

OLL Executive Board Meeting
High Plains Community Center, Room 2
February 6, 2024

Attendees:

Adam Dinihanian	Jenn Schempp	Joe Michel	Ellen Townsend
Joe Smeraglino	Jay Jaffer	Nickie Hartshorn	Bryan Terlizzi
Jeff Silverman	Carl Tonucci	Courtney Clay	Jeremy Virgil
Alex Biro	BJ Palumbo	Eric Jadach	Lindsey Costanzo
Joe Michel			

Call to meeting by Adam Dinihanian at 7:35pm

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Adam Dinihanian

Seconded by Bryan Terlizzi

All in favor

PRESIDENT: Adam Dinihanian

- Remaining meeting dates: Wed 3/6, Wed 4/3, Wed 5/1, Wed 6/5
- Keys: Ariana and BJ; Key #s in progress
- 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
- Live Streaming
 - T-Mobile fan cam installed last year, however T-Mobile not sponsoring anymore. Different package options discussed if we are interested
 - Gamechanger sounds more intriguing for live streaming since we already use it for scoring and can train scorekeepers to use
 - Will need brackets/holders for fence to hold phone/tablet for them to start the live stream
- District updates/Meeting updates
 - Sports Connect - starting in 2025 will be requirement for all of Little League, we are already on Sports Connect so we are fine
 - Seabreeze – 8 games for Majors/Easterns then playoffs. Coach pitch will be 10 games.
 - Equipment – throat guards are mandatory on catcher's mask. Heart guards are not required, in the future they may be required
- February meeting 2/14, mainly softball discussion @ 7:00pm and will be virtual
- March Meeting 3/21 (safety officer)
- Meeting 4/18 (umpire in chiefs)
- 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

- AED replacement pads got delivered, will provide them to Jeff

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 and posted before the coaches meeting in April
- Games start April 22 and opening day will be April 27
- Practice schedule for Old Tavern will be put together in priority order (Majors/Easterns) starting April 1

VP HARDBALL: Joe Smeraglino

- Coaches interest meeting went well and had 1 manager sign up after the meeting. We will continue to do this going into next year
- Opening day committee met yesterday (2/5). Discussed having softball start earlier (10am) and start 12pm ceremony for baseball. Amity high school is confirmed to run stations. Need to communicate a time for them to arrive, thinking 10:30-11am.
 - Committee will meet again in a few weeks to make sure everything is set up smoothly and organized
- Joe will put together an evaluation flyer for hardball/softball
 - March 1 for baseball evaluations, March 5 and March 7 (if needed) for softball
- Scorekeepers possibly integrate into softball. Hardball – managers/coaches don't need to do Gamechanger, scorekeepers will do it.
- There is interest in scorekeepers for the spring season. Training will be set up for those interested and can possibly do a scrimmage for practice before season starts
- Joe created a training videos section on OLL website with useful drills/tips. If anyone has any other drills/videos, please send them to Joe
- Need to start gauging interest in travel teams Old Tavern field use for softball and Grind/Gators practices. Sunday use is fine since no OLL games are played and Saturday night if needed after 5pm
- 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 possibly 6:30 but will be confirmed
- 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

- Grind has been going well with the clinics every other week
 - 15-20 girls for coach pitch. Minors and majors have been a little lower. Volunteers have been strong.
- Meeting on the 12th to discuss improvements to fields with sub committee
- Some parents have asked for a hydration station at the fields. Carl will put together quote for 2 hydration stations and willing to do the work
- Woodbridge softball fields ok to use. Carl provided necessary documentation in order to use fields
 - No Wednesday use, it is used for men's softball
 - 5:30pm and after access to fields during the week

TREASURER: Jenn Schempp

- 1099 filed and tax returns
- Picture day will be Saturday, May 4. Will do 12 year old banner again for players in their last year of Little League. Will look to see if maybe 2 banners will be needed.
- Softball banner, Carl has the information to send over to Jenn.
- Applied for a \$750 T-Mobile sponsorship, waiting to hear back
- Registration numbers down 43 kids at this time vs. last year. Tball is the main driver, other divisions staying consistent. Registration is open until 2/25
- Signs we have around town and at schools promoting registration. If they are in good shape, we can use for next year
- Anyone needs equipment or anything for league, send over link to Jenn to look into ordering

HB EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR: John Wyskiel

- Ordered hats for Districts/Seabreeze
- Baseballs/softballs are ordered

SB EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR: Courtney Clay

- Talked with John for equipment needs
- Working with John for sample shirts to have in time for evaluations
- 50th anniversary patch for softball this year, will confirm pricing with either on shirt or sew on patch

HB UMPIRE IN CHIEF: Joe Michel

- Process is consistent with GNH umpires
- No change to budget or their cost at this time
- No youth umpires will be used

SB UMPIRE IN CHIEF: Ellen Townsend

- Want to keep youth umpires
- Umpires on track for season

HB PLAYER AGENT: BJ Palumbo

- Manager interviews the week of 2/18 if needed. Coordinate coaches and players with Bryan T.
 - Hardball board will be part of the committee if needed to interview managers. This will then get brought back to the E board for voting in the team managers
- March 1 for Majors/Easterns evaluations, looking at 6:30 start but will confirm. Jenn will print out manager/player list and stickers for the players
- Draft will follow after evaluations
- Majors/Easterns players choose numbers, will need this done ASAP with team managers to coordinate with uniform ordering

SB PLAYER AGENT: Lindsey Costanzo

- Evaluation dates locked in for March 5th and March 7th at Softball U.
- Coordinating email with Joe to send out to league about the evaluation dates

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR: Jay Jaffer

- Sent out sponsorship email yesterday. Received a few responses back with people interested.
 - Possibly look into Google doc to streamline information rather than word doc to print/fill out and return.
- Registration questions have calmed down, will continue to push registration through email and social media to let people know it is open until 2/25

IT DIRECTOR: Justin Berlepsch

- Will post sponsor logos to website once received

VP COUNCIL: Jeremy Virgil

- Parents sign player pledge when registering
- Managers will bring player pledge to first practice to have players/parents sign to promote good behavior
- 1-2 years, ages 12 and over will have to complete Abuse Awareness Training program

SNACK STAND DIRECTOR: Nickie Hartshorn

- Nickie and Jenn did a clean up of the snack stands to package up leftover food from fall
- Will be doing a poll to parents of the league to offer more selections in the snack stand
- Looking into air fryers to potentially bring bag hot snack ideas, easy things to cook to keep things simple for parents

- Bring more hype to the snack stand, potentially offering pancake Saturday or pizza on Saturday's

SAFETY OFFICER: Jeff Silverman

- 50 or so background checks completed
- Abuse training will go out to coaches/managers once they are chosen. Anyone that volunteers will need to complete
- Umpires need to go through this same training with scorekeepers possibly completing as well. Safety meeting can discuss further
- April 4 meeting at High Plains in cafeteria

COACHING COORDINATOR: Bryan Terlizzi

- Looking at dates to coordinate with The Core for coach pitch clinic, possibly end of March
- Looking to get players available for training videos at The Grind. The Grind can be available from 3:30-4:30 use after school. Already has some interest but anyone interested in helping, let Bryan know

Motion to adjourn by Adam Dinihanian

Seconded by Jeremy Virgil

All in favor

End of meeting: 9:02pm