

**PLL Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2021, Elks Club, 7 p.m.**

**Attendance**

Keith Barry  
Kevin Boczkowski  
John Burns  
Rich Curran  
Keith Gagnon  
Pat Goonan  
Dave Greenwood  
Mark Loewen  
Tim Mills  
Pat Murphy  
Dennis Roache  
Mike Seaton  
Billy Sittig  
Brian Taggart

**Absent**

Ian Browne  
Kevin Cloutier  
Brian Nolan

**11:9:1**

**Opening Day plans**

As discussed previously, there will be no parade this year due to Covid restrictions. John Burns suggest that Majors teams march from CM to the field. We will have music going at the field. Concession stand will be open.

**Action:** Dennis Roache will follow up with CM to see if this plan is realistic.

**2:8:2**

**Registration update**

According to Mike Seaton, 510 kids have registered. There are still two Majors registrations unaccounted for. Mike notes we were at 600 or above in recent years. Dennis Roache says this serves as a reminder that the league should strongly consider opening up the league to Hyde Park in the future.

**11:9:4**

**Field update/groundskeeper**

PLL has secured Charles "Curley" Peterson to be our groundskeeper and landscaper. The league will buy a good mower for Curley to use.

**3:8:1**

**Majors coaches/managers/scorekeepers**

Dennis Roache presented a full list of names for all Majors volunteers this season. The managers had already been approved prior to tryouts in the fall. One managerial switch that Dennis presented to the board is that Rocky Anzalone and Keith Gagnon will switch places on the Braves

staff. Keith would be the manager, and Rocky would become an assistant coach. The board approves all volunteers presented by Dennis, including the switch in the Braves hierarchy.

### **3:8:2**

#### **T-Ball update**

For T-Ball, Billy Sittig is hoping for 10 kids per team. He would like to have three stations going for kids. Batting, fielding, plus a bow net in the outfield. Billy needs more volunteers He is hoping for one practice and one game per week.

### **12:7:1**

#### **Schedule update**

There will be eight Minor League teams with a season that ends on June 12.

For Instructional League (7-8 year olds), there will be 12 teams, ending on June 12.

In April, we will have three games a week at Jason Roberts for Minors and Instructional. All other games will be at the complex.

There will be no games on Memorial Day weekend.

Majors starts on April 10. Due to April vacation, there will be no games between April 16-23.

### **3:8:3**

#### **Batting cage time for Majors teams**

Ian Browne will set up a google doc for Majors teams to use the cage in the weeks leading up to Opening Day.

**Action:** Once the weather improves enough, Browne will set up a schedule for teams to practice at the complex. Teams are also encouraged to practice at all city fields where we have permits.

### **3:8:4**

#### **Rules update**

Rich Curran updated the league on developments from a recent district meeting. Player Agents can now be coaches for teams. Also, Majors teams are now allowed to have temporary call-ups. John Burns will put together a pool of Minors players willing to fill in at the Majors. Little League is also giving teams the flexibility to play with eight players, though this is not ideal. It is up to us as a local league to decide if or how we want to incorporate that rule. In the past, eight players for the start of the game is an automatic format. We may now allow flexibility for teams to be down to eight players by the end of a game, though the open spot in the batting order will be an automatic out every time through.

### **2:8:4**

#### **Majors Playoffs**

Still trying to pin down the format for Majors playoffs. One idea that seems to make the most sense is all eight teams make it, with the top two teams getting first-round byes. The format would be double elimination.

**Action:** Ian Browne will conduct a vote at the annual preseason meeting with the Majors managers. Ian will also discuss any other potential rule changes with Majors managers.

**11:9:2**

**General ledger update**

Earlier in the day, Brian Taggart issued a general ledger via e-mail on the league's finances. Brian recapped the update at the meeting.

**11:9:3**

**Sponsorship update**

Dave Greenwood has been cranking away on sponsorships, and has received 34 checks. Close to a third of the money he has received is new money. There is still money outstanding and one new addition this year will be bullpen signs at Praught.

**2:8:1**

**Community Preservation Act Funding**

The CPA fund that Dennis Roache and Keith Barry were instrumental in securing for PLL is in the final stages. The city-council vote in mid-March will make it official. The funding will be used to refurbish Bunker Field.

**2:8:6**

**ASAP plan update**

This is our safety awareness program that John Burns has done an outstanding job with for the last many years. It gives us a 15 percent discount on insurance. John submitted all paperwork and we were approved.

**3:8:5**

**Player injury/absence committee**

Once again, there will be a player injury/absence committee to determine how to handle replacements for injured or ill players at the Majors level. The board voted for John Burns, Ian Browne and Keith Barry to be on this committee.

**3:8:6**

**Volunteer forms**

All coaches must go to the volunteer section of the website to register as a volunteer, upload their driers license. One volunteer per team must attend virtual first-aid training. All volunteers must complete cori checks and concussion training before stepping on the field for a game this season.

**3:8:7**

**All-Stars**

PLL will once again participate in the Little League All-Star tournament this season after missing last year due to Covid.

**Action:** Summer League coordinator Billy Sittig will present his plan for the selection of players and coaches at the April board meeting.

**3:8:8**

**Mayor's Cup**

Another event that is coming back this year after a one-year absence is the Mayor's Cup. The board voted unanimously to once again host the 11 and 12-year-old Mayor's Cup. The dates are July 17 and 18, as well as July 24 and 25.