

Parkway Little League Board of Directors Meeting, Monday, June 6, 7:30 p.m. at PLL complex

Attendance

Present:

Browne
Burns
Fitzgerald
Gallagher
McAdams
McLaughlin
Murphy
Myers
Nolan
Polgreen
Russell
Swiman
Todd
Treseler

Absent:

Barone
Lane
Tobin

2:10:2

Tournament team discussion: Treseler announced that American and National League coaches will vote for All-Star teams for all three age groups on June 12.

Treseler ran through the fees for the tournament. There was a motion to accept tournament fees. Treseler said he will order hats.

Action: Board approves expenses for tournament.

12:16:19

Mayor's Cup update: The board approved in December to go forward with hosting the Mayor's Cup again for the 11 and 12-year-olds. After talking with Bill Sittig, Rick Treseler learned that the Mayor's Cup will take place the weekends of July 16-17, and 23-24. There will be 14 12-year-old teams and already 11 teams in the 11-year-old age group. Sittig wonders if we could also make the fields available on Friday night for both of those weekends. The board is fine with that.

Action: Board OK's suggestion by Bill Sittig to add Friday to the Mayor's Cup schedule for the weekends of July 16-17 and July 23-24.

6:6:1

Majors/Minors playoff schedule update: Adam Polgreen says the Majors one-game playoff will start on Friday, June 17 and the best-of-three

championship series in each league would start two days later. Game 2 and 3 of the league championship series would be Tuesday, June 21 and Wednesday, June 22. The championship round will start on Friday, June 24, with Game 2 on June 26 and Game 3 if necessary on June 27.

The one-game playoff for Triple-A will be Thursday, June 16. The first game of the championship series would be Saturday. In Double-A, all 12 teams will make the playoffs in a single-elimination format that starts on Saturday, June 18.

6:6:2

Update on Minors All-Star Game: Keeping in tradition with past years, there will be an Asmar/Bisognano All-Star Game for Triple-A players that will take place at a date to be determined in July. Triple-A general manager Rob McLaughlin suggests selecting four players per team. This can also serve as sponsor appreciation night, which we did the last two years. Rob will work with Adam Polgreen to find an open date at the complex.

6:6:3

Status on installing new roof for concession and dugout facilities. Board will continue to evaluate different scenarios, and whether this needs to be done.

6:6:4

Rob McLaughlin notes that spectators continue to stand in the batters eye behind the center-field fence. Fans shouldn't stand at the spot beyond the fences where there are no sponsorship signs. The board should make this evident to spectators by putting a sign on the back of the fences, and putting something on the website as a reminder.

Action: At least before next season, if not sooner, there should be a sign posted on the back of the center field fences instructing spectators not to stand in the batters eye. This should also be posted on the website. Spectators also need to be reminded that our complex is dog-free.

11:9:1

The new scoreboard for McDonough Field was delivered on June 8. Cubs manager Paul Santangelo, an electrician, said he would install the scoreboard.

5:2:1

Update on the proposed new development on 270 Baker Street. Jim Gallagher, Rick Treseler, Pat Murphy and Bob Todd attended a recent meeting a pre-file hearing regarding the development for 56 condominiums across Baker Street. Rick Treseler was contacted by the BRA and asked to serve on the impact advisory committee for Parkway Little League along with a representative from Catholic Memorial and Cathy Conneely from the neighborhood. Rick agreed to do that.

6:6:5

Update on Corrib raffle: Rob McLaughlin turned in \$6,000 to the Corrib Trust. There was great support from division members, nearly every Parkway Little League team, and many board members.

6:6:6

Suggestions for improving quality of play in lower divisions. This is an important matter that the board wants to spend time dealing with. For that reason, the issue will be tabled until a later date.

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Evaluation of clinics for A and AA players: Treseler thinks we should have two training clinics instead of three next year. The shelf life is twice instead of three times, otherwise we risk diminishing returns. Overall, the clinics went well.

6:6:8

Kevin O'Brien proposed a summer camp at Parkway that would be open to kids in other towns as well. The board didn't see Parkway getting much value out of this and agreed not to host the camp.

Action: Board agreed not to host a summer training camp at Parkway.

5:2:2

Bob Todd provided a treasurer's report, and e-mailed it to the board. We received a \$1,000 donation from the Ed Walsh Foundation last week.

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Trophy update: Jim McAdams will order trophies for Major League championship team and runner-up, Triple-A champion and runner-up, and Double-A champion and runner-up.

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Sponsor plaques: We didn't take photos this season. Rick Swiman says we will just get plaques with a metal plate under them with the Parkway Logo on top.

6:6:11

Update on an event for Hank Asmar. It is suggested we clean/fix up the Praught scoreboard and name it after Hank. Many board members liked the idea. This could happen as part of Opening Day festivities next season.

2:10:4

Brian Nolan still evaluating the pros/cons to switching from league lineup to league athletics website. Rick Treseler doesn't recommend going to the new website. It sounds like we will stay the course with leaguelineup for now. Going to leaguelineupelite might be a good compromise.

Action: Brian Nolan will see if switching to leaguelineup elite would be a good solution for upgrading the website.