



MEETING MINUTES

High Desert Little League Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 6th, 2022

Via TEAMS

8:00 p.m.

Board Members

Attendees: Alison Ryan, Kristin Patrick, Ben Grindel, Crystal Kirkpatrick, Jeremy Miller, Eric Gallinger, Drew Baldacci, Suzi Sunder, Matt Mills, Adam Raley, Tyler Berns, Tara Krantz, Courtney Collins

Absent: Traci Vanderwende, Amity Jokerst

Additional Attendees:

1. **Meeting convened at 8:05pm**
2. **Approval of regular meeting minutes for September 15th 2022 moved to next meeting on October 20th 2022**
3. **New Business: Officer Reports**

A. President – Alison Ryan

- BOD Vacancies – Two people stepped up into positions, Courtney Collins for events, Traci Vendewende for Info, need to vote in, **Motioned by** Tyler Berns, **Seconded by** Jeremy Miller **Motion Carries**
- D3 Updates – Amiee Cvancara DA attending state DA meeting at end of month, player agent and president training postponed, Umpire clinic 3-4 sessions (in person and zoom) but no dates yet
- ACC Updates – Bobby sent wish list of items for field 3 to Diamondbacks; waiting for final list of improvements, once approved by ACC then improvements will be scheduled, hopefully ready by Spring Season; keep on coaches about removing mounds; trying to use chalk on Saturdays for longevity; trying to keep supplies in closet for coaches to freshen up fields.
- Board Transitions – Checking in with those that are new or taking on new roles, reach out if help is needed with timelines, duties, etc. KEVO access (digital locks) coming, keys coming too. New members sign in to SportsConnect, if cannot get in reach out.
- Fam Cam Status – Approved by Anthem. Reached out to Fam Cam and received agreements, need to send pictures, need user agreements as well to incorporate into Spring Season paperwork.
- Meeting Calendar – Constitution states that BOD needs to meet the first Thursday of the month. For years we have met the first and third Thursday of each month. Explore Bluetooth for a computer for people to be able to attend in-person meetings via Teams. First Thursday of the month attempt to do in person with call-in options, third Thursday on Teams. **Motioned by** Drew Baldacci , **Seconded by** Suzi Sunder **Motion Carries**
- Executive Committee – Set by constitution, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Player Agent, Treasurer, and then adding Softball Director.
- Discipline Committee – Need to decide how this committee is designed – which comes in to play if a violation in parent or player code of conduct, or anyone else at the field. Keep committee members separate from BOD members. BOD members to bring nominations for Discipline Committee. Return to agenda for next meeting.

- Rijo Cages – Offering every team a free one hour session at their facility (Union Hills and the 17fwy). Would prefer to support local cages, but it is a free one-time thing. It would be ran “Academy Style” with their coaches coaching our coaches too. Concern over ability of Rijo being able to handle volume. It would be first come first serve. Maybe offer to older players first. Will add to insurance.

A. Vice President – Kristin Patrick

- Spring Season Calendar – Reviewed dates – mostly the same – exceptions: Registration around Nov. 20th thru late registration January 19th. Two in person registration One in early December, one in early January. With coach and email blasts going out after the first in person event. Manager clinic on Thursday Jan 19th. Try-outs for 9-12 January 21st with makeups on following Monday. Idea: Managers meeting at same time as safety meeting and equipment distribution all together on the same day on January 26th. Combining may not work due to drafts and teams. Definitely need to find a way to ensure higher attendance of managers. Opening day is first weekend of March (3rd and 4th)
- Board Shirts – Types of shirts wanted for this year. Check in with Jesse about ordering smaller amounts of different types of shirts. Options at next meeting. Suggested to check in to Wilson Team Shop to order custom shirts.
- Return to Play Plan: check any updates and needs.
- Will review current Ops Guide version to make any necessary updates and circulate to board for review and approval.

B. Treasurer – Ben Grindel

- Financial Report – Latest financials for this year and draft budget for next year sent by email. Last year we exceeded revenue projections by about 33k and most was profit for the year, however field costs for prior year was billed for this year which reduces “profit” greatly. No real issues with expense or revenue for last year. Fiscal year is not a full season.
- Proposed Budget – Approach is to keep things relatively in line with previous year. Adjustments where necessary. Increasing expectations based on previous year. Increasing field expenses budget as fees have gone up. Increase budget in other smaller areas (umpires, uniforms, equipment). Big needs to finalize budget is (1) do we want to adjust our rates for future seasons, (2) field costs which we cannot control. Can we fundraise/increase sponsorships instead of increase costs to families. Can only host one kids-involved fundraising event per year.

C. Secretary – Crystal Kirkpatrick

- Agenda Items – Please send by 7 days prior to the BOD meeting so agenda is finalized by and sent out by the Monday before the BOD meeting.

D. Information Director – Traci Vanderwende

E. Player Agent – Jeremy Miller

- Pool Play – Hard to have 9 players per team, not enough pool players. At the AAA level and higher perhaps not to drop below 10 players.

F. Softball Director – Eric Gallinger

- Friday Clinics – work more fundamentals and keep developing skills in fielding and hitting two weeks in October and two weeks in November. Try to keep it fun to keep them interested and try to build the teams.
- Equipment Purchase – New catcher equipment in white. Getting it out to the teams.
- Pitching Clinic Rescheduled – will be on October 30th

G. Manager Coordinator – Drew Baldacci

H. Safety / Equipment – Matt Mills

- Carts / Mounds Update – Waiting for parts to come in. Will make custom cable links.

I. Scheduling Coordinator – Adam Raley

- Tournament – Will get it scheduled out. After purchasing Diamond Scheduler will be able to schedule.
- Spring Season Request – Need to figure out dates for Spring season so block out the fields.

J. Umpire Coordinator – Tyler Berns

- Background Checks – Submitted latest of background checks today and awaiting final reports.

K. Concessions Coordinator – Suzi Sunder

- SB Freezer – not working for the past month. Lost \$150 in ice cream.
- Saturday Nights – did for two weekends in a row but doesn't seem worth being open for – minimal sales.
- Food Handler Licenses – hope most BOD members get one. Can get online, check through Maricopa County website. Give copy to Suzi.
- Football starting so concessions likely to get busier on Friday nights and Saturdays.

L. Uniforms / Pictures – Tara Krantz

- Pin / Trophy Distribution – Trophies are here. Pins ready next week. Need payment. Give to coaches 1-2 weeks before end of session. Need to get medical releases easier and quicker. Learning the ropes and try to get ahead of timelines.

M. Sponsorships/Fundraising – Amity Jokerst

- Spring Scholarships – One scholarship for softball (Hope Sanders Scholarship) in majors.

N. Events Coordinator – Courtney Collins

- Veteran's Day Parade Committee – Confirmed we are good to go. Need to get out a signup genius for participants. 8 adults and 40 kid spots available. Children under 8 must ride, older can walk. Decorations are in equipment locker.

4. Upcoming Events/ Meetings

Next BOD Meeting will be Thursday October 20th, 2022 at 8:15pm

Meeting Adjourned at 10:02pm