



Parkway Little League
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Parkway BOD Meeting Wednesday, July 25, Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.

Present

Adam Polgreen
Rob McLaughlin
Bob Todd
Jim Gallagher
John Sarro
Rich Myers
Pat Goonan
Matt Maiona
John Burns
Rick Treseler
Gary Russell
Sean Russell

Absent

Mike Barone
Ian Browne
Brian Nolan
John Flynn
Pat Murphy

Senior Members present:

Keith Barry, Mike Gallagher, Joe Gambon, Tarez McNeill, Mike Moxley

6:14:5

Board agrees to table discussion about how to handle a situation that arose late in the regular season with a Majors team calling up a player that impacted the base number of 12-year-olds that team will have to take in the upcoming draft.

6:14:3

House Summer League: Senior and Junior Divisions are proposed. Brian Nolan and Joe Gambon will spearhead running the league. An e-mail will be sent out to gauge interest. UPDATE: After the meeting, the league was



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successful in starting a House summer league in August. Teams and schedules were formed and the league is off and running.

5:8:3

Mayor's Cup review: Hosing the Mayor's Cup was a positive experience. Adam Polgreen calls it a "wild success".

12:14:3

Safety Officer update: John Burns informs that there were 162 background checks this season. Little League slots us for 300. Also, an AED (defibrillator) was purchased.

Action: Injury reports should be more clearly made mandatory. Fences are in desperate need of repair, both wood and chain linked. Mayor's Cup and Travel should have a signed contract with PLL that indemnifies the board in the case of injury. John Burns working with 311Boston to register the address with emergency response units.

12:14:2

Treasurer's Update: Bobby Todd passes out the ledger.

Action: Adam Polgreen says he needs to be better about getting board approval on all expenses, such as the AED, All-Star hats, Travel hats and uniforms, District tournament team expenses. John Burns follows up about travel. Money is due in from Travel. Rob McLaughlin requests that Travel have a different person be their treasurer than PLL.

11:9:7

Facilities Update: Praught infield should be reworked completely. Similar to what Watertown did with Casey Field. Well issue resurfaces from Pat Goonan to save on water expenses. Several other items are proposed, including netting along Praught Field right field line. McDonough overgrowth needs to be worked on. Bunker grading work is a priority. Adam mentions the possibility of CM installing turf, which the board also discussed briefly a year or two ago.

Action: An e-mail will go out to the board about a punch list of facility improvements.

7:25:1

Future waivers for players: Jamaica Plain is now part of the boundary map for Mission Hill Little League. The old waivers that were used for Jamaica



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Plain players in Parkway were based on having "no Little League" in their area.

Action: Discussion will continue on how to address waivers on players outside our boundary.

6:14:6

Potential reduction to 10 teams in Majors: Momentum builds to reduce Majors from 12 to 10 teams. The overall level of play is not what it used to be in Majors, and our All-Star teams aren't keeping up. Board members reason that going to 10 teams would be better for competition, skill and schedule. The question is whether it will happen in 2018 or 19.

Action: The board votes unanimously to reduce the Majors to 10 teams by 2018 if possible. If not, this should take place by 2019. Adam Polgreen and Keith Barry will approach the District 10 administrators to shrink to 10 teams with a deadline of Labor Day.

7:25:2

Eliminating 9-year-olds from the Majors. The board comes to a consensus that if we are going to go to 10 teams, it makes sense not to have 9-year-olds try out this year.

Action: Board votes to restrict upcoming Majors tryouts to 10 to 12 year olds if the league shrinks to 10 teams.

7:25:3

Rob McLaughlin proposes a Friendly 11's Tournament on August 20.

Action: Board approves Friendly 11's Tournament on August 20.

7:25:4

Majors tryouts will tentatively take place on September 10 and 16.

Action: Once these dates are set in stone, Brian Nolan will make info available on tryouts to the general membership, and get ads in local media.

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Status of Majors managers: All Majors managers except for the Red Sox and Dodgers informed Majors GM Ian Browne they would like to return next season. All managers must be recommended by the president and approved by the board each year. If the league reduces to 10 teams, it might make sense to contract the Red Sox and Dodgers because they don't have coaches.

Action: Adam Polgreen to recommend all Majors managers before tryouts. Some of this is pending how many teams we have in 2018.