

OLL Executive Board Meeting
High Plains Community Center, Room #4
February 8, 2023

Attendees:

Joe Smeraglino	Ellen Townsend	Eric Jadach	Krista Rogalski
Rob Towers	Jeff Silverman	Justin Berlepsch	Brian Fournier
Bryan Terlizzi	Joe Michel	Rich Ricard	
Adam Dinihanian	Courtney Clay	Maria Small	
Jay Jaffer	Jeremy Virgil	John Wyskiel	

Call to meeting by Eric Jadach at 7:04

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Eric Jadach

Seconded by Jeremy Virgil

All in favor

PRESIDENT: Eric Jadach

- Meetings: will be 3/8/23, 4/5/23, 5/17/23, 6/14/23
- Old Tavern Complex keys need to get to Jay and Bryan
 - Eric spoke to Wetmore and Jenn reached out to Lauren
- New Britain Bees Night and New York Mets night
 - Bees is through district for Little League night. Kids on field for National Anthem, along with some other promotions.
 - Mets marketing reached out via email but may be more intensive to coordinate.
 - Eric will research both.
- Dick's Sporting Goods coupons available now until end of the year for cleats and 10% off
 - 3/10-12 for OLL/ASB 20% off weekend
- District updates
 - Last meeting went fine. Each postseason coach or manager will need to take the Diamond Leader Program prior to the summer program. Will send out link once I have it.
 - New Little League International postseason rule is 12 players must be selected as the minimum for rosters. There will be a continuous batting order with no defensive minimums for playing time.
 - Next meeting is Wednesday 2/15/23 in West Haven. Player Agents are requested to attend.

SECRETARY: Joe Smeraglino

- Waiting on number of teams to create the schedule
- Registration numbers were presented

VP HARDBALL: Adam Dinihanian

- Adjusted schedule slightly
- Evaluations on 2/26, the same day registration closes
 - To not interfere with Peck Place school event
- Working with Brian on timeline to publish

- Opening Day
 - Coordinating with Softball to not conflict times
 - Krista states Chips will do breakfast sandwiches again

VP SOFTBALL: Rob Towers

- Working on writing rules
- Still need dates for evaluations finalized
- 90 kids currently registered
- Trending to same amount of teams at each level as last year
- John W would like to have uniform available again to try on at evaluations
 - Evaluations may be at Softball U, instead of the Grind as its better equipped for softball

HB EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR: John Wyskiel

- Softball and baseball are in
- Will start to preorder MLB hats for t-ball, CP and rookies
- Ordered summer hats because it took 6 months last year

SB EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR: Courtney Clay

- Will show uniform design to get finalized
- Could order coach shirts soon

HB UMPIRE IN CHIEF: Joe Michel

- All set with Greater New Haven umpires
- No inquiries with no new interested umps
- Will reach out to previous umps but most are now in college

SB UMPIRE IN CHIEF: Ellen Townsend

- Try to keep using Waterbury umpires as much as possible and try to grow and utilize youth umpires as much as possible

HB PLAYER AGENT: Brian Fournier

- Registration looks good at this point
- Compressed timeline this year so should be done earlier
- Push to get more registered
- Deadline is this weekend for managers and coaches to register. Still a need at the younger levels.

HB FUNDRAISING: Krista Rogalski

- Reaching out to previous sponsors and the ones that inquired during registration
- Fundraising events
 - Dinner at Chips for percentage
 - Golf tournament as possibility but need volunteers to help plan
 - Other restaurant partnerships are a possibility

SB FUNDRAISING: Lynn Towers (through Rob Towers)

- Started getting previous sponsors

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR: Jay Jaffer

- Normal questions coming in about new registrants
- Social media is strictly Facebook
 - Visits have increased over last month
 - Will request to join Amity Softball page so can become admin

IT DIRECTOR: Justin Berlepsch

- Upload sponsors to the website when we get them all

VP COUNSEL: Jeremy Virgil

- Working on softball rules
- Will apply for Scotts grant in hopes to improve fields

FACILITIES/FIELDS DIRECTOR: Rich Ricard

- Talked with Ivy League about drainage on Roche and they have a machine that can improve it. If they do one field, they would like to do multiple.
 - Will ask for price per field
- Will also look to redo mounds on Roche and Goldberg
- Will talk to Ivy League about the "lips" on OT-1 to repair

SNACK STAND DIRECTOR: Maria Small

- Will try out some breakfast sandwiches

SAFETY OFFICER: Jeff Silverman

- Got ASAP planned approved
- Will be hosting coaches meeting with Bryan on 4/4
 - Jim Ronai will talk about concussions and arm care
 - Jamie will provide staff to go over CPR and AED

COACHING COORDINATOR: Bryan Terlizzi

- Have coaches training session at Core on 4/2
- Will schedule something with t-ball and coach pitch coaches
- Joe S. will send a list of potential coaches for lower levels to nudge participation

Motion to adjourn by Brian Fournier

Seconded by Rob Towers

All in Favor

End of meeting: 7:55pm