



**DATE:** January 9, 2017 (Monday)  
**TO:** HLL Board Members  
**FROM:** Matt Wildasin  
**CC:** HLL Board of Directors (BoD)  
**SUBJECT:** HLL Board of Directors January 2017 Meeting Minutes

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**Meeting Location:** Hershey Medical Center, H-1059

**Time:** 7:00pm—8:30 p.m.

**In Attendance:** HLL Board Members— Jess Umbrell-Sevenack, Mike Miller, Domenick Argento, Pat Meister, Jason Garver, Myron McCurdy, Aaron Fackler, Matt Wildasin, Dave Cooney, Larry Nelson, Doug Hummer, Dan Schauble, Matt Coulter.

**Absent:** Chris Barrett, Chris DeFlicht

**Meeting Call to Order:** 7:03 p.m. Matt Wildasin, President

**Guests in attendance:** Scott Smith—HLL Minors Coach 2015-16. Elizabeth McCurdy—Girl Scout Gold Award Project.

**Elizabeth McCurdy** presented her Girl Scout Assoc. Gold Award project. (The Gold Award and project is comparable to the Boy Scout Eagle Scout Award—but noted by Elizabeth to be much more rigorous and difficult to achieve for the Girl Scouts.) Elizabeth reviewed her project and requested input and approval from BoD to proceed with various remaining pieces of her work. Board approved conducting surveys with Majors players, a presence on Opening Weekend events, to continue Plaza field refurbishments (fences, backstops, bleachers and storage box) and her proposed, culminating event of a HLL/HGSA collaborative and co-ed whiffle ball game on North and/or South; at a date and time to be determined soon. VP/BBOps Chair Dom A. will assume the role of Gold Award Mentor for Elizabeth.

**Scott Smith:** brought forward concerns with the HLL player draft process for veteran coaches who no longer have HLL aged players. The slotting of coaches' kids may create an advantage or disadvantage depending on player skill of other team coach. HLL Baseball Operations Committee will take this under advisement and address as warranted.

**Secretary's Report (Myron M.)**

- December Meeting Minutes: *(December BoD Meeting Minutes approved by Majority BoD email vote on 12/22/16)*

- BoD member's attendance report. (Per HLL *Constitution and by-laws*, members who miss three consecutive meetings are removed from the Board.) There are no current board members who are in jeopardy of having to be reviewed for continued membership.

#### **President's Report - (Matt W.)**

- Welcomed Elizabeth McCurdy as guest to present on her Gold Award project.
- HLL 2017 All Star Policy update and/or recommendations from BBOps. Updates and recommendations from respective commissioners and BoD should be processed through VP BBOps.

#### **Vice President's Report – (Dom A.)**

- **Vacant HLL Committee Chairs.** (Safety; PCA; Colts Commish; T-Ball Commish). Myron M. will coordinate 2017 Coaches' clearances and also Mandatory PCA on-line coursework for all Head and 1<sup>st</sup> assistant coaches for the 2017 season. Dr. Deflitch will be asked to consider serving as HLL's Safety Officer for the 2017 season. Board members are asked to continue to consider appropriate HLL members as candidates for the T-ball and Colts commissioner roles.
- **HLL Committee Chairpersons'/champions pre-season report outs to BoD. (Plans; Activities; Timelines; Deadlines)**
  - Registrations and printed flyers**—Jess S. (and Matt C.): Flyers are completed and awaiting printing. These may be available in a week or so with gratitude to HLL Board Member Doug H. and his company for helping with printing costs. All BoD members should assist with distribution to the respective schools and organizations within Derry Township and HLL 2017 Boundaries. (Per December meeting, Chris Barrett will reach out to LD Schools as liaison to have HLL 2017 flyers placed in appropriate LD School buildings.)
  - Positive Coaching Alliance**—Matt W. Updated contract with PCA will give HLL Coaches and BoD access to the on-line training with PCA this season. There are 3 sessions to include an advanced level for coaches who've completed the classroom sessions in last two seasons; and a beginner-level session for first year HLL coaches; and intermediate for those who completed first session last season. All HLL members interested in coaching this season should complete the appropriate session ASAP.
  - Summer Slam**—Dan S. 2017 Summer Slam is set for 6/23-6/25. HLL 2017 season schedule will be adjusted effectively to accommodate play-off week and Championship weekend, the annual HR derby and the 2017 Summer Slam. Board members agree that Travel Champs did a super job with Summer Slam 2016. Dan will continue to liaison with Travel Champs to present recommendations and proposals to HLL BoD/BBOps for 2017 approval.
  - Hershey Little League 2017 rolling calendar**—Board members should keep up to date with events and tasks noted in their respective roles as they approach, keep updating it through Secretary McCurdy and address any needs or concerns with any of the Exec. Board members as the season progresses.

**-2017 Coaches Clearances management.** Myron M. will manage 2017 Coaches/volunteers background clearances and record-keeping. Myron M. will also manage PCA completion by 2017 Coaches. Any concerns or setbacks will be referred to respective commissioners and BBOps/VP.

- **1/9/17 Baseball Ops meeting report out.**

All divisional and general HLL seasonal events, dates and scheduled tasks are on the HLL rolling calendar.

**-BBOps committee members and leadership report outs from BBOps meeting.**

**Teener (A/B/C) level teams** (Jason G.) coaching needs and projected numbers of registrations, required and interested coaches, etc. There is time outside of January and February meetings to prep and organize before final nominations go before BoD/BBOps approval of Teener teams, etc.

**Equipment** (Mike M.) will begin this in the next two weeks. Myron M. will assist as Mike may need. Reminder of possible opportunity through Dick's Sporting Goods to supplement equipment needs as donations, etc. Mike and others will review concerns raised about use of RIF 10 baseballs (Macgregor) vs. previous use of A1074 (Wilson) for Minors and Majors the seasons prior.

**Opening Day** (Mike M.) while it is fast approaching, there is sufficient time to for getting volunteers for this in the next two months.

**Fundraising** (Jason G.) Discussion on options for fundraising events. Other BoD members will assist Jason in this task as he needs.

**Concessions** (D. Shauble). Pre-season options continue to be reviewed so that concessions and HLL member support/volunteers are ready to go by opening weekend. Discussed possible solutions for concessions/vending at Koons Upper and Lower for Colts and T-ball, including perhaps moving some of these games to North on available Saturdays for exposure to the larger complex of the youngest players of HLL as well. Concessions at Gelder field are a possibility as well. The continued success of Concessions is dependent upon adequate and quality volunteer support each week from all HLL player families.

**Uniforms** (Matt C.) We may look to Dick's Sporting Goods as a possible additional resource for HLL Spirit wear to improve that option (timeliness and varieties). Uniforms through E-Town sports with greater effectiveness of sizing, matching sponsors, etc. in a more timely manner so that any issues and re-runs can be avoided where possible. Pat M. will assist with invoices, sponsored players and appropriate league level needs, etc. Myron M. will assist Matt in the process as well.

**Sponsorships** (Pat M.). Sponsorships are beginning to develop. BoD members should keep Pat updated as frequently as possible to help him insure teams are sponsored and aligned with appropriate players requested by sponsors, etc. It is most important right now to reach out to those businesses and organizations who have supported HLL last season and before. Capitalilze on their ongoing support of HLL and value they bring to the leagues.

**Fields** (Larry N.) Continuing to work with Umbergers on the post-rain standing water remediation on Cocoa Ave Complex. Larry is working with 2017 field crew members regarding proper care and upkeep. D.Twp. Parks and Rec's (Bob Piccolo) is collaborating with Larry as well

and will offer further training to the HLL field crew. HLL must clean out the various storage areas on Cocoa Ave Complex. Myron M. will assist Larry when this is ready to be addressed. New wind screening will be installed on North as previously approved by HLL BoD. (South was replaced by DTSD when field was rebuilt a few seasons ago.) Field prep supplies will be ordered through Umbergers again and more secure storage of these will be established as well. Dom A. continues collaborating with DTSD regarding fence repairs on Memorial. He is also working with Township regarding extension of fencing area at 1B/3B lines on Plaza. Hershey Girls Softball Association will be compensating HLL for use of HLL field crew and resources to prep their fields for games, etc. on South.

**BoD Website Log-in and access** with permissions for full-web site. Jess U-S. is taking care of this with website contractor. Please let her know ASAP if any BoD member does not have this permission. BoD members should be able and willing to send important league-wide communication or HLL website calendar updates when Jess is not accessible to a computer, and would be a great help to her. Jess will also then set up all teams on the website, etc. once the registrations are all ready to go.

**Opening Day.** Jess U-S. will be working on the many Opening Weekend events and with other volunteers, including the photographer, food trucks.

#### **Treasurer's Report (Pat M.)**

- Budget Update—see 1/8/17 email and updates from Treasurer to all BoD members.

#### **Old Business**

- n/a

#### **New Business**

- Girl Scout Gold Award Project, presentation and update. (Guest: Elizabeth McCurdy HHS '17)
- Recommended updates for player/family requests for or against a certain coach, etc. (M. Miller)  
*This will be reviewed and suggestions made through Baseball Operations with final recommendations to BoD for approval or modifications where warranted.*

#### **HLL January Meeting Adjournment**

Appropriate motions made to adjourn; adjournment voted without objection.

HLL January BoD Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

#### **Next Scheduled BoD meeting:**

Monday, February 6, 2017—7:00 p.m.

*Meeting Minutes recorded and respectfully submitted by myron a. mccurdy, 2016-17 HLL Secretary January BoD Meeting Minutes approved by Majority BoD email vote on 1/23/17*

#### **Committee Chair Vacancies for 2017—(updated 1/18/17)**

PCA Liaison-

Safety Officer-Dr. Chris DeFlicht (1/18/17)

Colts Comm.-Jeff Schmidt (1/18/17)

Tball Comm.-Matt Coulter (1/18/17)

**Committee Chair/Leadership Positions Filled for 2017**

Pres-Wildasin

VP- Argento

Treas-Meister

Sec-McCurdy

Legion/Sr Teener Commish-Hummer

Teener ABC Comm - Garver

13+ Player Development and Teener Legion Coordination - Deflitch

Majors Comm - Cooney

Minors Comm - Fackler

Challenger Comm – Mike Miller

Website & Communications-Sevenack

Registration leader – Coulter/Sevenack

Coach/volunteer Background Clearances Manager—McCurdy

Fundraising Leader – Garver

Sponsorship Leader-Meister/Barrett/ALL

Equipment-Miller

Fields- Nelson

Fields-Special Projects-Deflitch

Uniform Leader- Coulter/Barrett

Concessions – Schauble / Mike & Sharon Miller

Assessment Coordinator-McCurdy

Opening Weekend Logistics-Sevenack

Opening Weekend Skills Competition– Miller

Summer Slam Liaison–Schauble

Fall Ball – Barrett