

HAZEL DELL LITTLE LEAGUE

BOARD of VOLUNTEERS MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, January 30, 2022

7PM via Zoom Conference

PRESENT

Ron Liebelt, Adam Reinke, Jaime Bertran, Erin Hart, Brittany Dreier, James Wesner, Brian King, Dave Stein, Karen King, Kendall Potter, Heidi Schultz

ABSENT

Ursula Kanthack, Huck Schultz, Casey Myers, Craig Kiggins, John Kiggins, Jessica Fox, Jessica Myers

EXCUSED

None

CALL to ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7PM via Zoom conferencing. Welcome to Brittany Dreier, this season's Player Agent, and Heidi Schultz, this season's Secretary.

APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES

Adam Reinke made a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2021; Jaime Bertran seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS

County and Field Agreement Updates

Adam is providing additional documents to the county to come to an agreement on fees. HB Fuller has provided legal documents to the county for the process regarding their agreements with HDLL. Adam reports lease and billing issues are on the county's agenda in the next week. Working through the lease and recognition of investments made by HDLL are important for league long term sustainability.

2022 Coaches - Discussion and Approvals

A slate of team managers, coaches and helpers for the 2022 season were presented. After discussion, Adam Reinke made a motion to approve list of team managers and coaches as presented during meeting. Erin Hart seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

If additional managers or coaches are added after the January Board Meeting, the Board will review those as a separate slate at the February Board Meeting.

James Wesner asked when coaches' meetings will be set. Possibly February 19th or 26th. February 19th falls during Presidents' Day Weekend and it could impact attendance. No official date was identified during this meeting.

Field and Cage Usage

Adam reports that the spring scheduling is currently in process and will be finalized during the drafts. The final cage usage schedule, as well as field use schedule, will be ready by the next board meeting.

Field Work Dates

Field work dates will probably start a week or two after the draft. Participation last year was pretty good. No dates or times for this season were set at this meeting.

Upcoming Dates: Player Evaluations, Draft and Opening Day

Player evaluations will be held on **Saturday, February 12th** with a make up date of February 15th. This year's schedule will be adjusted to eliminate downtime for volunteers.

A suggestion was made to use name tag labels with the players' names and evaluation numbers for evaluation day. One manager and one coach from each team are allowed to attend player evaluations.

Registration is low so far this year and AL and NL leagues might need to participate in inter-league play. The benefits and drawbacks of interleague schedules were discussed.

Player drafts will be held on **February 17th** and players will be notified of their teams on **February 19th**.

After discussing last year's modified Opening Day activities versus the traditional Opening Ceremonies schedule, the group agreed out of caution to again cancel Opening Ceremonies for this season. Everyone is hopeful that Closing Ceremonies will be able to be scheduled pending the COVID-19 infection rates in our area closer to that date.

There was widespread support for last year's Opening Day schedule of photos and the Hit-A-Thon on a Friday evening. It was agreed **Friday, April 15th** will be Opening Day with photos and the Hit-A-Thon fundraiser.

It will be up to Team Parents to plan any other team activities on this date, should they desire. Any activities outside of photos and the fundraiser need to be away from HB Fuller Field grounds.

It was requested that team photos not be photoshopped this year.

Other business: Around the "table"

- HDLL was awarded a \$4000 grant from The Today Foundation, started by Randy Meyers, a local baseball player.
- Ron reports that all the plumbing in the bathrooms had to be completely redone. The work was done free of charge by a new plumbing company to bring all the plumbing up to commercial standards. Clogged pipes and water flow issues should be resolved. The league did have to pay to re-sheetrock the back wall of the bathrooms after the work was finished.
- New keys are being made for all doors and will be distributed this week.
- A team store is being set up with Athlete's Corner on their website. There will still be dates and minimums to meet, but order processing and delivery will require much less volunteer time.
- James Wesner is asking for volunteers to help with mowing this year. Heidi Schultz offered to help.
- Dave Stein asked if requirements for coaches had changed at all, for example requiring a CPR card. There was discussion about the training coaches have been getting annually and it was recommended to offer CPR training this year. Erin Hart is a first responder and volunteers with the Red Cross and offered to help with training. No action was taken on this topic during this meeting.

- Dave Stein asked what the league's policy will be on masks for players and spectators this season. The group discussed last year's experiences as well as the current guidelines used for public school sports. Heidi Schultz offered to research the current state guidelines and provide a summary as well as suggestions to the Board.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30PM.

NEXT MEETING

February 13th, 2022

UPCOMING DATES

- 2/12: Player evaluations
- 2/13: Board meeting - 7PM**
- 2/15: Make-up player evaluation
- 2/17: Player draft - NL, 6PM, AL 7:15PM
- 2/19: 2022 teams announced
- TBD First coaches' meeting**
- 3/1: Practices start for AL, NL and Juniors
- 3/4: Dicks coupon weekend
- 3/16: PAC, AL, NL and Juniors Team Parent meetings
- 3/19: AL, NL and Juniors games begin
- 3/20: Board meeting: 7PM**
- 3/26: Tee ball coaches' meeting
- 4/10: Board meeting: 7PM**
- 4/11: Tee ball and PAC games begin
- 4/15: Opening Day - team photos, Hit-A-Thon fundraiser
- 5/15: Board meeting: 7PM**
- 5/21: Hazel Dell Parade
- 5/21: Auction - Heathman Lodge, 5PM
- 6/11: Closing ceremonies
- 6/12: Board meeting: 7PM**