ehn, HPLL Secretary