

PLL Minutes, 8/2/21, 7:30, Elks Club

Attendance:

Kevin Boczkowski
Ian Browne
John Burns
Kevin Cloutier
Keith Gagnon
Pat Goonan
Dave Greenwood
Tim Mills
Pat Murphy
Brian Nolan
Dennis Roache
Brian Taggart (zoom)

Absent:

Keith Barry
Rich Curran
Mark Loewen
Michael Seaton
Bill Sittig

6:21:5

Field update

Tim Mills says we're still working on getting an infield machine. Tim adds we need some new L screens for the batting cage next year. The ones we have right now are falling apart. Tim will get prices on those. Might go to a higher quality, higher price range, so it lasts longer than two years.

Action: Tim to continue investigating infield machines for purchase, and look into new and improved L screens.

11:9:2

General Ledger update

Brian Taggart sent out General Ledger update earlier in the day and goes over it at the meeting. He says most of our expenses are paid off. John Burns asks about a state tournament fee on the general ledger. Brian said he bundled some of the state tournament expenses with some other summer baseball expenses. It's a combination of summer fees, not including uniforms, and tournaments. Dennis is encouraged by our cash balance, considering Covid, etc.

6:21:8

CPA update

Dennis sent out drawings of the CPA plan for the re-design we will be doing on Bunker for the next two years. We're hoping to start demolition of the retaining wall this fall. We will continue to play on the old Bunker Field in 2022. The field will be renovated in the summer and fall

of 2022. Dennis encourages the board to come to him with any questions or issues. Dennis will soon meet with one of the city unions, who say they want to do demo work with us, which will potentially include cutting and rebuilding the wall. There will be brand new dugouts, sunk-in dugouts similar to Praught, bullpens for both teams. The field will have a 200-foot diameter all the way around. We will have black cut, mesh nets instead of the wooden fence.

Action: Dennis will continue to finalize plans for this big project; board members should contact him with any suggestions.

8:2:1

Concessions update

The board was generally pleased with the food services. Some other issues, including more consistent trash disposal - need to be discussed. Plan is for a group of board members to have a meeting with the operators soon, so we can get on the same page for next year and make sure this is still a good fit going forward.

8:2:2

Status of Majors managers for 2022

Seven of the eight Majors managers from 2021 have informed Majors GM Ian Browne they would like to return in 2022. Jim Gallagher (Phillies) is stepping down. Mike Seaton will send out an e-mail advertising a Majors manager opening. The board will have a committee to go through the candidates and recommend a choice to Dennis. The board will have to approve the choice by majority. We will fill the position before tryouts.

Action: Fill one Majors manager opening; still need to have other seven managers approved by the board also before tryouts.

8:2:3

Setting dates for tryouts, draft, annual meeting.

Board decides to hold tryouts the weekend of Sept. 11 and 18. One tryout will be on a Sunday, the other will be on a Saturday. (Editor's note: We later decided to push this back a week to give ups more prep time. First Majors tryout will be on Sunday, Sept. 19. The second one will be Saturday, September 25). The Draft will be on Monday, September 27. The annual meeting will be a date TBD in October.

8:2:4

Board member terms

Just a reminder of who from the board has a year left on their term and who is up for re-election:

The following members have one year left: Kevin Boczkowski, Kevin Cloutier, Pat Goonan, Dave Greenwood, Mark Loewen, Tim Mills, Pat Murphy, Mike Seaton, Brian Taggart. FYI, Pat Murphy states he doesn't plan on fulfilling the final year of his term. So we will now have nine open board spots for next year, but the person who replaces Pat will only have a one-year term. The other eight terms are two years.

The following board members have expiring terms and would have to get nominated and re-elected to stay on the board: Keith Barry, Ian Browne

John Burns, Rich Curran, Keith Gagnon, Brian Nolan, Dennis Roache and Bill Sittig.

8:2:5

Organization of Travel Ball

John Burns says we need more organization with Summer Ball. Some families haven't paid yet and the season is already over. The 12-year-old team decided not to play after we submitted a fee for that team. John wants a better process on this going forward. Whoever the summer coordinator is going forward needs more support with admin stuff. Bill Sittig probably needed more support from other board members than he got this year.