**Hershey Little League**

**Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: February 9, 2014**

**Meeting Location: MHS Elementary School**

**Members Present:** George Blackall, Chris DeFlitch, Myron McCurdy, Pat Meister, Josh Orris, Vince Pasquini, Mark Snyder, Matt Wildasin

**Members Absent:** Doug Hummer, Chris Painter, Jeff Schmidt, Terry Singer, Dave Umberger, Stan Sullivan

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Myron McCurdy at 6:37 PM.

**Approval of Minutes**: Motion to approve the minutes from January 12, 2014, by Chris DeFlitch. Discussion was held to clarify the people who were contacted, and ultimately agreed to be the Commissioner for minors. The minutes were amended and clarified. Second by Josh Orris. Unanimous approval.

**President’s Report**: Myron McCurdy:

1. Dana Best has resigned from the HLL Board for personal reasons. Thank you Dana for your years of service. Dana’s duties are in the process of being distributed among Board members. Myron and Chris are picking up most of the responsibilities.
2. HLL Opening Day (April 12, 2014) update:

Geralyn Singer is Opening Day Chair- thank you Geralyn.

Barnstormer’s mascot (Silo) will join us.

May 1, 2014, Barnstormers are having Youth Baseball celebration night. Any LL player who goes in uniform will get in free.

Used equipment donations for Cardboard to Leather program will be set up on Opening Day.

Hershey Food Bank also will be set up to accept donations.

Entertainment- Hershey High School quartet may sing the National Anthem; A Challenger Division player will throw out first pitch.

Start time is 11 AM.

1. The Hummelstown Sun wants to choose a team and have one of their reporters follow for the entire season and write regular articles in the paper. Questions were raised whether HLL can approve final copy and also about player/parent consent. The Board is interested in learning more about this but is not committing to it yet.
2. Sponsorships: 12 payments have been received. Please keep following up with your assigned sponsors. A status update will be sent electronically to all Board members.
3. Updated exhibits 1, 2 7: Josh has helped in providing a template for a tighter policy format. These will be sent electronically to all Board members for review and input.
4. All-star revision working group sent suggested revisions on this policy to Baseball Operations. Chris DeFlitch has agreed to have Matt send the revisions to the entire HLL Board for review and input. Please return comments to Matt within one week of receipt.
5. PCA workshop: 1st coaching clinic March 8. There will be 2 sessions: 1-3PM; 3-5PM. Parenting workshop on March 29 from 1-3PM. Incentive for participating- Metro Bank will underwrite Tee shirts for those who attend.

**Vice President’s Report**: Chris DeFlitch:

1. Met with Palmyra Baseball to discuss our ongoing relationship. A good discussion was had that led to better understanding on both sides. We will continue to play them on Fridays. They will let us know the dates when we can play in majors. Chris will serve as the liaison with Palmyra.

1. Chris will move forward with All Pro scheduling software. Chris will lead the scheduling activities.

1. Lots of players are going to the HS workouts. Chris sees an opportunity for starting some baseball activity for the players who do not make the HS team to play in the springtime. Chris will look into this further and discuss with Coach Ruhl. Chris will explore different options for how this might be structured.

**Secretary’s Report**: George Blackall:

Dauphin County’s first teener meetings are next Sunday at the Italian Lodge. Commissioners for Teener A, B & C should plan to attend.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Pat Meister presented financial statements from 2/8/14 (attached).

**Old Business:**

Uniforms: Mark Snyder did send a RFP to Enkay, Elizabethtown Sports and UnderArmour. Also looking at spirit wear to continue through UnderArmour. We need to finalize the sponsors so we can get the process moving. He is concerned about the issue of having proper fitting pants. He suggested sending an email to all parents about us trying to do the best we can to have a range of sizes available for the players.

Matt suggested a pant distribution day.

Mark will ask a vendor to come to assessments for sizing purposes.

**New Business:**

Vince has investigated new mounds. The portable mounds cost around $2,200 each. He will continue to investigate a new mound for south and also some smaller ones for the dugouts.

Josh asked about developing a checklist for post-game field maintenance. Brian will oversee this process for implementation this year.

Myron disclosed to the Board that Mark Snyder and he are starting a Hershey Community travel baseball program. They were disclosing this activity for transparency purposes and in accordance with the HLL Constitution. The Board members ensure that this will not conflict with the activities of HLL. This is not HLL related.

Pat, Myron and Chris met with Jay Franklin about the concessions contract. Mr. Franklin wanted to opt out of the contract. After discussion, Mr. Franklin would now like to renegotiate the contract with HLL. He will come back with a proposal for us to review.

Matt asked the deadline to get coach nominations for majors and below levels. It needs to happen within the next week.

Myron is going to get the concession trailer on our property and continue to discuss with HYFA.

Motion to adjourn by Chris DeFlitch. Second by Matt Wildasin. No discussion. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

**Next Meeting**: Our next meeting will be on March 9, 2014, at 6:30 PM at the MHS Elementary School.

Minutes submitted by George F. Blackall, Secretary, Hershey Little League.

Date: 2/10/14