

# High Plains Little League Meeting

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### I. Call to Order

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Board Members Absent</b>
Scot Raffelson, President	Albert Castro, VP Baseball / Equipment Mgr
Gary Bowling, VP Baseball	CeCe Castro, Registrar
Sarah Ehn, Secretary	John Busby, Treasurer
Aleigh Raffelson, Scheduler	
Gina Klimek, Information Officer and Registrar	
Toni Harmon, Fundraising	
Christy Kennedy, VP Softball	
Jason Lachermeier, Coaching Coordinator	
Jeff Potts, Equipment Manager	
Elise Van Grinsven, Parent/Player Advocate	
Andrew Harrell, Player Agent	
Jay Goodwin, Safety Officer	

### II.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Scot Raffelson, HPLL President

### II. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Christy to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Gina. The motion carried without opposition.

### III. Financial Report

HPLL spent \$577.00 for registration announcements for all of the elementary schools in the area. Digital backpack information was also submitted to advertise registration for next season. John was unable to make the meeting and will provide a detailed report at the next meeting.

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#### IV. Registration

Online registration will open on December 1st 2017. We received comments that the fees were too high for t-ball but, HPLL only charges \$5 more than the other leagues in the area. It was suggested to leave the fees the same as the last season for all divisions.

#### V. Mavericks

Several of the complaints received via the survey was about the Mavericks program and the misunderstanding that it was a preset team. There was discussion about the issues and options to make modifications to the program. This program is run independently and the league does not provide funds for the uniforms, insurance, or other expenses. Elise moved to maintain the association with the Mavericks team and High Plains Little League with tryouts open to anyone interested to allow the parents to make an independent decision. All expectations will be outlined ahead of time and a portion of the practices will be open for anyone interested in further development for players and coaches. Participation in the Mavericks program will not guarantee an all-star roster position. It was seconded by Jay and approved without opposition.

#### VI. Equipment

The equipment clean out was completed so that the space is ready for the next season. HPLL will need to purchase bats for the lower divisions that meet the new standards starting in the new season. Another work session will be required to finalize the bags for the various teams prior to the start of the season in January or February.

#### VII. All-star Pin Design

A proposed all-star pin design has been sent to all of the board members to be considered. After review it was moved by Gina to approve the new pin design and seconded by Christy. It carried with opposition of one member. It would cost \$735 to order 500 new pins. It was moved by Jay to order the 500 pins seconded by Toni and the motion carried.

#### VIII. Road Clean Up Day

The day will be scheduled for early spring to clean up the section of road sponsored by HPLL. A sign up sheet will be included at registration.

#### IX. Fund Raising

It was discussed to not hold a fund raiser this year, but instead include a \$20 fee

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per player as part of the registration. Information will be included about what the fee is in lieu of such as selling cards, car wash, hit-a-thon, etc. It was suggested to decrease the fee to \$15 for the first player and \$10 for the second, third and subsequent players free. It was moved by Jeff to accept seconded by Gary and approved without opposition.

#### X. Safety Plan

Jay reported that there will not be any major changes to the safety plan. He will have a draft with a few additions by the end of the week. One is guidelines about liability, and a lesson plan was added to teach sliding, etc. He will add an overview of the plan and include the guidelines for supervision of players, etc.

#### XI. Volunteers

We need volunteers to run concessions, write grants, etc. Christy volunteered to coordinate the individuals for the concession program. A board member will be required to be present to oversee the concession stand at all times.

#### XII. Misc.

Scot will try to have the calendar ready for the next meeting and is planning to push the schedule back as possible to help decrease the weather issues.

#### XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm

Respectfully submitted

Sarah Ehn HPLL Secretary

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