

Hardball Board Meeting  
High Plains Community Center Cafeteria  
January 5, 2023

Adam Dinihanian	Attendees:	Jay Jaffer
John Steiner	Jeremy Virgil	Dino Guerra
Eric Melingonis	Jeff Silverman	John Wyskiel
Jenn Schempp	Joe Michel	Paul Ballas
	Eric Jadach	

Start of meeting: 7:06pm

Are there any in attendance that wants to be voted in as a new hardball member?

- Dino Guerra, John Wyskiel, John Steiner, Jeremy Virgil, Paul Ballas

*Motion to approve the new members by Adam Dinihanian*

*Seconded by Joe Michel*

*All in favor*

*Meeting led by VP of Baseball, Adam Dinihanian*

The plan for meetings, going forward is to meet a week before OLL executive board meetings so anything discussed can be brought to the attention of the executive board, if needed.

Registration opened on January 1<sup>st</sup>

- Hardball, \$180 early bird, \$200 after deadline
- Registration open through February 26<sup>th</sup>
- Manager interviews on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and HPCC-pending confirmation of available rooms, etc, approved managers need to be voted in through the eBoard before the evaluations on March 5<sup>th</sup>
- Evaluations March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Grind (Sunday time)-division times TBD
- Draft for Eastern and Majors will be the week of March 6<sup>th</sup> (possibly March 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Registration through 1/5 was up to 30+ signups, was close to 200 at the end of January in 2022
- Want to encourage managers and coaches to get involved-note will be sent out to sign up by mid February

Safety and Coaches meeting confirmed for April 4<sup>th</sup>

- Jim Romane wants to attend the meeting to support safety in addition to a discussion on arm care, possibly have meeting at Jim's place
- Sal Capolla offered to join and help lead our coaches meeting

Timeline of season

- Starting games proposed to start on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

Opening day:

- Opening day target date is April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- If anyone would like to be part of the committee, let Adam know

- Game stations before ceremony went well and will look to do again, just need to look at adjusting to potentially minimize lines and wait time at stations or possibly add an additional station
- Idea: High school team assist with drills, pitching clinic
- Rain date discussed: April 29th

#### Umpire and scorekeeper interest

- Possibly send out a message to inquire about interest before the season starts
- Justin B is taking over scorekeeper responsibilities, Adam will assist

Bryan Terlizzi said he coordinated clinic on April 2<sup>nd</sup> for coach pitch players and coaches at Core

#### Umpires proposed as same process as last year

- It was tough to get the younger umpires involved as most were playing baseball
- May want to consider posting on social media to see if there is interest
  - Milford can provide training

#### Practice schedule

- Coordinate tracking of field availability for Old Tavern fields starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, does not apply to the Town fields

Sunday training at the Grind with 3 different sessions (start date of each session determined by that age group)

- 9 and 10 year olds (5:05-6pm)
- 11 Year olds (6-7pm)
- 12 Year olds (7-8pm)
- Each group to determine how they will address sending out the notifications for signup (last year used Signup Genius)
- Discussed ensuring that all eligible OLL players from 9-12 years old will have access to sign up for the Sunday training sessions
  - Would make sense to send out an OLL email to get players added to the weekly distribution and signup email

#### Site Director Assignments

- Checklist is on the website
- eBoard Open & Close will also have to be assigned
- May want to allow sign up for a few weeks and then appoint, if positions not filled as it is a necessary position for coaches and managers

*End of meeting: 7:45pm*