

PLL Board Meeting via Zoom Conference, May 11, 7:30 p.m.

Attendance

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

Absent

Mark Loewen

4:14:1

Plans to re-open the league

The goal is to open the season on Monday, July 6. We should communicate this to families. Season would be July and August. If something changes between now and then and we have to cancel, then we have to cancel. But we should move forward with that plan. Many other towns are following a similar plan.

This plan will be communicated to the coaches and families. We should soon finalize rosters for Minors.

Instructional GM Brian Nolan feels it is still worthwhile to provide opportunity for players in that division to have a season.

UPDATE: It was later decided via a vote of board members to cancel the instructional league due to Little League guidelines that would be tough on kids of that age, and also the fact that having just Majors and Minors would make it much easier to be socially distant around the complex. The board also voted to allow 8-year-olds in the division the option of playing Minors.

T-Ball GM Bill Sittig recommends canceling the T-Ball season. Four to six year-olds have six or seven or eight years still to play Little League. Also, this would help alleviate field space. Getting the older kids the field space is important.

Board approves motion to aim for a July 6 start to the season for Majors and Minors, and decision to cancel T-Ball season. GMs will reach out to players in Majors and Minors to confirm their availability for a summer

season. Deadline will be May 31 to ask for a refund/credit for families who don't want to play.

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Forming a sub-committee for start of season

Board decides to form a sub-committee to prepare for all the rules and regulations and guidelines that will need to be put in place for this unique season. Little League has made their recommendations, but local leagues have the right this season to run the season as they see fit regarding roster replacement rules and other procedural matters. This group needs to really hash out player rules, replacement player rules, safety guidelines.

The sub-committee will consist of Dennis Roache, John Burns, Pat Murphy and Rich Curran. Keith Barry volunteered to help if needed.

Board approves.

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Player agent matter

The Red Sox have been trying to call up a replacement player for a couple of weeks to fill in for a player who decided not to come back. Three or four players on the player agent list have declined. Player agent John Burns recommends that we see what form the season takes - will we have enough players for all nine Majors teams - before figuring out how the Red Sox will proceed with their call-up. The board agrees.

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Safety officer update

John Burns has 68 Cori checks done already. Another 20 that re-submitted to have coaches complete, which would be 88. The number we usually get to is 125, 130. That's going to be down this year, obviously. We won't have nearly as many volunteers with only two divisions instead of four.

First-aid training will also be an issue because of social distancing guidelines. First-aid certificates are good for two years so if we have volunteers from teams last year who took the training, that should hold us for this season.

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July 4 tournament tabled

At the previous board meeting, when we had hoped to start the season on Memorial Day, Dennis had hoped to organize a July 4 house tournament. With the league not starting until July 6 now, we're going to table that. Maybe it's something we look at for the end of the season.

11:18:6

General Ledger update

Rick Treseler sent out an e-mail of the league's finances via e-mail earlier in the day. Nobody has any follow-up questions.

Treseler adds that last month it was reported we would have 42 refunds. We wound up having 66. They've all been issued within the 30-day timeline that we gave to parents. Rick add that since the update this morning,

we've received two donations totaling \$1,000. General ledger will be updated with landscaping costs.

The next board meeting will take place via zoon on Monday, June 8.

Meeting is adjourned.