

PLL BOD Meeting Minutes, 11/18/19, 7:30 p.m., at Sprinkler Fitters Hall

Attendance

Keith Barry
Ian Browne
John Burns
Rich Curran
Dom Fruci
Keith Gagnon
Pat Goonan
Matt Maiona
Tim Mills
Pat Murphy
Brian Nolan
Dennis Roache
Michael Seaton
Bill Sittig

Absent

Mark Loewen
John Sarro
Rick Treseler

Senior Members

Mike Liendo

11:18:1

Lower Division formats

Senior Member Mike Liendo notes that the board should consider shuffling around the age groups for younger kids. Mike would like to see 4-year-olds in their own T-Ball division. Another T-Ball division could be 5 and 6-year-olds. Also suggests 7 and 8-year-olds are the Instructional Division with half tee ball and half kid pitch. And 9-11 year-old would be one Minor League rather than the Double-A and Triple-A model we've used the last several years.

Bill Sittig, the T-ball general manager, isn't sure if keeping 4-year-olds by themselves is the right answer. Bill would like to see more practices in T-Ball and less games.

Dennis Roache notes that Single-A and Double-A rules were restructured last year, and we should give that implementation some time to work.

Roache also says he will form a committee along with Bill Sittig and Mike Liendo and whoever else wants to be part of it to discuss how best to proceed forward in the divisions below Majors.

Action: Committee to discuss possible adjustments in lower division will meet independently and report their recommendations to the board by January meeting.

11:18:2

Field close-up

Keith Barry notes the fields need to be closed up for the winter. Bases need to be taken inside. Tim Mills said he will take care of that on Wednesday. A new lock is needed for Praught scorers box.

Action: Mills to take bases inside. Someone from building and grounds should purchase a new lock for Praught scorers box.

11:18:3

Concession stand clean-up

Former Concessions operator did not do a satisfactory job cleaning the stand and the surrounding areas after he informed the board he wasn't interested in renewing his contract for next season.

Though the concessions operator removed his dumpster, he never emptied the various barrels throughout the complex, most of which are full of trash. The hood also was never cleaned. Freezer needs to be thrown out. It has holes. There is also food that needs to be disposed. Dennis Roache suggests renting a dumpster to throw everything out. Keith Barry suggests asking Talyson the landscaper if we can fill up the back of his truck and run everything to the dump.

Action: Keith to reach out to Talyson to see if we can use his dump truck for trash removal. Keith will inform the board when that can happen, and five or so board members will help to dispose of all trash from concession stand/complex.

Once the trash is out, board will pay to get the thorough cleaning that the stand needs to get up to code for the next concessions operator.

11:18:4

Concession stand bid

Dennis Roache is in the midst of finalizing a proposal to put the concession stand out to bid. Buildings and grounds committee is reviewing it before the board approves it. Goal is to have the bid offer in local media by the second week in December. Hopefully the board will have bids to choose from by January board meeting.

Action: Dennis to finalize bid proposal to potential concession stand operators and get it out to local media.

11:18:5

Fields update

We are looking for someone to groom and maintain the fields for next season. Talyson will continue to cut the grass. Dennis knows someone from Boston Parks who is very interested. He is well-regarded and sounds excited for the opportunity, but he needs to see if he can fit Parkway into his schedule.

Action: Dennis Roache hopes to advise board by next month if we can reach an agreement with the field maintenance guy from Boston Parks.

11:18:6

General Ledger update

Treasurer Rick Treseler provided the board with a general ledger update via e-mail earlier in the day. Nobody on the board had any questions or concerns.

Dennis Roache notes there should be more local development money coming in this month, which will be allocated toward the grant to renovate Bunker Field.

11:18:7

Majors Schedule update

Commissioner Pat Murphy presented a rough draft of a randomized Majors schedule with each team assigned a number. With a nine-team league, the plan is to go with a 16-game schedule in which every team plays each other twice. As decided at the last board meeting, Opening Day is scheduled for April 11. Pat will make some tweaks to the schedule to eliminate games on the Saturday or Memorial Day weekend as well as Holy Name week. The number of each Majors team on the schedule is determined by their place in the standings last year. Yankees and Athletics are Teams 1 and 2 for getting to championship round last year. This insures we can keep with tradition and have them meet up on Opening Day.

Other numbers: Braves are Team 3. Cubs are Team 4. Dodgers are Team 5. Giants are Team 6. Red Sox are Team 7. Cardinals are Team 8. Phillies are Team 9.

Pat notes his plan is for T-Ball to be on Sunday morning and Wednesday night. Single-A will play Saturday and Monday. Friday and Saturday nights will be reserved for lower leagues to play under the lights.

Action: Pat will work toward a final draft of the Majors schedule that can be posted as soon as possible so teams and families can plan accordingly.

11:18:8

Equipment return/needs

Rich Curran will continue to work with coaches at all levels to make sure all equipment has been returned from last season. Rich will work with division GMs to determine what is needed. Bill Sittig suggests providing better equipment for coaches, such as nets and tees. Keith and others worry that not all the coaches will use this stuff. Dennis says the previously-discussed committee that is plotting potential adjustments in lower divisions will also discuss equipment needs.

11:18:9

Sponsorship Plan

Matt Maiona and Dennis Roache are in the process of getting the sponsorship application process started. They will check with local print shops about mass printings to all local businesses. Brochure needs to be updated.

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Dates for RL Winter Clinics

Rich Curran has secured the following six dates for Winter clinics for PLL players at Roxbury Latin: January 12, 19 and 26. Feb. 16, 23 and

March 1. Mike Seaton will soon open registration for these clinics. Discussions continue about how to divide up the sessions.

Next Meeting

The board decides not to schedule a December meeting. If some pressing business arises between now and then, we can shift course. As of now, the next board meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 7:30 p.m., at Sprinkler Fitter Hall.