

OLL Executive Board Meeting
High Plains Community Center, Room #2
December 13, 2023

Attendees:

Adam Dinihanian	Jeremy Virgil	Eric Jadach	Joe Michel
Carl Tonucci	Courtney Clay	BJ Palumbo	Krista Rogalski
Alex Biro	Jenn Schempp	Nickie Hartshorn	Jay Jaffer
Joe Michel	Jeff Silverman		

Call to meeting by Adam Dinihanian at 7:02pm

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Jeremy Virgil

Seconded by Jenn Schempp

All in favor

PRESIDENT: Adam Dinihanian

- Remaining meeting dates: Wed 1/10, Tues 2/6, Wed 3/6, Wed 4/3, Wed 5/1, Wed 6/5
- OLL Complex keys
 - Carl (Rob), Dino (Rich), Alex, Nickie (Maria - complete), Ariana (Lynn) and BJ (Brian)
 - Key transition still in progress, copies will be made for new members
 - Will let Adam know once keys are received and key #'s to keep the log up to date
- District updates
 - Data Center updated with eboard roles
- Charter submission in progress; all locations needed to be added for insurance – New Grind facility, High Plains, Orange Public Schools and Softball U.
- All Star season start: June 22-23. Opening weekend but not every division may start at same time
- Seabreeze/All-Star updates
 - Next meeting: Thursday, January 18th (Annex New Haven – at Clubhouse) – Presidents and Player Agents
 - Minimum 12 player rule and continuous batting order will be discussed
- Little League District 4 travel program – chartered through Little League for hardball, games played on Sunday's. Will need to start gauging interest if this will be possible for OLL
- Background checks (all); Abuse Awareness training (all); Diamond Leader Training Program (District/Seabreeze) – covered for 3 years, needs to be printed – link through little league website
- Grind Sunday practices will start in January. Time slots TBD but looking at 5-6pm and 6-7pm

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

- Eric here to help with questions/support for the season.

SECRETARY: Alex Biro

- Spring break is April 15th-19th. Games will start the week of April 22nd
- Field master schedule so we can coordinate with Joe M. for umpires
- Town fields booked through High Plains starting April 1st for practice
- Old Tavern practice schedule in priority order, Majors – Easterns etc. up until games start

VP HARDBALL: Joe Smeraglino

- Updated registration flyer for 2024
- Child behavior brought up at hardball meeting and how to report. Code on conduct on the OLL website and questions/concerns go to the player agent first
- Possibly have players/parents sign of code of conduct at start of season. Team manager will explain and return back to league.
- Coaches meeting, how to talk to your teams and cascade behavior
- 20-30 second videos discussed to put on registration for interested coaches/managers to view quickly

VP SOFTBALL: Carl Tonucci

- Created new softball email. AmityLLVP@gmail.com for all softball related questions. Shared with Jay Jaffer for email blasts
- Yard signs are in for registration for OLL/ALLS. Signs distributed with board members to place around town
- Scoreboard for Stank field needs to be replaced, gathering estimates
- Looking to drive interest for coaching softball and creating videos
- Working with Jay Jaffer to simplify process and have one OLL/ALLS Facebook page for all communication
- Q&A session possibly in January to recruit coaches at High Plains. Bryan Terlizzi can possibly help coordinate. Would like to do during registration timeline.
- Softball wish list – 2 pitching screens and karaoke machine

Motion to approve 2 pitching screens and karaoke machine by Eric Jadach

Seconded by Jeff Silverman

All in favor

TREASURER: Jenn Schempp

- Budget review, Jenn presented budget for 2024.
- Motion to approve will be at next meeting to give everyone more time to look over equipment needs etc.
- Brought up possible sub committee to help with field improvements
- OLL/ALLS scholarship raise to \$1,000 rather than \$500 for 2024

Motion to approve scholarship by Jeremy Virgil

*Seconded by Eric Jadach
All in favor*

HB EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR: John Wyskiel

- Hats will be ordered after the new year
- Working with Courtney to order equipment

SB EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR: Courtney Clay

- Need new catchers gear
- Uniforms 4 weeks lead time

HB UMPIRE IN CHIEF: Joe Michel

- Umpires on track
- Will look to have more information on budget by next meeting

SB UMPIRE IN CHIEF: Ellen Townsend

- Umpires on track
- Looking at more than one outlet for umpires, possibly Fairfield County.

HB PLAYER AGENT: BJ Palumbo

- Plans to attend January 18th meeting in New Haven
- Putting together timeline: manager interviews, player evals, drafts, etc. Will work with Joe for timeline.

SB PLAYER AGENT: Lindsey Costanzo

- Everything on schedule at this time
- Looking to lock in evaluation dates in March

HB FUNDRAISING: Krista Rogalski

- Chips dinner will be April 9th
- Update cooperate sponsor forms for 2024
- Distribute plaques to 2023 sponsors

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR: Jay Jaffer

- Updates; Social Media plans, plans for sponsorship blasts.

IT DIRECTOR: Justin Berlepsch

- Updated eBoard members now on website
- T-mobile Fam Cam (Goldberg) for '24 season
- Will post 2023 award winners on website

VP COUNSEL: Jeremy Virgil

- Constitution signed and everything up to date

SNACK STAND DIRECTOR: Nickie Hartshorn

- Received key from Maria
- Will start looking at inventory to see what is needed for spring

SAFETY OFFICER: Jeff Silverman

- ASAP plan opened 12/4
- Background check will be done through registration, sent to board members already to complete
- Abuse Awareness Training will be sent separately
- 20-30 minute training with assessment at end, everyone must pass and send a copy of the certificate or certificate code to Jeff.

COACHING COORDINATOR: Bryan Terlizzi

- Planning for clinics
- Coaching videos for younger divisions

Motion to adjourn by Adam Dinihanian

Seconded by Jeff Silverman

All in favor

End of meeting: 8:42pm