High Plains Little League Meeting

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1. Call to Order

| Board Members Present | Board Members Absent |
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| Scot Raffelson, President | Albert Castro, VP Baseball / Equipment Mgr |
| Gary Bowling, VP Baseball | CeCe Castro, Registrar |
| Sarah Ehn, Secretary | Aleigh Raffelson, Scheduler |
| John Busby, Treasurer | Jeff Potts, Equipment Manager |
| Gina Klimek, Information Officer and Registrar | Jay Goodwin, Safety Officer |
| Toni Harmon, Fundraising |  |
| Christy Kennedy, VP Softball |  |
| Jason Lachermeier, Coaching Coordinator |  |
| Andrew Harrell, Player Agent |  |
| Elise Van Grinsven, Parent/Player Advocate |  |
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The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Scot Raffelson, HPLL President

II. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Gary to approve the minutes as submitted for the last meeting and seconded by John. The motion carried without opposition.

III. Financial Report

John reported that there is $11,568.62 in the HPLL account at this time. A bill for $1689.48 has been received for the new bats ordered for the league due to the new regulations. The new bats will be labeled with HPLL to ensure that they are not misplaced. We will also need new plugs for the fields if they are available to be purchased.

IV. Registration

We currently have 42 players registered in HPLL for next season. The breakdown includes: 3 Juniors, 3 Majors, 12 Minors, 10 Rookies, 10 T ball, Softball 2 minors and 2 Seniors. All of the in person registration days will be held at the fire station at Stapleton and a sign will be posted at the Hwy 24 as the location has been changed. The signs and banners have been posted to help advertise the league. Scot will call the management companies for the shopping centers to see if they can be posted on their fences for a few weeks. Do we want to have a targeted Facebook advertisement for around $100? It would target the areas in our zip codes. HPLL is considering expanding the Juniors division to all of the players who are excluded due to the new age requirements. It would be Juniors/Seniors to include 13-15 year olds. The 15 year olds would not be eligible for Junior All-stars due to the age restriction. Scot moved to extend the junior program to allow 15 year olds who have aged out to participate in the Junior/Senior division. The motion was seconded by Gina and carried without opposition.

V. Equipment

This topic will be tabled until the next meeting as the managers were not present.

VI. Sponsorship

Scot sent a spreadsheet to the board members that had the point of contact for sponsors from the previous year. HPLL must begin pursuing sponsors for the league, as we are currently behind compared to previous years. Scot asked if a brewery can do a fund raiser for little league, which is allowed but the logo cannot be listed on the shirts or banners for the league. He will discuss options with Jak’s for a fund raiser opportunity.

VII. Safety plan

The plan has been partially submitted. The electronic copy has been submitted but they are requesting a roster as well. Scot will continue to try and submit the program once all of the information may be included.

VIII. 16u Mavericks Softball Clinic

Christy is planning to hold a clinic for the younger girls on February 3rd as a fund raiser for the Mavericks 16u Softball Team. HPLL will provide information to invite players to participate in the clinic who would not participate on the 16u team to work on skills, as well as encourage younger girls to participate in softball. HPLL will also hold a registration opportunity that date for any players interested in participating in little league softball.

IX. Player Agent

Parents have received emails about players who will be retained specific coaches and teams. The process for try-outs will need to be determined. Feb 17th and Feb 24th are the dates for try-outs. We will need to vote next meeting on any changes for the local rules or draft process.

X. Congress Rules

Scot reported on the congress rules that have been submitted for consideration and the votes submitted on behalf of HPLL.

XI. Concession Stand

Lance Van Grisven is 14 years old interested in helping build a concession stand building as part of an Eagle Scout project for troop 550. He will present a plan at the next board meeting for HPLL.

XII. Road Clean up

The road clean up has been tentatively scheduled for January 27th which is the same day as registration, as the board can split the duties. Scot will contact the county for supplies

XIII. Volunteers

Volunteers are still needed for the concession stand, grant writers, etc. Christy is working on the schedule for the concession stand.

Sarah discussed information for the Rockies game for youth baseball and softball days. She will reach out to the organization with the preferred dates for our league and report back at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Sarah Ehn, HPLL Secretary