

PLL Board Meeting, 1/13/20 at Sprinkler Fitters Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Absent:

Dom Fruci
Rick Treseler

11:18:1

Lower Division Format

Dennis Roache recently met with senior member Mike Liendo and Bill Sittig to discuss changes in format at the lower levels. During their meeting, they agreed that it would be best if the 9-year-olds all moved up to play with the 10 and 11-year-olds, and that way 9-year-olds won't have to hit off a tee.

The last few years, Double-A was comprised of 8 and 9-year-olds and Triple-A was 10 and 11-year-olds, as well as whichever 12-year-olds didn't play Majors.

The proposal going forward is to essentially go back to how things used to be. There will be a Minors Division for 9 to 12-year-olds. Instructional (or whatever the league is called) will be 7 and 8-year-olds. That league will use a tee the first three innings and kids will pitch the final three innings. Can tweak as needed. T-Ball will be 4 to 6-year-olds.

The board approves the new proposal to follow the guidelines outlined above by Dennis Roache.

Action: Rules will be developed by GMs on how to select the teams, coaches. Uniform needs will be identified.

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Approval of budget

Earlier in the day, treasurer Rick Treseler sent out the President's projected budget for the coming year.

The board approves the budget.

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New field guy

A proposal was made for a new field guy to groom and maintain our fields during the season. Keith Barry and Dennis Roache are still waiting to hear if he will accept.

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Concession stand update

The concession stand was recently cleaned out, giving the board the chance to assess what needs to be done to get it up to code for whoever takes over the stand. Keith Barry says it's going to cost about \$7,000 to fix the stand, which will include painting and cleaning and cleaning the hood, etc.

So far, three people have inquired about running the stand. Two are in the process of submitting proposals by the Jan. 24 deadline.

Action: Once we get official proposals, the board will get a chance to vote on which to accept.

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General Ledger update

Rick Treseler provided a general ledger update earlier in the day by e-mail. Nobody has any questions.

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Opening Day preparations update

Opening Day coordinator John Sarro says all permits are set and the insurance has been approved. The board approves a motion to approve John's proposed expenditure for the bands. The Opening Night Party will be at the Irish Social club. Opening Day is on Saturday, April 11.

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Nominee of Grand Marshall for Opening Day Parade

Dennis Roache nominates Eugene Doherty to be Grand Marshall for the Opening Day Parade. Gene was one of the original founders of the league, an original league coach and originally served the Board as Clerk/Secretary. Gene also served as Assistant District Administrator of the local Little League District (District 11 at the time).

The board approves the nomination of Gene Doherty as Grand Marshall.

Action: Dennis Roache will get in touch with Gene Doherty to let him know he has been selected as Grand Marshall of the Parade.

11:18:7

Majors schedule update

Pat Murphy presented a finalized proposal for the Majors schedule. It is mostly all set, but some tweaks are needed. There shouldn't be games on Friday of Memorial Day weekend. They can be moved to Monday the 18th.

Also, the sequence of home and road games for many teams was wrong. In other words, some teams had all their home games at the beginning of the year and all road games at end of the year. Pat will fix.

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Umpire update

Brian Nolan will finalize details for the annual umpire class for junior umpires. Ed King is interested in running this again. It would be at the Roche Community center. Six classes leading up to Opening Day. Brian needs contact info for the kids who aged out of Little League as players so he can see which of them are interested in umpiring.

Keith Barry asked the board for guidance on how to proceed with the Majors umpiring program. Last year, Parkway outsourced the umpires to a service run by Modesto Gomez. The board authorizes Keith to offer this opportunity to Modesto again for the 2020 season.

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Sponsorship update

Matt Maiona got the brochures printed out by Hercules and will get them mailed this week.