



Palm Harbor Little League - Meeting Agenda 01/08/2024
 1631 9th Street 06:00 PM

	Attendance: Matt Iannuzzi Chris Fasting Shane Svarczkopf Simeon Zuger Marc Ford Brent Allison Lisa Kaiser John Kloster	Lisa Hall Garry Hall John Sims Dan Burton Heather Cheek Brien Bourbeau Tyson Conrad Jen Lich Jennifer Leever
Time	Topic	
6:00	Call to Order	
6:00	Approval of Minutes Push off Approval of minutes until next month	
6:05	Treasurer Report – Approval Financial Statements All of the money is deposited and in bank, but awaiting reporting. Would like to get caught up prior to Spring season. Everyone talk to Brent about getting per player averages – how much does it cost to put one kid on the field?	
6:10	VP Baseball Report – Nothing to report. AA through T-Ball – Excited to get the season started - we need T Ball Managers & single-A managers. AAA Thru Maj – We have evals and will need help with that. Jrs/Srs – Matt will take on VP role – junior players will likely play under another league, unless we get volunteers for coaching. One Seniors team	
6:30	VP Softball Report – Registration is closed, a few still waiting. Numbers as of 01/08 – 15 for AA – 5 possibly moving up to AAA. 30 registered for AAA. 14 for Majors. 7 Jnr/Snr – no managers for majors or seniors or AA. Work on that tomorrow, weather permitting.	
6:35	Information Officer Report – Nothing new to report	
6:40	Safety Officer Report – ASAP Plan – Not much but we have to update the ASAP plan for the Safety Awareness program? There is now a required for all volunteers a National Child Safety Awareness training. There are a few approved websites that can do this, but they are outside of Little League, so the accountability is limited on our end, but we can get specific reporting. We will still be doing our background checks. They have changed the process by adding an extra layer of security. Our volunteers that were good in the Spring will be good in the Fall, but any new volunteers will need updating.	
6:45	UIC Report – There is a district Umpire Clinic Feb. 10 th at Countryside – if anyone would like to go, they can. Email blast for Palm Harbor Little League and whoever doesn't show for that one, could we do one here for about an hour a week. We would need more people on the field to help out with that if we were to do so.	
6:50	Coaching Coordinator Report – I never got a resounding email response about my positive coaching alliance – it's probably not something we're interested in – I am happy to put something together that people could use, but I don't want to send just junk – Suggested is a tutorial on how to use Gamechanger. Gamechanger is the way to go. Coaches Meeting – We would like to get it all tee'd up, but we need tangible dates. This is the beginning of the season	

	<p>coaches meeting to review everything, then a chance for coaches to ask questions, clear up any issues, etc. Rules meeting, field decorum, safety, umpire portion and get everything knocked out. If we pick a date now can anyone just not schedule anything, like games on meeting. We need the White Chapel meeting and the Hands-On Session. Whitechapel – Feb. 5th 5:30 PM Coaches Meeting – Matt will reserve the Chapel then Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM</p>
6:55	<p>Player Agent Report T Ball – 46 – 6 teams A – 50 – 6 Teams AA – 50 – 6 Teams AAA – 5 Teams Majors – 53 – 4 Teams Junior – 8 – Will probably end up combining with another division Seniors – 13 We have given out 12 scholarships. Shane has done an immense amount of work putting this together. All family concerns are up to date and handled</p>
7:05	<p>President Report – I sent out an email for everyone to see what Little League is doing in the future. 2025 the kids will be able to play wherever they like regardless of school or home address – this is children under 8. Once they are in, they are grandfathered in. They cannot take time off, play Spring season each year. We need to make sure our kids are engaged and families are happy and wanting to return. Heather, Dan, if there’s anything you can think of to engage further for T Ball & A/AA.</p> <p>League Eligibility Central Registration - There will be a central registration database through LLI – they said it will be seamless for us. Mandatory for all leagues starting in 2025 – Sportsconnect will be turning into something else but supported and operated through Sportsconnect.</p> <p>USA Baseball Abuse Training – We will have to put our heads together on how to track this</p>
7:55	<p>New Business –</p>
	<p>Spring Season – Preparations – We should be reaching out and communicating amongst the board. Evals this weekend (01/13)– 9 AM is our start, so show up at 08:30 AM to help set up. Softball is good to go, still have some evals. No specific team names for each Softball team uniforms, but softball can still establish names for their own individual teams.</p>
	<p>Vote – Sunderman Shade Funds Approval – I have been getting multiple bids. The league would have to lay out the money for it and send in for reimbursement. It’s \$27,000. \$20,000 would be covered and then we could get \$7,000 possibly covered by Palm Harbor Rec, pay for it ourselves, or we could split the cost with Palm Harbor Rec. The \$20K is reimbursed yearly. We, the board, do need to approve for anything over \$20K, so we would be asking for \$30k, which is max spend. Are there any other parts of the field that need shade? Concessions may be able to use it. They will go around final location with a flag to mark. We do need to keep in mind lawn mowing, where we can keep trucks, and bringing vehicles in for deliveries. Possibility of bleachers has been brought up, discussing if this is something viable. If we are looking to do bleachers, we can. Motion to approve up to \$30K – Motion from Dan, Jen is second, motion is in favor and passes unanimously. The contractor said it would take a day or 2. Suggested coloring is red on the pole, blue shade.</p>
	<p>Opening Day Planning – Opening Day is all hands on deck, except Matt will be out of town ☺. Lisa will be heading this up and has been doing this for years. Garry will reach out to Dave Eggers. Maybe Denis Phillips. Looking for a mascot. Pizza from Hungry Howie’s again and Chicken Salad Chick. Maybe a Chik-Fil-A Cow? We would have to order Chik-Fil-A though. Will need the number for bounce houses. Do the dunk tank at the closing. We will have a AAA and a Majors game. Softball as well. Will need to order chips, cokes, and such, concession will do an inventory of what we have. National Anthem & possibly Marching Band.</p>
	<p>Concessions – John Sims – We will need support in the Spring for concessions. We could give people an opportunity to sign up for a window, but if no one has signed up, sessions may be assigned to share the load. The proposal is to get something sent out to sign up “Many hands make light work”. We need to establish a timeline of an appropriate wait before slots are assigned. If we each take 1-2 shifts a month, it’s easier for everyone. Are we doing the concessions or are we assigning a 3rd party? For clarity, there needs to be a board member every night. Does the board member need to be</p>

	<p>present for the entire time of concession? No, they do not need to be, as long as there are volunteers to manage the stand. If we outsource, we would have to come to some sort of agreement, but it will be all nights or none, we won't be able to do mixed nights. If we wait for Sunday to assign concessions for people, people will already have their week planned out. If we do the concession, it will be more helpful if dates are assigned in advance. Maybe getting the schedule out to the teams prior to the first game to get early sign up for volunteers. Is concession supplementing the cost of the season? We don't have those numbers yet. Last year we netted \$20K from concession. Discussion is about how funds to be spent or what is needed, esp. regarding state of the fields and why they are in the state they're in. Having the board members in concession helps with community support and being aware of any concerns or issues the families may be having. Could we have a committee of 4-5 people who aren't board members who can open it and shut it. There are multiple people who have signed up to be concession stand volunteers. There are about 6-7 who have signed up. We can make them an at-large board member, they would not have voting rights. Could we create a PHLL PTA? To help create community engagement. We are moving forward with concessions this year. We would like the schedule set and slots staffed before the season starts.</p> <p>Softball needs extra supports on the field to better practice – approved. Banners on Field 2 can last 2 years, but Field 5 can be 3-4 years.</p>
8:30	<p>Meeting Adjourned Motion to Close – Lisa</p>