

Hardball Board Meeting
High Plains Community Center Cafeteria
January 4, 2024

Attendees:

Joe Smeraglino	Ryan Mann	Bryan Terlizzi	John Wyskiel
Adam Dinihanian	Pete Camera	Anthony Ayala	Krista Rogalski
Alex Biro	Erik Melingonis	Brian Remigio	
Paul Ballas	BJ Palumbo	Josh Lemon	

Start of Meeting: 7:02 PM

Meeting led by VP of Baseball, Joe Smeraglino

Purpose of the meeting:

- Give everyone the opportunity to hear what is being planned and how anyone can help
- Create a board for the baseball side of OLL in case anything needs to be addressed or to vote for a postseason manager.
 - Executive board meetings are closed door meetings and this is more of a town hall forum
 - Need to attend 50% or more meetings to be eligible to vote
- Gives the opportunity for open discussion to address any questions or concerns for the upcoming season
- 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.
 - Meeting on a certain day of the week may not happen because of work schedule.
- Chips fundraiser will be Tuesday, April 9th. Different time slots will be available

Registration is Live:

- 45 registered at this time
- Flyers will be handed out in the schools next week
- Series of reminders in January for early bird discount...
- Will close on 2/25
- Lawn signs available if needed through Carl Tonucci
- Many signs have been placed around town already to promote

Timeline of season:

- Week of 1/8: The Grind winter clinics will be starting for Easterns/Majors. Sunday was originally discussed like last year but will be Friday's due to availability. First clinic will be Friday 1/12.
 - Sign up genius sent out and limited to first 30 players to sign up
 - Need coaches/managers to help run drills
- Week of 2/20: Hold Majors and Easterns manager interviews, if necessary
- 2/29-3/3: Majors/Easterns/Call up requests evaluations
 - Aiming for Friday March 1st for evaluations and will confirm soon
- Week of 3/4: Conduct Majors draft first and then Easterns. Work way down in case someone wants to play up
- Week of 3/10
 - Post Majors/Easterns rosters/have managers reach out to their teams

- Conduct casual Rookies draft
 - Put coach pitch and t-ball teams together
- Spring Break is Week of 4/15
- Start games on 4/22, opening day ceremony on Saturday, 4/27.
 - Pre game ceremony
 - Amity high school to help run drills/stations
 - 2-3 games played after ceremony
- Opening day committee volunteers in the room: Erik Melingonis; Erika Higgins and Allison Rahn have also volunteered. We are up to 9 volunteers on the committee and more are always welcome

Getting coaches involved:

- Created welcome to coaching video, big thank you to Adam Dinihanian, Carl Tonucci, Bryan Terlizzi and players for putting this together
- 1/17 coaches Q&A at High Plains
 - Hybrid setting, Joe will set up a virtual link. Answer any questions new or existing coaches may have
 - Make sure all coaches have the proper resources to succeed
- Coach's meeting more informative in April and will be with safety meeting
- Bryan doing a great job, keeping coaches informed. Aligning with The Core to set up coaching meeting once teams are finalized
- Coaches or volunteers in the room can help with coaching/drill videos for each division if needed

Travel Ball:

- Other districts have a travel ball program through Little League
- Orange has the opportunity to have a program this year if anyone is interested
- Cost and funding is still being discussed
- Season would start early April and possible Memorial Day weekend tournament
- District would do schedule but we can alter if needed
- Sunday games
- Offered all ages but ages 8-10 are the most popular
- More to come on this topic since this is a new program but want to make sure everyone has visibility to this opportunity

Meeting end time: 7:50 PM

Motion to adjourn: John Wyskiel

Seconded by Alex Biro

All in favor