

PLL Meeting Minutes for June 21, Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Absent

Keith Barry
Kevin Boczkowski
John Burns

6:21:1

Instructional Rules modification update

Instructional went well once coaches started finishing the inning after a pitcher walked three straight batters. Brian Nolan will follow up with coaches. It seems to be something that can work going into next year.

6:21:2

Raffle/Sponsorship update

Everything is on track with sponsorships. Dave chasing down any outstanding balances. The raffle for a \$500 gift card from Dick's has been a smashing success. As of now, Dave has 266 tickets sold for \$5,320. Participation was great overall. Dave's team won the pizza party as the team that sold the most tickets. Raffle will be drawn during the Majors championship game. Dennis Roache credits Dave for a great job turning a \$500 gift card into nearly \$6,000 the league can use going forward.

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Playoff game operations

We just want to make sure we have proper game presentation for all the championship series ahead - Majors and Minors GMs Ian Browne and Keith Gagnon will make sure we have PA announcer, scoreboard operator, trophy presenters, etc.

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Equipment return update

Rich Curran organizing the return of equipment bags for all teams except for Majors. However, Majors teams should all turn in their 12 uniforms per team..

6:21:5

Update on replacing the field machine

Our infield machine broke. It was worth \$1,000 but would be \$5,000 to fix. Tim Mills is working with a friend, trying to get a demo machine for the rest of the year. After the season, look to get a new one. Trying to find a demo right now, the closest one they can find is in Texas. The other issue is, once Covid hit, everything shut down, so there's not a lot of machines out there. Supply/demand issue right now. Right now, Curley is using the golf cart but that's not an ideal situation.

11:9:2

General Ledger update

Treasurer Brian Taggart sent out a general ledger update earlier in the day and recaps it to the board. Dennis thinks the league did really well recovering from the pandemic and put ourselves in a good financial position.

6:21:6

CM Camps update

CM came to us through a few board members about pumping out an e-mail to promote their camps for local sports. Dennis just wants to put in front of the board. They aren't a sponsor, but they are a neighbor. It seems like a win/win to help them out. Board approves.

6:21:7

Sweet Swing Academy Proposal

Brian Nolan was in touch with Kevin O'Brien from Sweet Swing Academy, who approached him about PLL hosting his summer clinic. His proposal wasn't complete. Board agrees there isn't enough in this for the league at this time to consider this proposal. Dennis says this is something that should have been brought to us in February or March.

6:21:8

CPA Update

Dennis provides an update on the funding we requested from the city to do a makeover on Bunker Field. There's still a lot of moving parts, when it's going to happen. We did finalize the agreement for the funds. We signed it. We have the money in full. We will have a check on the way for a third of the money within the next couple of weeks. This is now about the planning and how this gets done. We have two years to spend this money. We're reviewing everything, and working with some designers. The original plan was to start cutting into Bunker in July. That's still sort of on track but there's still some missing pieces. Material costs have gone through the roof. Material availability is out of control. We might start in August and do a little, not demo Bunker this summer, and come back next season and go into it. That's still on the table, as is just going forward. We don't want to risk putting Bunker off-line for an extended period.

Dennis went to the Boston Labor Council a week and a half ago with Keith Barry. They pitched the idea of what we are doing. They are very excited about it. They took a proposal back to their union labor councils and they'll get back to us on how they can help us. It could be electricians

doing some work on the piping. Each one will present what they would do for us, whether it be labor work or just a flat-out donation. That could drive how we think about this project. We're looking for as much in-kind donation as we can because we want to build the best possible field we can.