



High Plains Little League (HPLL) 10/03/2024 Board Meeting Agenda

Holtz House, Falcon, CO

10.03.1: Call to Order 6:06 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Jared, April, TJ, Carey, Brett, Jackie, Kristina, Taryn, Tyler, Jennifer, Jeff, Ashley, Kevin, Gina, Bobbie, Krista

10.03.2: Meeting Minutes Approval for 9/19/24 Annual Board Meeting Motion 1 ashley motion 2 kevin—ALL APPROVED

10.03.3: Treasurer update:

- Account update and movement Status—
\$57,507.97 balance
Talked to ENT. Option to do short term CDs to make money, and has an app.
Quickbooks compatible.
Agreement to move forward with an ENT Credit Union account.
- Taxes and Colorado State Tax Exemption status—meeting next Tuesday with accountant.
When have tax exempt status, we would save on taxes for Uniforms. Be easier to apply for Grants and funding.
Colorado giving day is 11/1.
Fines—letter sent to IRS. No response yet. Start over with new accountant.

Question on expenses:

\$90K in expenses—does not include equip purchased, marketing flyers, etc. Brought in \$124,000-- only \$4K to the positive?? Jared will get breakdown. Only big dollar items were listed for the Annual Meeting to give an idea of where the majority of our expenses are.

10.03.4: Facilities for 2025

- D49 Costs - Do we change how we reserve?
\$30 to \$50 per hour. \$10K increase for 3 fields.
Thoughts & ideas thrown out:
CJ—talk with him. Need middle school field. We can rent for an hour, instead of 2.
Option to rent on Saturdays and not use it during week. Coaches must let us know when cancelled practice, so we don't pay. TBall on all purpose field--Practices only, otherwise the ball dies. Woodmen hills-use both fields, no Mer Ranch... Softball will need 1 more field if get any more teams.

Ask about possibly doing a flat rate. PLC starting to rent to travel ball teams. Scrap MR and get PLC. Chamber Mtg = Nov. talk with CJ before that.

If no more fields, we can't grow. \$71 for Belcon field--WH metro.

Todd Marx ?-parks & rec regarding more fields 1 million per field, 3-5 yrs. Don't see giving them more money to speed it up because we don't have any ownership.

Better to look into own land/fields. Lights is another option for more playing time.

Grants from Mt. View—pull resources together. Waivers would be possibly down the road. More timely than fields. Additional connex or bldg. up there,

Locks are still an issue.....end of July and Sept. 2 break in.

Jared Reach out to Adam, for repair that caused concussion on field during softball.

Calhan?? Have people that would come. Absorb youth baseball. Could add 2 fields.

Junior and SB field. Unable to use them till after baseball is done. conversation.

All purpose field,could cause issue with parking, park on road--\$15 per hour for that field.

- FRP Updates/Meeting Report—see above
 - Evaluation for Growth needs—see below
 - Inter-league discussion
- Did Softball and Junior baseball? Are we open—yes depending on amount of teams.

10.03.5: Registration

- Costs confirmation
- Rate for Nov & Dec. 250 kids registered early end of 2023. Dbats gave perks. after new year all went up \$10
- NEW RATES FOR 2024 (all left the same except made softball same price as baseball for same divisions)
- 110 tb then 120
- 160 rookies then 170
- 160 Minors BB then 170
- 185 maj sb increase to 210 then 220
- 210 maj bb then 220
- 210 jun bb then 220
- 185 jun sb increase to 210 then 220
- All approved

\$20 discount for sibling.

\$22 per athlete for softball increase to match BB.

Possible raise \$25 per division—decided against that. see above

Uniform cost....youth \$25 adult \$35.

From another vendor \$33 adult \$28.30 youth. Would try to keep at \$25.
Plus hat \$9.XX approx. \$44 per kid. Plus coaches 3 per team
Quote for hats \$9.15

Quick dry tee. Logo on front and number on back only.
Losing team sponsor on the sleeves if you do that. league sponsor on top of the back.
Team sponsor on a banner.
Sublimation vs. screen printing. Don't want to lose team sponsors.
Academy raised rates and then quality of jerseys went down.
Aj clipper loved the jerseys with their name on it.
Fall ball vs LL—Families to keep kids local and not running to town, may pay rates if increased. For multiple kid families, could raise discount somewhat. Goal keep a good experience.

Background checks—on people who didn't help out. \$1.50 per person 150 free. We will try and limit the amount of people coaches can use.

Possibly limit coaches to 2...as a thought.

Sponsors

Major \$1500 division – only 6 currently, possibly 2 more, could move to \$2000. Not out price them. Most are repeaters.

Minor \$1000 3 teams

\$500 banner

How would sponsors react to raising rates. Some sponsors already want to go up a tier.

Jeff suggested doing an appreciation dinner with status of the league. Tell them about prices and because of that we need more sponsorships to cover. Could maybe get the meal donated. Must do before registration. He suggested just raising SB to match BB and leave rest of the costs the same.

To increase major sb 210 --see above. All approved.

Ashley—Minors and below for umpires. Do clinics. 16U softball umpire and waive fees to be all stars. HS fall season count towards LL rule games. Allow jr/sr softball team. Jared will look into costs. Will Check with Doug-umpire coordinator.

- Opening Date Registration 11/1/2024 for Spring Season
- Scholarships - possible committee formation
Make a scholarship committee. 4 people. Tyler tj Ashley Kevin. They will approve scholarships.

10.03.6: Timeline for 2025 Seasons

- Registration open 11/1(In Person Registrations over November, December, Jan/Feb) thru mid-Feb
- Coaches Clinic, Tryout/Evaluations, Drafts, Umpire Clinic(Late Feb/Early March)
- Practice Starts ~3/15 for outside and potential DBat Practices. 4/1 for d49
- Games to begin early April-Early June, end of season tourneys right after
- Opening Day(April), Team Pictures(April)
Keeping current picture taker for season, not all star photographer. Free banners. YSPN is current. Can we get the room for longer. If nice weather, use the stadium to line them up. Come with sibling for pictures.
- All Stars Tryouts/nominations 3rd week of May, Practices start Early June, Tournaments start in July.
- Challenger August-Sept 6 sundays
- Fall Skills Clinic - September

10.03.7: Open Discussion

- Next Board Meeting 11/4 - Holtz House 6 pm
- Open Discussion

**Background checks will be sent out next week
Abuse training.**

**Can we play an in league junior game on opening day. Pictures, opening day & 1st game for juniors. 8:30am – evening....all day and weekend.
Pictures at WH—only go for opening night and a game.**

Meeting adjourned 7:27pm