

Parkway Little League Board of Directors Meeting, Monday, August 15, 7 p.m. at PLL complex

Attendance:

Browne
Burns
Fitzgerald
Gallagher
Lane
McLaughlin
Murphy
Myers
Nolan
Swiman
Tobin
Todd
Treseler

Not here

Barone
McAdams
Polgreen
Russell

5:2:2

Bob Todd provided a treasurer's report. The league will have some landscaping fees to pay through October, keeping well within budget. The water bill for July hasn't arrived yet.

7:11:7

Rick Treseler will continue to negotiate with Joe Gambon on an extension to keep Gumby's Grill as our concessionaire.

7:11:1

Ian Browne, with help from John Burns, led the senior membership nominating committee and got notices out in the mail to all eligible senior members for the 2017 fiscal year. The annual meeting is set for Sept. 26, at the Sprinkler Fitters Hall, at 7 p.m. The date of the meeting was put on the senior membership application. Browne will also send out an e-mail reminder for the meeting date, which will include the start time.

Action: Browne sent out senior membership application letters and will follow up via e-mail.

7:11:2

If there are more people nominated for the board at the annual meeting than the nine BOD vacancies that exist, there will be an election in October. Browne will run the election, with help from Jim Gallagher.

7:11:3

Major League tryouts are set for Sunday, September 11 and Saturday, September 17. Brian Nolan notified local media and updated the website and sent e-mails to all players eligible to try out. Registration for tryouts is live on the website. Members of the board will help to check in players for tryouts. Majors coaches will need to coordinate running the tryouts effectively, so that every team is doing an equal amount to help. The board will determine who to break up the age groups at the tryout when we get a more accurate accounting of registrations. Additionally, the board voted to keep eligible age for Majors at 9-12 for this season.

Action: Board votes that the age group for Majors will continue to be 9-12.

8:15:1

Lessons learned from last season:

The goal will be to add more T-Ball teams, with less players per team.

Double-A general manager John Burns thinks that league was mostly a success, but thinks it wasn't a good idea for all teams to be in the playoffs. The whole idea behind the division was for training, not competitiveness. The talent needs to be more evenly distributed for these teams.

Triple-A general manager Rob McLaughlin says that things went well in the division. The major complaint was the All-Star Game being well after the end of the year. Rob thinks it should be scheduled for the first Saturday in June next year, the day before the Corrib road race. Coaches in that division, in particular, need to be more aware of the code of conduct in light of some of their less than acceptable treatment of the junior umpires this past season.

Action: Plan to have the Triple-A All-Star Game in early June in 2017.

7:12:8

Equipment update. Jim Gallagher has an inventory and most teams have turned in their bags. Gallagher might arrange for an equipment dropoff on Saturday, September 10.

8:15:2

Recommendations for Majors managers for next season.

The following were recommended by Rick Treseler and approved by the board.

Bob Fallon, manager for the Majors Giants. John Picarello to stay on as coach.

Rob McLaughlin, manager of the Majors Tigers.

Rocky Anzalone, manager of the Majors Braves.

Adam Polgreen, manager of the Majors White Sox.

Matt Flahive, manager of the Majors Dodgers.

Kevin Boczkowski, manager of the Majors Cardinals.

Greg Lake, manager of the Majors Red Sox.

Joe Gambon, manager of the Majors Yankees.

Tim Quinn, manager of the Majors Athletics.

Rich Myers, manager of the Majors Athletics.

John O'Leary informed Rick Treseler he won't return next season as manager of the Majors Phillies. Ross Birch and Rick Deraney will remain on that staff, and one of them will likely be the manager.

7:11:5

The board discussed complex repairs, including dugout roofs. Stairs need to be repaired. There is erosion behind third base on Bunker. Maybe we could get a retaining wall to lower the grade. The batting cage needs a permanent exterior batting mats ingrained into the stone dust. We need to excavate the stone dust, and make a cut in there, get it mounted in right. What about getting a tarp to hang over the batting cage for the winter to protect it from the snow?