



MEETING MINUTES

High Desert Little League Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, July 20th, 2023

Via TEAMS

8:30 p.m.

Board Members

Attendees: Kristin Patrick, Crystal Kirkpatrick, Eric Gallinger, Ty Howard, Tara Krantz, Matt Mills, Ben Grindel,

Absent: Tami Dobbs, Adam Raley, Tyler Berns, Amity Jokerst, Courtney Collins

Additional Attendees:

1. Meeting convened at 9:01pm
2. Approval of July 9th 2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion to Approve by Ty Howard. Seconded by Matt Mills. Motion Carries.
3. New Business: Officer Reports
 - A. President – Kristin Patrick
 - D3 Updates
 - None yet
 - ACC Updates
 - Meeting coming up soon
 - BOD Interest
 - Dawnie Hunt, Jennifer Pounds, & Alex Fisher are officially interested.
 - Invite to meetings as guests.
 - Discussion on if we should begin transitioning positions early.
 - Crystal Kirkpatrick has agreed to stay in Secretary position.
 - Umpire Plan for Fall
 - Significantly more inexpensive to run the program as a league rather than to hire out.
 - Discussion to negotiate for a better rate to hire out or to have the BOD work to run an umpire program.
 - Idea: Hire out for Majors/Juniors
 - Idea: Run our own umpires for AA/AAA
 - Idea: Run the whole program but condense games more so that just Friday nights and Saturdays are games so that umpires can do games more sequentially.
 - Need to make a decision at next meeting.
 - Task Calendar
 - On SharePoint and shared to all members.
 - Very helpful to see goals each month by position.
 - Each board member should send their own agenda items.
 - If you will be absent from a meeting, send an email with an “update” snapshot.
 - B. Vice President – Matt Mills
 - No Report
 - C. Treasurer – Ben Grindel
 - No Report
 - D. Secretary – Crystal Kirkpatrick

- Spring 2023 Survey Responses
 - Stand Out Responses
 - Most performance ratings are VERY positive. Relates well to kids, Displays and Encourages Good Sportsmanship, Treats All Players Fairly, and Makes the Game Fun had multiple reports on done very poorly.
 - Mostly positive statements regarding managers, assistant, and practice coaches. Some complaints regarding: benching players for 2-3 innings, favoritism, practices going past 9:30pm,
 - In terms of what is wanted most focused on for Fall 2023:
 - Player Development, Manager/Coach Development, and Umpires were the top 3 choices. Followed by Scheduling, Fields, and Equipment.
 - Over 50% of respondents did not volunteer in any way during the Spring 2023 season.
 - Over 80% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the Spring 2023 season.
 - Less than 10% were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.
 - Issues Reported (basic summary):
 - Requests to water fields before games by several respondents
 - Having at least 1 practice between games rather than game after game towards the end of the season.
 - Umpires in all aspects.
 - Meetings – In Person or TEAMS? Times?
 - Discussion regarding meeting locations and times.
 - Discussion about ways to motivate members to show to meetings.
 - Social Media (FB and Insta)
 - We have a FB profile now as Anthem Parks under the info email address. Working on transferring the HDLL Little League FB Page to this profile for ease of transition in the future.
 - Use same information to create an Instagram page and link together.
 - This will make posts on one, post to both places (FB and Insta).

E. Information Director – Tami Dobbs (absent)

- Fall Marketing Plan (Kristin Patrick)
 - Yard signs ordered.
 - Next time order with a QR code.
 - Discussion to gain more interest to increase registration numbers.
 - Car magnets for a couple board members to place on their vehicles

F. Player Agent – Kristin Patrick

- Fall Registration
 - 86 BB registrants so far
- Fall Quick Reference Guides
 - Positive feedback regarding stealing home for AA.
 - Discussion about playing infield, no player sits out twice, and pitching.

G. Softball Director – Eric Gallinger

- Registration Numbers
 - 12 SB registrants so far
- Marketing Plan for Softball
 - Bounced ideas off Brian
 - Maybe create a “sandlot” so that all groups practice together but still play on their own teams.

- Idea: Girls only team in TBall offered at a discounted rate – to be a feeder to the SB program.
 - Idea: Change ball size based on division to make it easier for players to learn how to grip, throw, and catch the ball better – to make the SB program more attractive to younger players.
 - “Quiet” Volunteer
 - Brian Pelchat helping but not an official board member.
- H. Manager Coordinator – Ty Howard
- Volunteer Report
 - 22 coaches signed up so far.
 - Manager and Coach Meeting Dates / Safety & Equipment Meeting
 - Wednesday, Aug. 16th
 - Send PowerPoint to all managers ahead of time for review.
 - Summarize what practices would look like at each age group and reduce PowerPoint to basics for in-person meeting.
- I. Safety / Equipment –Matt Mills
- Have not made it to change locks and handles yet.
 - Most equipment was returned.
 - Ben and Matt will prepare everything for distribution soon.
- J. Scheduling Coordinator – Adam Raley (absent)
- Status of Fall Requests for Fields to ACC
- K. Umpire Coordinator – Tyler Berns (absent)
- No Report
- L. Concessions Coordinator – Tami/Adam (absent)
- No Report
- M. Uniforms / Pictures – Tara Krantz
- Same logo as previous season and all screen printed.
 - Quotes and Availability
 - Two quotes for shirts (screen-printed) and hats (embroidered): Deb at about \$10k and Jesse at about \$10,700
 - Both are ready to go.
 - By Aug. 5th we should know teams and what we will need to Fall 2023.
 - Goal to get uniforms before Labor Day.
 - Pin costs and Challengers trophies are awaiting quote.
- N. Sponsorships/Fundraising – Amity Jokerst (absent)
- Status of Grants
- O. Events Coordinator – Courtney Collins (absent)
- Fall Clinics
 - Expired Equipment

4. Upcoming Events / Meetings

Next BOD Meeting will be August 3rd 2023 in person – location and time to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32pm

