



MEETING MINUTES

High Desert Little League Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 20th, 2022

Via TEAMS

8:30 p.m.

Board Members

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

Absent: Courtney Collins, Drew Baldacci, Amity Jokerst, Traci Vanderwende,

Additional Attendees:

1. **Meeting convened at 8:35PM**
2. **Approval of September 15th, 2022 regular meeting minutes - Motion to approve by Eric Gallinger, Second by Adam Raley. Motion carries.**
3. **Approval of October 6th, 2022 regular meeting minutes – Motion to approve by Eric Gallinger, Second by Adam Raley. Motion carries.**

3. New Business: Officer Reports

A. President – Alison Ryan

- D3 Updates – Other leagues don't have their BOD quite seated yet. Aimee is waiting for all the contact information.
 - i. State DA meeting is next weekend.
 - ii. Player Agent and President training will be scheduled for mid-November once all contact information is updated.
 - iii. District UIC said he would be finalizing the umpire training schedule this week. He would like to meet with each League Umpire Coordinator and President.
- ACC Updates – Field scheduling issues in the past week. Some teams locked out of field on Monday. Shipped teams over to Anthony (received a discount) and rescheduled to take care of teams. Working on scheduling any teams with low games.
- Anyone who hasn't had a background check in the past year, needs to do so.
- A long time coach passed away recently. Maybe do something for the family. Any suggestions.
 - i. Maybe offer his son a scholarship for the next season he registers for.
 - ii. Maybe a memorial on trailer/truck during Veteran's Day parade.
 - iii. Maybe initials on sleeves of jerseys for Spring season.
 - iv. Ensure family approves.

B. Vice President – Kristin Patrick

- Ops guide need to review/approval
- Player pool need to review/approval
- Viewed Wilson Team shop, seems to be just for teams. Not for BOD.

C. Treasurer – Ben Grindel

- Need to approve budget.
- Concerns over inflation – fields and umpire cost.
 - i. Maybe an across the board 5-10% fee increase to help with field costs. Increases may not kick in until All Stars and the beginning of Fall 23'.

- ii. Uniform and equipment costs are showing increases in cost.
 - iii. Umpires – have not accounted for the two man crew cost. Adds up over the season of about \$40 per Majors player. Juniors need umpire too.
 - iv. Maybe to set fees as T-ball \$150, Machine Pitch \$190, AA/AAA \$250, Majors \$285, Juniors \$295 is suggested. But wanting to keep families. Softball would be very similar in increases.
 - 1. Vote later, perhaps by email – by email must be 100% unanimous and 100% voting. Otherwise, vote at next meeting.
 - 2. Still seems like a good deal when compared to other sports offerings.
- Light charge is \$24 per hour per field.
 - Maybe we give a \$15-20 early bird discount.
 - Current late fee is \$50-75 depending on division.

D. Secretary – Crystal Kirkpatrick

- Best way to get agendas – just keep reminding
 - Maybe include in the body of the email any action items from previous meeting to remind that person or persons of what they need.
 - Monthly task list – spreadsheet in SharePoint
 - Everyone to take responsibility for their agenda items. New members to ask experienced members for ideas as needed.

E. Information Director – Traci Vanderwende

F. Player Agent – Jeremy Miller

- Slow for now until next month.
- Will discuss player pool with VP soon.
- Setting roster sizes will go over during player agent training. T-ball at 10 and other divisions at 12. Majors in spring must be 12.

G. Softball Director – Eric Gallinger

- Make Up Games – Coach is asking.
 - i. Convert practices or squeeze in make-up games?
- Sarah Hale Clinics – best way to inform parents about clinics to increase attendance.
 - i. Email reminders to coaches and parents.
 - ii. Make clear it is a practice, it is not considered optional.
- Marketing for Spring – with current registrants and to increase new registrants.
 - i. Need to collect ideas.

H. Manager Coordinator – Drew Baldacci

I. Safety / Equipment – Matt Mills

- Still working on carts but waiting for items to arrive that have been ordered.
 - Need delivery ETA from Ben.
- Any issues with softball equipment locker lock? No known.

J. Scheduling Coordinator – Adam Raley

- Spring Reservations – Goal to complete in November once schedule and timelines are approved.
 - Will meet multiple times before and throughout the season to keep schedules confirmed.
- Carnival setup issues. Concerns over carnival tear down and schedules.

K. Umpire Coordinator – Tyler Berns

- Should have dates this week for district trainings from Chad.
 - i. Goal to schedule something with league umpires.

L. Concessions Coordinator – Suzi Sunder

- Status on KEVO and keys for board members
 - i. Make sure everyone have KEVO
 - ii. Keys will go in an envelope for new members – place in concessions
- Needing concessions assistance for Nov. 4th-5th (Fri & Sat)
 - i. Adam can open on Saturday.
 - ii. Alison can close Fri & Sat.
 - iii. Will send out a sheet to show coverage needs.

M. Uniforms / Pictures – Tara Krantz

- Trophy Pickup email went out 10/17
 - o Reached out to coaches. Haven't heard back yet.
- Pin Pickup and Distribution Arrangement.
 - i. Having trouble making contact for pickup.
- Board Shirts – survey and options
 - i. Received most opinions from BOD.
 - ii. Getting with Jesse for options and feedback
- 3XL Replacement Shirt Coach shirt ordered
 - i. ETA of early next week
- Dbacks uniform timeline
 - i. Can be placed January 3rd 2023.
 - ii. Might be a 4 week process.

N. Sponsorships/Fundraising – Amity Jokerst

- Did get the Diamondbacks playball check.
- Need to update sponsorship letter.

O. Events Coordinator – Courtney Collins

- Parade sign up sent out. Has already updated Anthem that we may increase our participant numbers depending on sign ups.
- Adam is getting decorations from Matt.
 - i. May need to buy more items to put on trailer.
 - ii. Stress balls that are stamped arrived. Leaving about 200 in concessions. Using about 500 during the parade.
- Made a switch and using our own truck and trailer due to railings on the side. Tara will still provide hay bales. I have blankets.
 - i. Does anyone have red or blue tarps to cover the hay? Please email.
 - 1. Matt has a tarp. Adam can pickup.
- Email will go out to sign-ups giving details of drop off, waiver, what to wear, and pickup times.
- Access Facebook that day to give parents live updates on the day of the parade.

4. **Upcoming Events/ Meetings**

Next BOD Meeting will be Thursday, November 3rd 2022 @ 8:00pm via ACC Exploration Room

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 pm