

BOD Meeting, January 11, 2021, at the Elks Club Lodge (plus Zoom)

Attendance

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

Absent

Keith Barry
Mark Loewen
Tim Mills

11:9:1

Opening Day Parade

In light of covid restrictions, the board votes in favor of a motion not to have an Opening Day parade this season. The Opening Day slate of Majors games will go off as scheduled, on April 10.

11:9:2

General ledger and proposed 2021 budget

Treasurer Brian Taggart sent an e-mail earlier in the day of the latest General Ledger update, and also sent the final draft of the proposed budget for 2021.

The board votes to approve the 2021 budget.

11:9:3

Sponsorship update

Sponsorship coordinator Dave Greenwood mailed sponsorship brochures to all returning sponsors, and hand-delivered some, as well as potential new sponsors. Dave and his committee will follow up by Feb. 15 on businesses he hasn't heard back from.

12:7:1

Draft of regular season schedule

Pat Murphy sent the board a draft of the proposed regular-season schedule earlier today. One coach mentions that his team is playing every Thursday and Saturday. Pat said he will review it and make necessary adjustments.

Pat mentions that he needs to adjust the schedule to account for Holy Name week. He will find out when that is and adjust. Sundays will be for makeup games. Dennis Roache would like lower division GMS to start working on formats. Have a rule system in place. Dennis mentions not to push it with the number of games played. He'd rather play fewer games and be more spread out at the complex and get a full season in. The Majors are 14 games, every other level should be in that same range, T-Ball will probably be about 10 games.

Action: Pat will make necessary adjustments to the Majors schedule before it gets posted, and also start to get a framework of the schedule for the lower divisions. Division GMS will finalize their formats.

1:11:1

Field permit update

Dennis will apply for all the field permits this week. We'll get our normal permits for the Jason Roberts, Hynes, Draper and Billings.

Action: Field permit applications will be submitted this week to the Parks department.

11:9:4

Fields update/groundskeeper plan

We will be using a new landscaper. Tim Mills is getting quotes from three different landscapers. Looking to have those quotes soon and forward to the board for approval. Looking for someone to cut, clean and do any necessary treework. Dennis and Tim are still trying to secure the services of Charles "Curley" Peterson to be our groundskeeper in 2021. Dennis gives Curley a deadline of Feb. 1 to make a decision.

Action: Tim Mills to provide quotes to the board on potential landscapers; status of whether Curley Peterson is going to be the groundskeeper will be decided by early February.

1:11:2

Concessions update

Due to the holidays and canceled meetings with George and Cheryl over the whole Covid situation, Rich Curran and Dennis are trying to reschedule meeting and mentions they will probably have to negotiate a new plan.

Action: Board will get a chance to approve finalized plan for Concession operators within the next couple of weeks.

1:11:3

Registration update/refund policy

Dennis proposes a board vote that once you are registered this season, if the city cancels us or shuts us down, there is no refund. Other leagues have been doing the same thing for the last year. Dennis worries that the league will be in big financial trouble by granting refunds again. Once the league gets going each year, we start ordering equipment and uniforms and cutting the grass. We continue to pay bills. Policy will be written to account for this. Board approves motion to draft a motion on policy citing no refunds this season, and then to vote on it.

Action: Board will vote on no-refund policy once it's written. Registration will start after that.

1:11:4

Uniform ordering update

Rich Curran spoke to Piesco today about uniforms, asking them if they are expecting delays with uniforms/equipment. He doesn't foresee any delays right now. Only uniforms we have to order are for minors. Majors coaches will be asked by Rich if they want input on their hats. Otherwise, they will still as they were last year. He will start ordering baseballs and other things for majors and minors.

Action: Rich will make sure orders will take place in the next two weeks.

1:11:5

Residency verification process

John Burns spoke with Mike Seaton. They are working on a system. People who put their documents in through the registration system, they can verify it that way. At that point, see how many people are left. John's idea is if there is a ton left, they will start with the 9-year-olds this year and bring them to the complex on a certain date and time and verify birthdate, where they live, and if they are outside the boundary, verify that they go to school in the boundary.

1:11:6

Concussion/First aid training

John will sit down with Dave Greenwood but the thought is due to covid, there's no way we can rent a hall and do this. The plan is to set up two zoom meetings.

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