

HLL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2022-23

Sunday September 11, 2022

Attendance

Robert Clopper	Brian Williams	Amy Staley	Michelle Forney
Travis Forney	Dina Edwards	Jeremy Boyer	John Harris (non-voting)
Ben Shade	Ciara Shade	Billy Brantner	Justin Gay (non-voting)
April Haines	Bruce Haines	Sarah Myers	Curtis Bass
C. Scott Bowman	Kim Largent	Jada Nichols	Kenny Singhas
Ross Pedersen (non-voting)	Brad Runkles	Rich Cooper	Phil Munson

On Phone: Mike Nichols

Also in attendance, District Administrator Nevin Kilmer

VP Brian Williams called the meeting to order at 2pm

Introduction of the current BOD

Reading of the 2021 General Membership meeting minutes by Secretary Amy Staley

Motion to approve by Rich Cooper; 2nd by Scotty Bowman—**APPROVED**

Treasurers Report

Rich gave everyone a printed handout-will scan and attach copy to email

- \$1/mile for tournament travel = \$4,319 reimbursed
- New concessions manager should review current pricing of products sold and compare to what we currently charge—products have increased in price so our charges should as well
- Jeremy Boyer questioned the \$18K xfer that was made to reg. checking---funds are being used to continue operations thru the end of the current fall ball season
- Credit card readers—per Jada we have the readers, will need iPads—Rich last looked into this and it was \$250/yr for usage
- **Brian Williams interjected and asked that this be brought up with new business**

Motion to approve by Ben Shade; 2nd by Travis Forney—**APPROVED**

Presidents Report-given by Brian Williams

- We had 580 Spring players and approx. 192 Fall Ball players
- For the next BOD we need doers
- John Harris questioned the integrity of the All-Stars selection process as his son Hunter was not selected but yet he has played for other teams in PA (where he's from) and was always selected
 - He believes its due to the correlation of coaches and players and suggests bringing in a non-biased third-party to oversee the process
 - **Brian Williams asked that this be brought up with new business**

Old Business

- Absentee ballots—due to the 2021/22 board approved changes not being made to the Constitution and sent to SE Region for approval, we cannot use this method for the new season
***changes will be made asap and sent**

New Business

- John Harris started discussion regarding the all-stars selection process
 - The By-Laws (read aloud by Brian Williams) state how the All-Star selection process is conducted; this follows Little League International guidelines; per Ben Shade and Jada Nichols, these processes were followed
 - John questions the integrity of the player vote process
 - Alternate solutions were suggested
 - Bring in a non-biased third-party with no conflict of interest to oversee the process
 - Bring in other league officials (SBLL, JCLL, etc) to oversee
 - Johns children played for the Gibsonia LL and he was going to get us the information on their selection process
 - Nevin brought up that if the process is done using an outsider the teams may end up not getting enough players to cover key positions (pitcher, catcher, etc); outsiders will not know the players strengths thru the season to be able to accurately select
 - Jada-Baseball Player Agent-raised concern with the player vote process; popularity among friends; suggested removing player vote process and handing it to managers/coaches to select team; Jada said most of the time the players didn't even know why they were being brought in and what to do
 - Phil made the comment that the process is obviously working
 - Bruce said that more communication was needed with players and parents about the process and how it works
 - Billy brought up the number of championship teams we have between district and state champs that have gone to regional tournaments

- Sarah suggested that there be a committee formed to conduct try-outs
 - Robert questioned the management selection process—Brian Williams read the By-Laws aloud
 - Travis questioned the number of games umpired—6 total
 - Brad questioned the interview process; he was supposed to have been emailed a date/time for his interview but it was never received; the By-Laws process was not followed
 - The new BOD will need to review the selection process for managers/coaches regarding the interview process and communications
 - The new BOD should also review the application form for all-star managers/coaches; should maybe remove the option to apply for coaching as the manager typically selects their coaches; maybe add verbiage to the application regarding the coach selection process
 - The new BOD should discuss changing the All-Star selection order—Managers, Players and then Coaches
- Michelle brought up the credit card readers; need to check the % charged per swipe, maybe set a minimum credit card purchase amount
 - A lot of spectators do not carry a lot of cash and would spend a lot more \$ at the concession stands if they could use their card; especially for those with larger families
- Jada suggested reviewing the registration cut-off times and making them firm; many requests coming in for days/weeks after registration closes for players to be added
 - This will require a board vote
- Sarah is ordering a shadow box for the sign that was made honoring Chad Lord so it can finally be hung in the batting cages
- Robert C. asked about upgrading the Junior BB field scoreboard controller
 - Per Brian we will need to get with the HS
 - Mike was in discussions with Coach Grove
 - Dina said we should continue using the one that is there until it is broken; save our money for the new facility
- Brad asked about the funds for the new facility; are we going to open a separate account for that; Rich suggested opening a CD

Open Forum

- Listed rule changes that were approved by the LL Congress this year—see the attached scanned document

Voting of the BOD

- There are 21 voting members in attendance; majority of 11 votes each to be voted on to the board
- There are 29 entries on the ballot; must choose a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 25
- Final counts were made by Nevin Kilmer and John Harris (he is a non-voting member and not on ballot)
 - There were 3 members with 12 votes each; would need to either narrow it down by 1 or change the Constitution to all 26 members
 - 1 ballot discarded as the voter made only 1 selection
 - Nevin said that we CAN make that change today and NOT have to have approval by SE
 - Motion to increase Board from 25 to 26 members made by Jeremy Boyer; 2nd by Ben Shade---By a show of hands—9 Yes, 7 No, remaining abstain—**APPROVED**

Members of the 2022/23 BOD are as follows:

Amanda Best	Amy Staley	April Haines	Arthur Blosser
Ben Shade	Billy Brantner	Brad Runkles	Brian Williams
Bruce Haines	Ciara Shade	Curtis Bass	Curtis Staley
Dina Edwards	Jeremy Boyer	Justin Gay	Kenneth Singhas
Michelle Forney	Phil Munson	Richard Cooper	Robert Clopper
Robert Shamburg	Ross Pedersen	Sarah Myers	Scotty Bowman
Travis Forney	Zach Boyd		

Rich Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting; 2nd by Scotty Bowman

General Membership Meeting adjourned at 4:07pm