



Parkway Little League

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PLL Board Meeting via zoom, Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, 7 p.m.

Attendance

Keith Barry
Kevin Boczkowski
Ian Browne
John Burns
Kevin Cloutier
Rich Curran
Keith Gagnon
Pat Goonan
Dave Greenwood
Tim Mills
Pat Murphy
Brian Nolan
Dennis Roache
Michael Seaton
Bill Sittig
Brian Taggart

Absent

Mark Loewen

11:9:1

Opening Day update

Dennis Roache notes it is going to be very unrealistic to run a parade in April given where we are with Covid. The priority should be to plan ahead and have a safe season for all divisions.

Action: Board will vote in January whether to have a parade.

12:7:1

Schedules

Goal is once again to get schedules out as early as possible so families can plan. Whether or not there is a parade, plan is to start the Majors season on Saturday, April 10. Goal is to get schedule published by early January.

With eight teams in Majors, Dennis notes that to run a balanced schedule, you're talking about playing every team twice for 14 total games. Otherwise, it would be three times against each team for 21 total games.



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Though 14 is shorter than an idea season in a vacuum, it might be the sweet spot this year given that we are still dealing with Covid and distancing issues at the complex, etc. On the upside, six of eight teams will make the playoffs, so that is an opportunity for more games.

Kevin Boczkowski mentions expanding the playoff format and doing away with the single-elimination, play-in games. Dennis Roache says Majors coaches should be given say on what the playoff format will look like in 2021.

For the Minors, we budgeted for 12 teams, 12 teams in Instructional and 14 teams in T-Ball. That will all be adapted with enrollment.

Action: Pat Murphy will draft up a 14-game Majors schedule and the board will vote on it in January.

12:7:2

Registration

Goal is to get registration up and running right after January 1. Information officer Mike Seaton says he will be ready to get it live by then.

11:9:3

Sponsorship update

Dave Greenwood met with Kevin Cloutier and Bill Sittig for about an hour and a half recently. Dave sent the board an e-mail about the Amazon Smile Account that was set up. Dave is working on some promotional marketing he can get out to everyone on that to have people in the league sign up. It's not a lot of money. .5 percent per every purchase, but if we can get enough people on, and get a banner on the website, it could be beneficial.

Dave also e-mailed the board a copy of the updated sponsorship brochure and made some changes. The committee did a good job hashing through the different donation amounts. They added a \$100 donation amount and a \$250 donation amount and got rid of the \$2,500 amount and dropped it to \$2,000. Once they get the list of sponsors who have donated in the past and the list of businesses from West Roxbury Main Street and Roslindale Main Street, Dave would like to send out to the board and take a look at it. If anyone on the board has connections to the local businesses, please be our point of contact to drop off the brochure and letter. It might make sense and make it a little easier to collect.

The sponsorship committee is looking to get sponsors for the dugout, the top of the dugouts, third base dugout at Bunker. They also talked about



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the dugouts at Praught as well as getting sponsorships on the bullpens, putting vinyl signs on the sides of the bullpens. For the \$2,000 amount, for that category, is field signage and that would be prime spots, such as the Green Monster, the bullpens and dugouts. They are trying to increase revenue with that.

11:9:2

General ledger and 2021 budget

Former Treasurer Rick Treseler, who is helping new treasurer Brian Taggart with the transition, sent an updated general ledger to Brian and Dennis Roache. They looked it over and it was sent to the board.

Dennis and Brian met to go over the proposed budget for the coming year.

Brian shared his screen during the board meeting so the board could clearly see all projected expenses in the proposed budget.

Keith Barry notes that the Corrib road race should be taken off the budget because it's not going to happen. Brian notes that and will adjust.

Action: Brian Taggart will send a final draft of the budget to the board for the January board meeting, and the board will vote to approve it at that time.

11:9:4

Facility projects/maintenance update

Tim Mills notes that freelance groundskeeper Curley Peterson got all the work on Bunker done and finished 90 percent of Praught. All the fields are buttoned up for the winter, all the tarps are out, irrigation is shut off. Tim is still negotiating with Curley to have him be our full-time groundskeeper for next season. They want to firm that up by January. Dennis says this won't drag out past mid-January. If Curley doesn't commit by then, they will move on.

Tim said they are looking for a new company to come in to do weekly maintenance, grass-cutting, landscaping, etc. The company we had been using got disorganized with billing, etc.

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Coach's Training

Bill Sittig would like to have more of a coaching development model. The concern is that we are being passed by in this area by other communities. Bill bluntly notes some places are doing this better than we are. Bill



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thinks that as baseball training is evolving, we need to make sure that information is getting passed to our coaches from people who do it for a living.

Kevin Cloutier notes it would help to have written practice plans all coaches could have access to. Mike Seaton agrees, noting there should be some core competencies for each level.

Brian Nolan notes that younger coaches should make it a point to watch some of our veteran Majors managers run their practices.

Action: Bill Sittig will pitch more of an outline and a budget we should use for coaching training by January.