

HLL General Membership Meeting – 2021

September 12, 2021

Voting Members in Attendance:

Mike Nichols	Rich Cooper	Kim Largent
Jeremy Boyer	Ben Shade	Dina Edwards
Bill Myers	Sarah Myers	Amy Staley
Curtis Staley	Cam McCandless	Laura McCandless
Jenelle Galusic	Matt Largent	Scotty Bowman
Phil Munson	Jamey Staveley	Michael Dollar
Suzanne Dollar	Kenny Singhas	Brian Williams

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Travis Forney	Michelle Forney	Billy Brantner
Bruce Haines	April Haines	Curtis Bass

Meeting was called to order at 2:05pm by President Mike Nichols

Secretary's Report:

Reading of minutes from 2020 General Meeting (by Brian Williams).

Rich Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2020 General Meeting as read. 2nd by Ben Shade. Motion Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report reviewed by Mr. Rich Cooper (Handout provided to all in attendance)

Balances as of 9/12/2021 Accounts:	Operating Account	\$12,937.74
	Concession Account	\$21,744.61
	Savings Account	\$6,759.72

Bill Myers made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as written. 2nd by Amy Staley. Motion Approved.

President's Report:

Spring 2021 Season:

- Little League Charter fees are based on the number of teams expected. This includes Insurance. 2021 Charter fees were \$3,802.30
- District 6 Tournament fees - \$60 per game
 - HLL hosted 2 District Baseball Tournaments (9/10/11 & 10/11/12)
- Spring 2021 registration information:
 - 419 players registered
 - 26 Baseball Teams
 - 8 Softball Teams
 - 2 Challenger Teams
 - 6 All-Star & Tournament teams
 - Baseball 8/9/10 Team finished as the State Runner-up!
 - Softball 10/11/12 Team are WV State Champions and played at the Southeast Region tournament in Warner Robins, GA
 - A Sign is in development to honor the Softball team State Championship that will hang at the Softball complex.
 - Battle at the Burg Baseball tournament team went 2-1 and was managed by Matt Largent
 - Thrill in the Ville Softball tournament team competed and was managed by Kenny Singhas

Projects:

- High School / Junior League field project is 90% complete. Outfield was leveled, dirt and grass seed added.
- Little League Baseball field project is 50% complete.
 - SOD donation fell through and is estimated to cost the league \$2,800.
- New turf was placed in the batting cage and damaged walls were fixed.
- New LED lighting was installed in the batting cage
- Lower softball field infield was regraded (partnership with HHS)
- Water issue at Baseball complex
 - Initial Leak found and has been fixed
 - School board continued to cut off water
 - Small leak has been isolated and shut off
 - Water back on to the complex

Miscellaneous:

- Vandalism – Labor Day 2021, 8 kids broke into the Minor Concession stand causing damage
 - The door was destroyed and cameras were broken
 - Sheriff was called, kids nearby were interviewed but did not confess to the damage.
- Travel Baseball/Softball teams – Are able to use HLL facilities but require county approval
 - Facility use form approved through the County
 - Team insurance must be provided
 - Approval dates cover July 1 through June 30 the following year.
 - Must be renewed yearly
 - Hierarchy/Priority for facility use: 1-High School / 2-Little League / 3-Other teams
- Aaron Whitford is leaving as the Athletic Director with HHS.

Old Business:

None discussed

New Business:

Rich Cooper made a motion to reinstate absentee ballots, for regular members in good standing, to the constitution under *Article V – General Membership Meetings*. 2nd by Scotty Bowman. Motion Approved

Discussion: “Absentee Ballot. For the expressed purpose of accommodating a Regular Member in good standing who cannot be in attendance at the Annual Meeting at which new Board members will be elected, an absentee ballot may be requested and obtained from the Secretary of the League by any individual who is a member, as defined in Article III - Membership. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the date of the election. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the Election Chairman (appointed at the meeting) on the date of the meeting, prior to the voting portion of the election process.”

Jeremy Boyer made a motion to amend the absentee ballot language to change “The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the date of the election” to “The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary 48 hours prior to the date of the election”. 2nd by Dina Edwards. Motion Approved

Discussion: amendment is to further clarify when absentee ballots are to be received by the Secretary. This amendment is in line with the timelines listed in the Constitution for placing a

name on the ballot and allows for the Secretary to have appropriate time to complete the ballot, post it to the members, and gather any absentee ballots.

Brian Williams made a motion to include the words “in writing” to Article V Section 3 to remove any potential miscommunication. Language should read “All nominations for board members need to be made, in writing, to the Secretary 7 days prior to the General Membership Meeting and posted. 2nd by Jeremy Boyer. Motion Approved

Note: All modifications to the constitution that are approved by the general membership must be sent to the Southeast Region for final approval.

Open forum:

Statement by Brian Williams – This past year was a significant transition year for the league. COVID has modified our way of life and with all the uncertainty HLL had a very good year! The numbers reported are a good sign that families are looking to get back to some sort of normalcy and HLL offers an opportunity for families to focus on the present and enjoy moments in the community. Well done everyone!

Scotty Bowman wanted to send a huge thank you to Rich Cooper for working the concession stands during the whole 2020 season. Volunteers were difficult to find due to COVID and Rich went above and beyond for the League.

Voting of Board of Directors:

All members on the ballot were voted to the 2021-2022 HLL Board of Directors!

Amy Staley	April Haines	Arthur Blosser	Ben Shade
Bill Myers	Billy Brantner	Brian Williams	Bruce Haines
Curtis Bass	Dina Edwards	Jada Nichols	Jamey Stavely
Jenelle Galusic	Jeremy Boyer	Josh Oldham	Matt Largent
Matt Staup	Michelle Forney	Mike Nichols	Phil Munson
Richard Cooper	Sarah Myers	Scotty Bowman	Travis Forney

Brian Williams made a motion to close the HLL General meeting. 2nd by Amy Staley. Motion Approved

Meeting adjourned at 3:29pm