

## **PLL Meeting Minutes, May 10, 7:30 P.M., Elks Club**

### **Attendance**

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

### **Absent**

Keith Barry  
Pat Murphy

### **Senior Members**

Mike Liendo  
Masai King

### **5:10:1**

#### **Bunker Field grant**

As most of you know, we received a grant of \$50,000 which will be used to renovate Bunker Field. This is a master plan that probably started about 10 years ago. It is a two-phase plan to move and shift Bunker Field just a little to make it regulation-size but also create room against the back wall and eventually move the clubhouse and concession stand back towards the hill, which is more Phase 2, and probably years away. The grant money is for the first phase. We will have plans at the next meeting that everyone can look at. It's rebuilding Bunker, probably shifting it about 10 feet back to the left and creating so it's a full 200-foot field. Dugouts will be rebuilt, so they're sunken. Hope to have bullpens like at Praught. No lights. It's on a tight budget.

Dennis tells the board if anyone has any ideas for this plan, let him know. Don't wait until we're under construction.

### **11:9:4**

#### **Facilities update**

Tim Mills said we got a delivery of infield mix that Curley has been asking for. He's been hard at work at Praught, he's going to be shifting over McDonough to work on first base. This dirt should help eliminate some of the rainouts/postponements we've had on McDonough and the pooling water on first base.

The infield machine broke down, Tim will have someone look at to see if it can be fixed. Curley is going above and beyond at the complex, taking laps around to pick up trash.

#### **5:10:2**

##### **Playoff format updates/schedules**

The Majors coaches voted for a double-elimination tournament with the top two teams getting byes. Maximum amount of games we can play in this bracket is 11. Just need to finalize the dates. Hope to start the playoffs three days after the end of the regular season.

Minors GM Keith Gagnon is going with play-in games for Minors playoffs, then best-of-three semis, and then a best-of-three championship round.

Brian Nolan will figure out an abbreviated playoffs scheduled for Instructional.

#### **5:10:3**

##### **Issues with Instructional League**

Kid pitching has been an issue. They simply aren't throwing enough strikes and the games are dragging. The board has a long discourse on how to improve the issue. We have been playing three innings off the tee, and three innings of kid pitching.

Motion is approved that the coach will pitch the rest of the inning after a kid walks three in a row. Brian will communicate with Instrux coaches.

#### **5:10:4**

##### **Trophy update**

Brian Taggart ordered trophies for all divisions. We decided not to do coaches trophies this year.

#### **5:10:5**

##### **All-Star manager selection committee vote**

The five-person committee that selects the All-Star managers are the Summer League coordinator (Bill Sittig), the Majors GM (Ian Browne, the Commissioner (Pat Murphy), plus two at-large board members who get voted in.

Five people asked to be nominated for these two at-large positions. Dave Greenwood, Brian Nolan, Pat Goonan, John Burns and Kevin Cloutier. Ian Browne conducts vote. Pat Goonan and John Burns are elected to round out the committee.

#### **5:10:6**

##### **All-Stars/Summer Travel update**

The committee will select the managers on Monday, May 17. The board should have those recommendations by that night and will have to approve the selections. All-Star player selection meeting will be Monday, May 24. All team coaching staffs will be involved in nominating/voting on the first 11 players for each age group. The manager of the All-Star team has the authority to select up to three more players.

#### **11:9:3**

**Sponsorship update**

Dave updates sponsorship revenue, which is up to \$40,000 for the year. He is still expecting some outstanding checks. Dave got a \$500 gift card from Dick's Sporting Goods. Dave thinks we do a raffle for this gift card. Sell \$20 tickets. Board decides we will do it as a raffle.

**11:9:2****General Ledger update**

Brian Taggart sent out a General Ledger update earlier in the day. Board has no follow-up questions.

**5:10:7****Shutting down the complex at night**

Rich Curran says we should organize how the complex gets shut down at night. Last game of the night, who is in charge of the control box, the scoreboard, just making sure the lights get turned off. We will come up with a streamlined process to make this more efficient.

**5:10:8****Parking issues at the complex**

People are blocking the middle of the lot by the island. An e-mail will be sent about parking. We will get sawhorses to help mitigate the issue. We will also get sawhorses at the end of Baker Street to avoid obstruction from people leaving Cutter Road.

**5:10:0****Action shots for teams**

Lloyd Young, a photographer, is available to take action shots for teams. To make it worthwhile for Lloyd, he would need a minimum of five players per team interested, \$25 per players. GMS will push this out to coaches.