**HAAA October 2023 Minutes**

October 11th, 2023 @ Lilja’s

**Members in attendance:**

* Mount Pleasant, Youngwood, Derry, Sewickley,  Latrobe, West Hempfield, Connellsville, Jeannette, White Oak, Maxwell, Central Hempfield, Rostraver, Southmoreland, Scottdale, Delmont

**Meeting called to order @ 20:13 by Mike Leichliter**

**Minutes read by Mike Leichliter**

**Motion to accept made by Youngwood and Central Hempfield**

**Motion approved**

**Treasurer Report:**

* Account balance is $2853.67
  + Money out $100 for umpires for Southmoreland, expected to be reimbursed by Southmoreland
  + Money out $50 for umpires for Jeannette, expected to be reimbursed by Jeannette

**Baseball Coordinator Report**

* Jeannette 19U non-cancellation discussed

**Softball Coordinator Report – not present**

* Mike Leichliter – a lot of fall softball games cancelled due to not enough kids.

**Presidents Report**

* All game cancellations should be done at least 1 hour before the scheduled start time. If a game is cancelled and the umpire coordinator is not contacted/notified the organization that did not cancel is responsible for 100% of the umpire fee.
  + White Oak requested notification when no umpire can be scheduled for the game.
* Arbitor will be fine-tuned for the spring season.

**Old Business**

* Scheduling software
* Websites

**New Business**

* Nominations for Upcoming November 2023 Elections:
  + President – Mike Leichliter – 1st West Hempfield, 2nd Southmoreland
  + Secretary – Liz Lee – 1st Biondi, 2nd Maxwell
  + Softball Coordinator – Rob Miller – 1st Derry, 2nd Latrobe
  + Sargent at Arms – Bill Bentz – 1st Maxwell, 2nd West Hempfield
* All candidates currently unopposed. Votes for vice-president, Treasurer, and Baseball Coordinator will be conducted in even years (e.g. 2024)
* Voting Procedures Reviewed
  + Each organization in regular status (not on probation) gets one vote, provided that they have attended the required number of HAAA meetings (8 of 10)
  + Executive board members each get a vote, one vote per board member, not per board position.
* Umpires - West Hempfield
* More umpires needed for the Spring
  + Mark Booth surveyed current umpires from other leagues. Two (2) main complaints about HAAA games.
    - 1. Don’t pay enough compared to other leagues
    - 2. Games are too long – suggestions given to speed up
* Umpire fees will be set in November for 2024 – most likely going to increase
* There are way too many people in dug-outs during game play. Only coaches and scorekeepers are permitted in the dug-out and they must have valid clearances on file with their organization.
* A suggestion was made to incorporate more of the Pony rules into HAAA rules.

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 21:20 – Youngwood and Central Hempfield

Next meeting will be November 08 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Lilja’s