



Parkway Little League

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PLL BOD Meeting, September 2, 7:30, The Elks, West Roxbury

Attendance

Keith Barry
Ian Browne
John Burns
Rich Curran
Pat Goonan
Matt Maiona
Pat Murphy
Brian Nolan
Dennis Roache
John Sarro
Mike Seaton
Bill Sittig
Rick Treseler

Absent

Dom Fruci
Keith Gagnon
Mark Loewen
Tim Mills

Senior Member

Dave Greenwood

9:2:1

Majors/Minors Fall Ball update

Dennis Roache informs us that rosters went out to coaches for Majors last night. There are 13 players per roster. Should be a good, competitive league. Schedule will be Thursdays and Saturdays at 5:30 and 7:30. Any rainouts will be attempted to be made up within the week. Rules will be a little different than Majors. Dennis will send those out within the next couple of days. First game will be Thursday, September 10.

Pat Murphy says Minors will have 14 kids per team. They will play Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 and 7:30.

Majors teams will practice on Bunker; Minors on McDonough. Pat Murphy will organize Minors practice schedule. Dennis Roache and Ian Browne will



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organize Majors. Cages will be open. The preference is one team per time in the cages.

Majors schedule is on the website already. Minors will be soon.

There will be two umpires per game in both divisions. Moe Gomez will continue to handle Majors umpires. Brian Nolan will run Minors umps.

9:2:2

Majors uniform update

Most uniforms were collected after team's last game. League plans to professionally dry clean all uniforms for obvious reasons of playing the season in a pandemic, etc. Rich Curran will make sure every uniform from every team gets collected.

11:18:6

General ledger update

Rick Treseler provided an electronic report earlier today. He notes the budget is tight for the rest of the year, suggests we need to tighten belt, avoid discretionary costs.

9:2:3

Inventory on board members

Secretary Ian Browne provided an inventory on returning board members and those whose terms expire.

The following eight board members have a year left on their term: Keith Barry, Ian Browne, John Burns, Rich Curran, Keith Gagnon, Brian Nolan, Dennis Roache and Bill Sittig.

The following nine board members have terms expiring in October. Dom Fruci, Pat Goonan, Mark Loewen, Matt Maiona, Tim Mills, Pat Murphy, John Sarro, Mike Seaton and Rick Treseler.

Maiona, Sarro and Seaton indicated they won't accept a nomination for the new board.

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Senior membership process

Ian Browne notes that senior members usually qualify based on 20 hours of volunteer service. This year, with no Instructional or T-Ball, many volunteers lost the opportunity to earn their 20 hours. The board agrees



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that those who had committed as volunteers for Insrux and T-Ball will qualify for senior membership.

Action: Ian Browne will work with division GMs to identify all eligible senior members and send applications out

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Sponsorship update

Sponsorship revenue took a hit due to Covid-19, and the impact that had on local businesses, etc. With Matt Maiona leaving, the new board will need a bulldog on sponsorships to try to increase sponsorship revenue which won't be easy given the fallout from the pandemic. Some future ways to increase sponsor engagement includes making it easier for them to pay, including putting an APP on the website so they can pay instantly rather than having to write a check.

9:2:6

Status on Majors teams for next year

Six of the nine managers from Majors teams expressed an interest in coming back. Three managers - Keith Barry (Athletics), Joe Gambon (Yankees) and Eric Wainwright (Red Sox) do not wish to come back.

Dennis Roache will set up an application process for interested candidates and post it to the website as well as e-mail it to the PLL e-mail list.

The board agrees we need to make a decision before tryouts of whether to keep nine teams or go down to eight. Could we fill nine teams? Probably. But the competitive level would drop off significantly. A decision has to be made of whether we want to go to eight teams to maximize our chances of not only having a competitive product in the Majors, but also improving the quality of play in the minors.

We will gather data and numbers and make a decision at the next board meeting on Sept. 14 of how many teams to go with.

In the meantime, Mike Seaton will make data available to the board to help inform their decision at next meeting.

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Dates on Tryouts, Draft, Annual Meeting



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The board decides to hold tryouts on Sunday, September 27 and Saturday, October 3. The draft will be held Monday, October 5. The Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, October 7.

9:2:8

Fee Schedule

The board talks about a new fee schedule. It takes a lot of money to maintain the services and product we provide. The fee schedule needs to properly supplement these expenses. Treasurer Rick Treseler and Information Mike Seaton will put some data points together to help us conclude how much we should charge for registration going forward. By comparison, PLL is charging less than the other sports youth leagues in the area.

Action: Board will soon set a new fee schedule