



Parkway Little League

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Meeting Minutes for 12/16/15 BOD Meeting, Parkway Little League complex, 7:30 p.m.

Present

Ian Browne
John Burns
Ed Fitzgerald
Jim Gallagher
Jack Lane
Jim McAdams
Rob McLaughlin
Pat Murphy
Rich Myers
Brian Nolan
Adam Polgreen
Bob Todd
Rick Treseler

Absent

Mike Barone
Sean Russell
Rick Swiman
John Tobin

The meeting started with open dialogue with senior members in which the Board spoke about an ongoing proposal to switch from four divisions of play to five. Under the proposal, what was previously known as the Minors Division would be split into Triple-A and Double-A. Triple-A would consist of 10 and 11-year-olds, plus any 12-year-olds who didn't try out for Majors. Double-A would be 8 and 9-year-olds. Double-A and Triple-A would be live pitching the whole game rather than coach pitch. What was formerly known as the Instructional Division would become Single-A, consisting of 6 and 7-year-olds, and would still be coach pitch for the majority of the game. Any 6-year-olds who play in the division would need to have played at least one year of T-Ball.

As Rick Treseler noted, the goal is to strengthen the overall level of play from the lower levels on up and to grow the organization organically and to make our players better skilled and able to compete once they hit the Majors. Single-A and Double-A teams would spend roughly an hour of allotted game time each week working on drills with instructors. Triple-A players would also get some type of instruction, though probably not station-to-station like the lower divisions.

11:9:2

After a productive dialogue with senior members in attendance, the Board put the matter of switching from four divisions of play to five to a formal vote. The vote passed, and Parkway will have the following divisions in 2016: Majors, Triple-A ,



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Double-A, Single-A, T-Ball. Rob McLaughlin will be the general manager of Triple-A. John Burns volunteered to be general manager of Double-A. Brian Nolan will be the general manager for Single-A.

Action: The board voted to split the Minors and Instructional Divisions into three leagues - Triple-A, Double-A and Single-A. The ages for each league is noted above. Treseler will work with Rob McLaughlin and others to determine what the switch will mean in terms of needs for coaches, equipment, uniforms and umpires, etc. Treseler will also work to determine the resources the league will use for clinics.

11:9:1

The work at McDonough field is finished, and looks great. Several board members and senior member Joe Gambon helped install bleachers that are on the first-base side. Rich Myers will talk to Roche Brothers to see if they are interested in donating a new scoreboard for McDonough Field.

Action: McDonough renovations are complete; Myers to talk to Roche about scoreboard for McDonough.

12:16:15

Parkway volunteer Paul Santangelo, an electrician, advised Rick Treseler on ways to help fix our power issues at the complex. This would include using a trenching machine to help run the power from the electric room to the scoreboard and auger a conduit under the sidewalk. The trenching would be all along the fence at Praught until the scoreboard. We need permanent power. Proposals will be sought in March.

Action: Santangelo working with the board on electrical issues at complex. Board will seek quotes on cost of service in March.

11:9:3

Jack Lane is in the process off signing a letter to turn over authority of the Parkway checking account to Bob Todd, who will succeed him as treasurer.

Action: Outgoing treasurer Jack Lane will soon turn over authority of the PLL checking account to incoming treasurer Bob Todd. Rick Treseler and Todd will soon update the board with the general ledger.

11:9:4

The board is still waiting to hear whether John Tobin will arrange the festivities for Opening Day, which has been scheduled for April 16. Jim Gallagher said he will contact Parkway Soccer to tell them about the date so they can avoid scheduling conflicts if possible.

Action: Try to finalize who Opening Day coordinator will be. Jim Gallagher will advise Parkway Soccer of the April 16 date for PLL's Opening Day to avoid conflicts if possible.



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11:9:5

Jim Gallagher and Rich Myers arranged an equipment dropoff at the complex in early December that was relatively successful. We now have bags returned from 10 of 14 instructional coaches. The Minors were still missing bags from several teams. Jim Gallagher has a running spreadsheet and will continue to contact teams who haven't turned in their bags.

Action: Jim Gallagher pursuing equipment bags from teams who haven't returned them yet.

11:9:7

Rick Deraney advised the board that he will again run safety training for all Parkway Little League teams. Each team needs to have one coach get training. This shouldn't be the same coach who got training last year. It was suggested we do the training at Sprinkler Fitters Hall in 2016.

Action: Rick Deraney to run safety training for all Parkway Little League teams in the spring. All teams must have one coach in attendance. Safety officer John Burns will provide information on dates and times when available.

11:9:11

The board agreed on a policy on the number of donated registrations. Donated registrations will go mainly to 501 C3's with exceptions.

Action: The board agrees on policy for donated registrations.

11:9:14

The board approved by vote the following playoff format for Majors for the 2016 season:

In both the American and National League, the number 2 seed will face the number 3 seed in a play-in game. The winner of those games will have a best-of-three series against the top seed from the division. The winner of the American League will then play the winner of the National League in a best-of-three series.

Action: The Board approved a playoff format for Majors in 2016 which consists of a play-in game for each division, followed by a best-of-three championship series per division, and then the division champs than playing each other in a best-of-three series to determine the Parkway Little League champ. It should be noted that pitch counts will not re-set for the start of the playoffs, per Little League International rules.

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Rick Treseler and Bob Todd will work to make sure Parkway completes all required regulatory filings.

Action: Read above.



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12:16:6

Rick Treseler will soon work with Rob McLaughlin to determine how many Parkway Little League teams there will be in 2016 so we can renew our Little League charter and insurance for 2016. The treasurer will issue a check to cover this cost, as there's a big fee when using a credit card. It's important the league apply for the charter and insurance soon because some Majors teams like to start practicing shortly after the New Year.

Action: Treseler to work with McLaughlin and Todd to renew Little League charter and insurance.

12:16:7

Treseler suggests the league open on-line registration for 2016 on Monday, January 11. The league must announce registration dates in the local media such as the Patch and Bulletin.

Action: Tentative date to start on-line registration is January 11, 2016. Walk-in registration dates to be determined.

12:16:8

Treseler requested authorization from the board to seek early procurement of baseballs in an effort to save money. Treseler is talking to Cheryl from Piesco on the cost for Martin baseballs, which are less expensive than Wilson. She'll get back to us soon, and Treseler will notify the board when he places the advance order for baseballs.

Action: Board authorizes Treseler to seek early procurement of baseballs.

12:16:11

The board agrees to implement a 20 percent reduction in water consumption. Last year, the water system was tampered with through the controller in the McDonough scorer's box. To fix this problem, the board agrees to implement a lock box to house the irrigation system controller.

Action: Board agrees to implement 20 percent reduction in water consumption and put lock box on irrigation control system in McDonough scoring box.

12:16:15

The board agrees to pay a professional to clean the clubhouse. Senior member Joe Gambon said he knows someone and will follow up with an estimate.

Action: Same as above.

12:16:16

Board tables deciding how many tournament teams to have in 2016, and how to select coaches for those teams.



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Action: Board to revisit number of tournament teams to have in 2016 and how to select coaches at a later date.

12:16:19

Board approves motion to apply for 11 and 12-year-old Mayor's Cup Games at the complex again in 2016.

Action: Board to apply for the privilege of hosting 11 and 12-year-old Mayor's Cup Games at the complex.