



# MEETING MINUTES

High Desert Little League Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 16th, 2023

Via TEAMS

8:30 p.m.

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## Board Members

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**Attendees:** Alison Ryan, Kristin Patrick, Crystal Kirkpatrick, Eric Gallinger, Suzi Sanders, Adam Raley, Tara Krantz, Courtney Collins, Tami Dobbs, Ben Grindel,

**Absent:** Matt Mills, Tyler Berns, Amity Jokerst, Drew Baldacci,

**Guest:** Joey Windham

1. **Meeting convened at 8:33PM**
2. **Approval of** Special Meeting Minutes January 12<sup>th</sup>, normal Meeting Minutes January 19<sup>th</sup>, Special Meeting Minutes January 26<sup>th</sup> 2023, and normal Meeting Minutes February 5<sup>th</sup> 2023. **Motion to Approve by Kristin Patrick. Seconded by Eric Gallinger. Motion Carries.**

New Business: Officer Reports

A. President – Alison Ryan

- D3 Updates
  - No update on tournament dates
- ACC Updates
  - LL3 mound supposed to be rebuilt, does look better.
  - Might get some fields back
  - SB2 is closed – maybe April date to use
  - New program manager coming aboard
- Pitch In for Baseball/Softball
  - Grant we received
  - Received kits
  - Will put together an email for families
    - For need – will need specific things from families to qualify
  - Kits for ages 7-9
  - 5 baseball and 5 softball
    - Softball had 12” balls instead of 11” balls so we swapped them out for the correct size.
- Run Derby & Pitch, Hit, Run
  - Pitch, Hit, Run MLB
    - Skills competition for kids
      - Measure pitch, note hits, and timed run
    - Winners go on to a regional competition
    - At some point winners get to go to Chase field
    - More labor intensive than the Home Run Derby
  - Home Run Derby MLB
  - Optional
    - Take commitment and involvement from the board
  - Add to March 2<sup>nd</sup> Agenda
  - Will send info to BOD to review
- TOPS Tournament
  - Not official all star tournament – But is a district level tournament

- We hosted last year – this year there is some resistance to doing it at all – due to effort it takes.
- Amy indicated HDLL would have to run it completely this year if we wanted to have it.
  - Worthwhile endeavor
  - Need a tournament director though (someone from our board to work with Amy)
  - Maybe tone it down a little
  - Need to agree as BOD
  - Establish a committee to plan it
- Interleague play status
  - Need for juniors and softball
  - Cactus Foothills have
  - Deer Valley little league has agreed to interleague with softball
- TOC
  - May 19<sup>th</sup>-ish
  - South Mountain likely to host
- DBacks All Star Day update
  - April 7<sup>th</sup> option (Good Friday – Friday before Easter)
    - Dodgers Weekend = different pricing structure
      - 4 different levels of tickets
        - Reg. \$30, Baseline \$43, Club Reserve \$47, Dugout Reserve \$70
  - May 6<sup>th</sup> (Saturday - last day of regular season)
  - April 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> – might be able to squeeze in – may have to get less tickets
    - Last year we spent about \$13k for tickets
    - BOD preference for April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Alison will coordinate with Dbacks on final date
- Nominate additional coaches (if necessary)
  - Kristin Patrick – Practice Coach Pitch Softball
  - Ben Grindel – Practice Coach in Majors
    - **Motion to Approve by Suzi Sunder. Seconded by Eric Gallinger. Motion Carries.** Kristin Patrick and Ben Grindel did not vote.
- Possible new board member:
  - Joey Windham expressed interest in joining the board and is attending tonight's meeting.

B. Vice President – Vacant

- No report

C. Treasurer – Ben Grindel

- Financial Report
  - Sent out the financials this afternoon
  - Spring registration came in stronger than expected
  - Sponsorships are exceeding expectations
  - Anthem Field Costs are starting up
  - All Star Helmets have been ordered – will need new stickers to be applied (confirm we have the language from manufacturer with specs)
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D. Secretary – Crystal Kirkpatrick

- Anthem Community Council –Exploration Room booked for next in-person meeting - 8pm (room is just reserved starting at 7:30pm)

E. Information Director – Tami Dobbs

- Working to get into the accounts for information director.

- Losing authenticator due to admin issues.
- Working to fix

F. Player Agent – Kristin Patrick

- Player Pool update
  - Sent note to managers about their responsibility
  - Considering sending an email blast to all managers and players within relevant divisions as response to player pool has been weak
- Clinics
  - Carson Ragsdale, et al to be scheduled for another pitching clinic soon
    - Explore possibly expanding clinic to include fielding, hitting, and pitching
  - Talking to Boulder Creek coach, Scott, for a 3-series clinic
    - Pitching/catching, hitting/defense
      - Two clinic series
        - April 2 – 9am – 11 am
        - April 14 – 9 am – 11 am
        - 7-12 age group 1<sup>st</sup> session hitting / defense, 2<sup>nd</sup> session pitching / catching – 2 hours each - \$20 per session
      - One clinic for juniors – March 12 – 9am – 12 pm 13-15 year olds 3 hours- \$30
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- Notification regarding MP division bats
  - Discussion regarding approved bats for MP
  - Pursuant to Little League rules “Approved Tee Ball bats may also be used for Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch Minor divisions **only with the use of approved Tee Balls.**” HDLL does not use tee balls in the MP division therefore bats stamped with language that indicates the bat is for use with teeballs may not be used in the MP division. teeballs
- All Star Committee
  - Solicited interest in Board members who wish to participate. Email or contact Kristin to confirm.

G. Softball Director – Eric Gallinger

- Coach Pitch Status
  - All needed managers have been found – might still need more coaches
  - Need to get last set of equipment out
- Coach Assist in Player Pitch
  - Confirm that at the mid-point of the season, coach assist will no longer be utilized.
    - Need to confirm that this will be acceptable for interleague play
- Clinics
  - Encountering some scheduling challenges for coaches
  - Will continue reaching out to others (other coaches who can run a clinic???)

H. Manager Coordinator – Drew Baldacci

- Safety Meeting recap
  - Alison spoke most of the time with some input from board members that were there
  - Basic first aid – Matt was sick and not there
  - Concessions will have ice packs available
  - Missing first aid kits
  - Low attendance
  - Will send out presentation to all managers

I. Safety / Equipment – Matt Mills - Absent

- Safety Meeting recap – Matt was unable to attend due to illness

J. Scheduling Coordinator – Adam Raley

- Scheduling Updates
  - 90% done
  - Few things to add
  - Already getting requests about conflicting schedules
  - Schedules should be posted this weekend
  - Maybe offer practice schedules for spring break based on coach desire
  - Anthem Days we cannot use fields (wed-sun)
- Batting Cages in March
  - For those two weeks where we don't have games
    - Would like to offer time to teams
    - Anthony willing to work with us and give us a small discount (i.e. 10%)
  - Since Spring Registration and Sponsorships are a little more than budgeted, it would be good use to pay for one session for each kid pitch team – maybe machine pitch too if possible
    - Maybe put on the coaches to schedule the time?
  - Maybe if it is a rainout Anthony can invoice HDLL for 50% of the cost?
    - Minimize money transfers
    - Must have approval ahead of time
  - Explore options

K. Umpire Coordinator – Tyler Berns – not present report by AR

- Status of volunteer umpires
  - Unknown
  - Opening day in two weeks
    - No Umpires yet
      - Might have juniors but no adults
  - Not set-up and don't have a clear list of who umpires might be.
    - No background checks due to this
- Coordination with Larry Green
  - Haven't met with yet
  - Unknown
- Another clinic coming up – hoping for better attendance

L. Concessions Coordinator – Suzi Sanders

- Restocking both concessions this month
- Sign Up Genius for volunteer workers as soon as game schedule is available. Will forward link to local honor societies at schools and post to website.
- Possible training board on opening/closing procedures for help during season.
  - BOD members reach out for training
- Team snack flyer for an email
  - Will work with Crystal

M. Uniforms / Pictures – Tara Krantz

- Uniforms - All sponsors sent to Jessi 2/9 for printing (aligned with banners / Amity) – will follow up next week to figure out return date and will email coaches accordingly.
- Pictures - Sent Tosh the list of teams and their corresponding rosters 2/10 with opening day schedule for planning out the day.
  - Sent preliminary schedule for review by President and Uniforms/Pictures
  - Not set out to families yet
- Awards - Sent Ruth final count for pin/trophy ordering – working to confirm this by end of February for ordering.

- Need to approve order for pins and trophies
  - Pins take about 8 weeks to get
  - About \$2,428.57 for all pins/trophies
    - **Motion to Approve by Tara Krantz. Seconded by Eric Gallinger. Motion Carries.**

N. Sponsorships/Fundraising – Amity Jokerst

- Sponsorship update
  - Amity/Tara did a great job getting teams sponsored.
- Banner status
  - All info at PostNet now
  - Two Tball teams picked the same team name, hopefully we got that info in time for the banner so we don't have to replace.
- Other grants
  - Floating around but need to be explored

O. Events Coordinator – Courtney Collins

- Raffle ticket and flyers went out for Monday practices, Tuesday/Wednesday were cancelled, but Thursday nights were covered. Doing best for Saturday, enlisted Tara and Adam to help.
  - Will work on getting the missed teams next week.
- Opening Day update
  - Bouncy house invoice came in – maybe take one off due to space constraints.
    - Currently 6 bouncy houses (2 for young, 2 for middle aged, and 2 for older kids)
      - Unmanned - so age groups is important.
    - Plus 2 inflatable activities single person at a time
    - Should we take some off – don't need 8 inflatables, total quote is \$3096.79 for bounce houses and generators – remove bounce house and add chairs to still not go above the \$3090.79.
      - Remove the football one since we are baseball.
    - Vote to spend maximum and then figure out what to remove.
  - Paying for amphitheater \$150 per hour plus sound and deposit
  - DJ Quote for the day and the announcing of the teams is \$425 includes all equipment.
    - Would start at amphitheater and then move to softball from 10-3 and willing to help with raffle.
  - Raffle is mostly sponsored – only about \$52 on us so far.
  - Maximum cost of \$4000 for opening day for bouncy house and chairs
    - **Motion to Approve by Adam Raley. Seconded by Kristin Patrick. Motion Carries.**
  - Professional photographer for opening day idea, \$250 cost. Can be used for marketing and for families to use.
  - Friday night March. 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - Received reports of significant number of Majors/AAA players whose games will conflict with Core5 football
      - Possible solution would be to flip flop AAA and Majors games to help accommodate player conflict with Core5 championship games

4. Upcoming Events/ Meetings

Opening Weekend – March 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> – All BOD needed by 7:30am

**Next BOD Meeting Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> At ACC Exploration Room at 8:00pm.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:37pm**

