

PLL BOD Meeting, November 12, 2018, at the clubhouse. 7:30 p.m.

Attendance

Present:

Keith Barry
Ian Browne
John Burns
Rich Curran
Pat Goonan
Kevin Hemphill
Matt Maiona
Tim Mills
Pat Murphy
Brian Nolan
Dennis Roache
John Sarro
Michael Seaton
Rick Treseler (phone)
Maria Luisa Plascencia

Absent:

Dom Fruci
Mark Loewen

Senior members in attendance

Joe Gambon
Keith Gagnon
Michael Liendo

3:12:5

Update on consolidating to Majors to one league

President Keith Barry informed the board that Little League has approved Parkway's request to consolidate the Majors from two leagues to one. This means that all 10 teams will be in the same division, and there will be one All-Star team for each age group instead of two.

Action: PLL will soon receive letter in writing about the successful request to consolidate to one league, and the league will then take any necessary procedural steps from there.

11:12:1

Equipment status:

Rich Curran has investigating using better baseballs than we used last year. Wilson has a good ball, and Rich thinks the balls will come off the bat a little better and leave the infield easier than the Diamond baseballs we used last year. Rawlings also has a good ball, but is a little pricier. Little League used Wilson in the tournament last year. Rich would like to order the baseballs soon, so we can get discounts. Board agrees with Rich's recommendation. Triple-A will also use these baseballs. Rich is also on the hunt for catchers equipment.

Single-A GM Pat Murphy has asked the league to purchase a lighter bat for the Single-A Division teams because players had a hard time getting around on last year's bats. Rich will look into buying 26/14 bats for each Single-A team. Pat also wants tees for each Single A team.

Action: Rich Curran to order Wilson baseballs in the near future and look for lighter bats for single-a teams.

11:12:2

Restructuring game format at lower levels

Dennis Roache starts a discussion on re-formatting the lower levels (Double-A and below) with the goal of having more balls put in play, allowing hitters to get more hits, and developing fielders better. In Single-A, this could mean using the tee. Hitters at this age are having a hard time making contact off the coach. In Double-A, there could also be some tee usage or coach pitch. Dennis is examining how other teams in the area format their games at the lower levels, and will soon report his findings to the board.

Action: Come up with better format for lower levels of play with an emphasis of more balls being put in play.

11:12:3

Schedule status

Commissioner Matt Maiona has the Majors schedule pretty well set for next season. Each Majors team will play an 18-game schedule, playing each team twice. Games will be played Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The game schedule starts on April 20 and finishes June 1. Sundays will be left for makeup dates. To limit AAU conflicts, Saturday games will be played at 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 in 2019. Each team will be assigned a number that corresponds to what pick they had in the recent draft, and the computer will automate the schedules for each team. T-ball games will be played on Wednesday and Sunday. Keith Barry would like most or all T-ball games to be played at the complex.

Action: Majors schedule will soon be posted to the website so families can plan accordingly.

11:12:4

Treasurer's update

Rick Treseler sent out a general ledger and income statement to the board with the current balance and expenses that are still pending.

11:12:5

President's budget

Keith Barry worked with Dennis Roache and Rick Treseler on setting the President's budget for the coming year.

The budget was shared with the entire board in writing and at the meeting.

Landscaping fees are projected to increase, as Tim Mills recommends the grass getting cut every five days during the season rather than every seven. Umpire fees also could increase, as Keith Barry is looking into a proposal in which Parkway uses a service to schedule umpires. Formal estimates will come on that soon. Rich will examine whether Major League uniforms should be replaced for next season.

Now that we know there will be three All-Star teams instead of six, the league would like to purchase uniforms for each age group.

11:12:6

Snow removal

Keith Barry has found a contractor who will perform snow removal for Parkway both on the sidewalk on Baker Street (from the train tracks to the beginning of Cutter Road), and also inside the complex at no cost. In exchange for his services, Parkway will allow the contractor will use our land to stockpile snow he removes from his other jobs. The contractor will remove the snow once he gets a chance. The board approves the proposal.

11:12:7

Fall cleanup

Keith has arranged for the Parkway landscaper Talyson to do fall cleanups at the complex.

11:12:8

Bathroom cleanup

The board agrees that the bathrooms at the complex need to be cleaned a couple of times a week. Parkway will pay someone to perform this service a couple of times a week during the season.

11:12:9

Ordering uniforms and hats

Rich Curran has started the process of figuring out uniforms and hats that need to be ordered for all divisions. Pat Goonan notes that the fitted hats that the Majors Giants had last year absorbed too much dirt. Rich Curran will look into this.

11:12:10

Progress of new website

League is still trying to troubleshoot how to migrate from our league lineup website to a website run by Dick's Sporting Goods. The jury is still out on whether all our needs can be met with the new website. Information officer Mike Seaton will continue to trouble-shoot.

11:12:11

Field renovations update

Tim Mills recently did a walkthrough of the whole complex. He received recommendations from three different lawn services to go over fertilizer programs.

McDonough needs foul lines. Also might try out a permanent foul line on Bunker, and if it works, use it on the other two fields.

Bunker should have a warning track, as recommended by Little League. Need six to eight feet. Could rip up sod and go from there.

For the irrigation system, timers need to come out of the scorers box and go into the clubhouse.

Rich also spoke of needing more infield drag rakes, and the need to for the fields to be maintained more often between games so we can maintain the quality of the fields we've spent money on improving.

Parking lot issues have been addressed, including the installation of clear signs and barricades to prevent parking in the island.

Tarps are being purchased to cover the fields for the winter.

11:12:12

Sponsorship update

Dennis Roache is working on a new brochure that will go to all potential sponsors. Pat Goonan, Kevin Hemphill and Rich Curran are helping Dennis on the sponsorship program. Dennis asks for as many volunteers as possible for sponsorships.

11:12:13

Winter clinics

Rather than using another training facility for indoor clinics this winter, Rich Curran recommends renting space from Roxbury Latin, and using our own volunteers. Several veteran Parkway coaches have already said they would do clinics for the kids. It was also suggested we gauge interest in former Parkway players to help run the clinics, including some who have played college or pro baseball.

Action: Finalize plans and solidify dates for winter clinics at Roxbury Latin.