

PLL BOD Meeting, April 14, via ZOOM conference

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
John Sarro
Mike Seaton
Bill Sittig
Rick Treseler

Absent

Mark Loewen

4:14:1

Season overview

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Opening Day, the Opening Day Parade and the opening night party for April 11 were all canceled. So where do we go from here?

Dennis Roache proposes setting a target date of Memorial Day weekend at the earliest. Obviously this is contingent on federal and local government recommendations, etc.

Roache adds PLL fully intends to get this season in, whether we start Memorial Day, June 1 or July 15. Our top priority is to get this season in.

The board votes to set a tentative target date of Memorial Day weekend for Opening Day and no sooner. The motion is approved by majority.

Schedules could be shortened at some point, depending on how events transpire. At some point, T-ball might no longer be feasible. Right now, everything will plan ahead as is.

Dennis says we shouldn't announce rosters yet in the lower divisions because things could change depending on the numbers. Dennis will send out communication to families of the new plan.

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Tournament and Travel Ball

Dennis Roache recommends no summer travel ball this season. The main focus of the league this year should be to get our local league up and running this summer, whenever it might be. The plan would be not to

participate in the Suburban League (if they have it) or the Mayor's Cup. Our top focus is the regular season. Everyone is in agreement.

Though there is no official word yet from Little League, it also seems unlikely we will have an All-Star tournament this year.

If we're up and operational, Dennis says we will propose to run our own in-house tournament for the Majors on July 4 weekend. It would be free to sign up and play. This proposal is mainly aimed at the Majors to give the 12-year-olds some more time at the complex. But we'd be open if someone wanted to run it at other levels.

We would get the kids some type of uniform, using the budget that we don't use for All-Stars. Parkway in Motion has a lot of interest in sponsoring this if we do it.

Action: Dennis Roache will work with others to come up with a plan and budget on this in-house tournament for Parkway-only players.

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Processing refunds in light of new policy

In light of the uncertainty regarding this season, the board voted on March 30 to amend its normal refund policy for this season.

All families were given the opportunity to request full refunds - minus \$30 for league-incurred expense - prior to April 15. In the event the season is canceled, players who didn't ask for refunds will have their accounts credited into next season. If the season is cancelled, all 12-year-olds would be eligible for refunds.

As of this writing, 54 refunds have been requested so far. None of these requests are from the Majors. Seven from Instructional; 19 from the Minors. The rest are T-ball. Treasurer Rick Treseler will process all refunds.

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General Ledger update

Rick Treseler sent general ledger update via e-mail and recapped it on this call. Finances are in good shape.

Action: Rick mentions projecting a balance sheet/income statement based on if the season ends up getting canceled. The board thinks that's a good idea. Rick says he will do it when he finishes processing all the refunds.

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Concession stand update

At this point in the season, Dennis notes that we can't reasonable expect new concessionaire George Kehayias to pay us monthly rent for the concessions this year in light of the shortened season. We should look at it more as a service and just have him run it for us. In light of social distancing, etc., Dennis will talk with George to determine if it is

feasible to even run the stand for two months. The board agrees not to charge George rent this season.

Tim Mills notes that a company came in and cleaned everything in the concession stand, all the refrigerators were cleaned, they started cleaning the griddle but it was too rusted so they didn't want to keep going. We are ordering a new griddle for George. George ordered all the appliances he needed, refrigerators and freezers. The plumber is installing a new grease trap. The door was re-hung, all the holes were patched throughout the whole building. The stand should be ready to go.

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Update on field work

Tim Mills says all the work at the complex is continuing as if the season will start soon. The landscaper de-thatched Bunker, he de-thatched 3/4s of Bunker. McDonough was still too wet. We'll get that finished. The fields have been fertilized. The irrigation will be turned on at the beginning of May. Everything is in pretty good shape. Once we get the infield machine fixed, Joe Gambon will turn the infield over and get that set.

We will be getting lamps for the light fixtures soon. Keith will get a bucket truck so someone can install.

Also, the boarding of some of the stands on Bunker needs some work. Tim says they will get that done.

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Sponsorship update

Matt Maiona and his committee will continue to pursue outstanding payments from sponsors. So far, 35 sponsors have paid. Matt will communicate tentative start date of the season to sponsors.

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Safety Officers Update

The ASAP plan has been approved as of today. We sent out 88 JDP national cori checks to volunteers. Those are most of the Major League and Minor league coaches. T-Ball will be next. Volunteers still need to complete concussion training. First aid training is going to be TBD for now. We need to know when the season is going to start until we book that.

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Player Agent update

The Athletics had an opening on their roster. They've called up Dominic Aprille from the Player Agent list, and the player accepted. All Majors rosters are complete with 12 players per team.

Action: John Burns will work on a policy for temporary fill-ins on rosters for this season. If the season is played in the heart of the summer, you could have far more issues than normal with players missing games.

