

OLL Executive Board Meeting  
High Plains Community Center, Cafeteria  
January 10, 2024

Attendees:

Adam Dinihanian	Jenn Schempp	Joe Michel	Eric Jadach
Joe Smeraglino	Jay Jaffer	Dino Guerra	
Jeff Silverman	Carl Tonucci	Justin Berlepsch	
Alex Biro	BJ Palumbo	John Wyskiel	

*Call to meeting by Adam Dinihanian at 7:01pm*

*Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Jenn Schempp*

*Seconded by Jay Jaffer*

*All in favor*

**PRESIDENT: Adam Dinihanian**

- Remaining meeting dates: Tues 2/6, Wed 3/6, Wed 4/3, Wed 5/1, Wed 6/5
- OLL Complex keys
  - Carl (Rob) complete, Alex complete with new key, Nickie (Maria) complete, Ariana (Lynn) in progress and BJ (Brian) in progress
  - Key numbers shared with Adam for all keys that have numbers, new keys are not numbered
- Roles/Responsibilities by month
  - The ask is for all board members to send Adam (text/email) a monthly update on what you have been working on for smoother transition periods and timely updates
- Charter submitted and complete
- North Haven and Cheshire offer Challenger program for anyone that is interested
- Next meeting: Thurs Jan 18<sup>th</sup> (Annex New Haven – at Clubhouse) – Presidents and Player Agents
- Background checks (all); Abuse Awareness training (all); Diamond Leader Training Program (District/Seabreeze) – covered for 3 years, needs to be printed
  - Make sure all board members complete background checks and Abuse Awareness training ASAP

***New for 2024***, all Little League volunteers who are required to complete a Little League Volunteer Application and Background Check ***must also complete abuse awareness training*** prior to assuming any of his or her duties for the 2024 season. Each local league is permitted to determine which specific abuse awareness training program should be completed by their league. USA Baseball currently offers ***free online abuse awareness training***. *It is the responsibility of each local league to ensure that the volunteers in the league complete this training on an annual basis.*

**PRESIDENT EMERITUS: Eric Jadach**

- Adam is doing a great job! Here for support as needed.

**SECRETARY: Alex Biro**

- Hardball and Executive board meeting minutes up to date on OLL website
- Joe prepared timeline for scheduling committee which will consist of Joe Smeraglino, Alex Biro, BJ Palumbo and Bryan Terlizzi. This will help with the preseason timeline to have managers/coaches in place and the formation of teams.
- Once in place, master schedule will be created
- Games start April 22 and opening day will be April 27

#### **VP HARBALL: Joe Smeraglino**

- Hardball meetings going well, communication has been great especially with the younger levels
- Helping to provide more resources for managers/coaches
- Coaches interest meeting will be Wednesday, January 17 at High Plains in the cafeteria. Joe will put together a sign-up sheet ahead of meeting
- Coaches meeting posted on website and Facebook. Reminder emails will be sent out next week
- Opening day committee will be in touch soon. Alex will send the list of who signed up so far and will continue to look for more volunteers
- Looking for ways to provide more managers/coaches appreciation in addition to the yearly softball game
- The Grind winter clinics starting Friday, January 12 @ 6:00. Sign up genius sent out
- Timing complete for evaluations, interviews, opening day
  - February 18 – reach out to potential Majors and Easterns managers
  - Week of February 19 – Majors and Easterns manager interviews if necessary
  - February 25 – Registration closes
  - By February 28 – Confirm Majors and Easterns managers
  - March 1 – Evaluations at The Grind, time TBD
  - Week of March 3 – Conduct Majors draft first then Easterns
  - Week of March 3 – Reach out to potential Rookies managers
  - Week of March 10 – Post Majors/Easterns rosters and have managers reach out to their teams
  - Week of March 10 – Conduct casual Rookies draft
  - Week of March 17 – Put coach pitch and t-ball teams together
  - Post all teams and then schedule will be put together

#### **VP SOFTBALL: Carl Tonucci**

- Softball meetings are going well, bigger turnouts week to week
- Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> at Softball U. for evaluations with the help of Amity softball players. Working on timing with Courtney to have uniform samples in for evaluations
- Softball drills with different age groups, possibly Sunday, February 4. More information will be communicated by Carl if there is interest
- Use of Woodbridge fields in progress, more information to be provided once more registrations are in
- Would like to rebrand the Amity Softball logo in the future
- Opening day committee in the works, will have more details by next meeting

- 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Little League adopting softball. Looking for members from 1974-1985 timeframe to incorporate into opening day (softball didn't come into Orange until 1985)
- Stankye scoreboard idea is in the works and gathering estimates. Hoping for installation by spring 2025, if not sooner
- Youth protection policy...Jeff will share ASAP plan with Carl

#### **TREASURER: Jenn Schempp**

- Budget review/approval

*Motion to approve 2024 budget by Adam Dinihanian*

*Seconded by Eric Jadach*

*All in favor*

- Tax returns will be filed this month
- Working on getting Adam and Nicki debit cards
- Picture day will be same photographer as last year, timeline TBD
- Allison Rahn will be helping with apparel. Winter hats have been requested, let Allison/Jenn know of any other requests
- Carl will check Plaskowitz to see what softball apparel is remaining
- Dick's sporting goods sponsor for OLL, \$1000 gift card for equipment needs to be shared with John and Courtney
- Registration for hardball up to 73 as of 1/10/24. 84 registrants last year at this time. Email blasts will continue to be sent out and Facebook blasts
- Registration for softball up to 23 as of 1/10/24. 30 registrants last year at this time. Email blasts will continue to be sent out and Facebook blasts
- Jenn requested calendar invites for remaining eboard meetings, Alex will coordinate
- T-ball equipment needs
  - Carl will donate storage box for t-ball equipment (balls, hula hoops, cones, etc.)
  - Jenn can order small need items like hula hoops/cones if need to be replaced
- Scholarship committee, looking for 4-5 people to help read submissions and help with selection process
  - Adam, Carl, Jay, Eric and John volunteered to be on the committee
- Mom's hit bombs – Possible Mother's Day weekend fundraiser (Friday or Saturday) idea

#### **HB EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR: John Wyskiel**

- Still waiting on some equipment returns, email will be sent out to return equipment ASAP
- Ordered softballs, Carl will let John know if they have enough
- Hat pricing is in for districts/seabreeze
- T-ball bags for coaches, 10 max to be ordered to hold clipboard, cones, lineup cards, ice packs, mostly everything else is in storage container at t-ball field
- Talk with Courtney to get scorebooks, ice packs etc. ordered
- Need to get order in soon for softball uniform samples if wanted for evaluations (Courtney & Carl)

#### **HB UMPIRE IN CHIEF: Joe Michel**

- Process is consistent with GNH umpires, more information will be provided by next meeting

#### **HB PLAYER AGENT: BJ Palumbo**

- Timeline: manager interviews, player evals, drafts, etc.
  - Scheduling committee has completed timeline
- Requested Email blast the last week of registration to help stop late registration
- Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> confirmed for evaluations
- Will communicate with John for uniform ordering to make sure enough lead time once teams are selected

#### **SB PLAYER AGENT: Lindsey Costanzo**

- Evaluation dates locked in for March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup> at Softball U.
- Softball looking to use The Grind every other Friday when baseball will not be using the facility

#### **HB FUNDRAISING: Krista Rogalski**

- April 9<sup>th</sup> will Chip's fundraiser
- Draft up email for fundraising interest for 2024

#### **SB FUNDRAISING: Ariana Holmes**

- Draft up email for fundraising interest for 2024
- Golf outing or Yeti raffle possibly

#### **COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR: Jay Jaffer**

- Flyers are printed for registration but the district is not allowing these in student's folders anymore to take home. Looking to have them sent digitally weekly with the school news email blasts
- Emails are coming in and shuffling them to where they need to go for hardball and softball
- Continue to post OLL/ALL reminders and information on Facebook
- Looking to get distribution list cleaned up. Some people are looking to be added to distribution list, as well as removals

#### **IT DIRECTOR: Justin Berlepsch**

- eBoard members and award winners on website
- T-mobile Fam Cam (Goldberg) for '24 season
- Triple crown winner will be added to website

#### **FACILITIES/FIELDS DIRECTOR: Dino Guerra**

- Working with Rich with timeframe and blueprint of plans
- Put together a sub committee with Carl (Softball) and Joe (Hardball) to share ideas and use the budget effectively for improvements

#### **SAFETY OFFICER: Jeff Silverman**

- Continue to go through background checks
- Abuse Awareness Training powerpoint sent out to board on how to access, no issues so far
- Date for coaches/safety meeting will be Thursday, 4/4. Will have this confirmed by next meeting

*Motion to adjourn by Adam Dinihanian*

*Seconded by Carl Tonucci*

*All in favor*

End of meeting: 8:22