

**Parkway BOD Meeting, Monday, May 13, clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.**

**Attendance**

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

**Absent**

Mark Loewen  
Maria-Luisa Plascencia

**5:13:1**

All-Star coaching appointments

The All-Star manager selection committee made the following recommendations for All-Star managers. Keith Barry as manager of the 12-year-old team. Eric Wainwright as manager of the 11-year-old team. Rob McLaughlin as manager of the 10-year-old team. The board approved all three recommendations.

**5:13:2**

**Evaluation of new format at Single-A and Double-A**

Double-A and Single-A GMs have gotten a lot of feedback from coaches on the new format in which the tee is being used more extensively. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The games are moving quick, and the fielders are getting action.

**5:13:3**

**Majors playoff schedule**

The board approves the Majors schedule and format as outlined by Dennis Roache and Matt Maiona. Everything should stay on schedule with the playoffs starting on Wednesday, June 12.

It is important to stay on schedule because the 10 and 11-year-old All-Star teams start on June 25. The latest the PLL playoffs can go is June 25.

Triple-A GM Brian Nolan will follow the same format for Minors playoffs, dates TBD. Double-A GM Tim Mills will propose format and schedule for Double-A playoffs.

**5:13:4**

**Board's position on Majors games being rescheduled**

The board is losing patience with teams trying to reschedule games in the Majors that have been on the calendar since before Christmas. When the schedule was posted, it was each coach's responsibility to inquire with their teams to see if there were any dates of massive conflicts. These conflicts should have been raised to the board and the commissioner prior to the season. In the future, barring extenuating circumstances, the board says that coaches should be given the following option to avoid possible forfeits. A) Make another inquiry to their parents to make sure they don't have enough players for that day. B) Call up a player from the player agent list to avoid a forfeit. C) Take a forfeit.

**Action:** Heading into 2020, the board should adopt a written policy on rescheduling games in the Majors.

**5:13:5**

**Corrib update**

Pat Murphy is coordinating PLL's Corrib raffle contribution this season. All division GMs will get each team's envelope to Pat. Pat has an upcoming meeting at the Corrib and will find out what they need in terms of volunteers from Parkway for the race, etc., on June 2.

**11:12:4**

**Treasurer's update**

Treasurer Rick Treseler provided a general ledger update, and e-mailed a copy to the board earlier in the day. Rick said he planned to re-allocate the budget to balance it a little more, and come out with a mid-year adjustment.

**11:12:12**

**Sponsorship update**

Dennis Roach passed out sponsorship sheet providing an account of where we are so far. Dennis says we are right on target with where we've been the last few years in terms of sponsorship revenue.

**3:11:1**

**Safety Officer's Update**

John Burns said we are right where we need to be in terms of how many national background checks we've done. Majors, Double-A and Triple-A, the volunteers have been 100 percent compliant in filling out volunteer forms. There are still some loose ends in T-Ball and Single-A.

**5:13:6**

**Umpire issues at Majors games**

The Red Sox have an issue with a Majors umpire Mike O'Reilly serving as a volunteer for the Phillies and coaching against a team one day, and then umpiring a game involving that same team a few days later. O'Reilly informed league president Keith Barry and Majors GM Ian Browne he will no longer volunteer with the Phillies. The issue still doesn't sit right with the Red Sox, so Keith Barry says he will tell the umpire chief that O'Reilly shouldn't umpire any Red Sox games for the rest of the season.

A lot of the coaches have had issues with some of the umpires used by the new umpiring service. Some of them are consistently making what the coaches feel are bad calls. Keith Barry says that if there are specific umpires who aren't getting the job done, to let him know, and he will tell Umpire service Coordinator Modesto Gomez not to use them anymore.

Brian Nolan would like to see the junior umpires be given more of a chance to work their way up the ladder and hopefully be able to umpire Majors games in the coming years.

**Action:** The league will again revisit the umpiring situation in the winter and evaluate how to proceed in 2002.

#### **4:8:10**

##### **Boundary adjustment update**

Keith Barry had a proposal to expand the boundary at the April board meeting. He has learned that there's a lot of paper work to be done, and it's too late to expand the boundary for 2019.

**Action:** The league will decide after the season if a boundary adjustment is necessary going forward.

#### **5:13:7**

##### **Parking issues**

**First issue:** A parent of a player crashed into the island in the parking lot in April, causing considerable damage. The parent decided on his own how much damage was done, and submitted a check to the league. The league differs on the amount of damage that was done. The dispute is ongoing.

**Second issue:** CM is undergoing much construction and has asked about the possibility of using our complex for overflow parking during events such as football games, basketball games, etc. The board doesn't have a problem with it and approves the request. Ian Browne mentions that CM should be in charge of monitoring the parking lot during these events to make sure there is no damage done at the complex by disorderly kids, etc. Keith said he would mention that to CM that it's their responsibility.

#### **5:13:8**

##### **Travel ball update**

The players on the All-Star teams will be picked for the Travel A teams in those same age groups. If they don't accept their spot, it will be backfilled with tryouts. There will be tryouts for B teams. Dennis Roache said he is seeking coaches for numerous levels of travel ball. Once again, we will use the Suburban league for A and B, ages 9-12. Some teams will play in tournaments, with the cost being covered by the individual team.

8-year-olds will play in Friendship League.