



Parkway Little League

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Parkway BOD Meeting on Nov. 9, 2015 at Little League Complex Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.

Board Members

Present:

Mike Barone
John Burns
Ed Fitzgerald
Jim Gallagher
Rob McLaughlin
Pat Murphy
Brian Nolan
Adam Polgreen
Bobby Todd
Rick Treseler

Absent:

Ian Browne
Jack Lane
Jim McAdams
Rich Myers
Sean Russell
Rick Swiman
John Tobin

Additional Senior Members Present:

Joe Gambon

11:9:1

The meeting started with open discussion about the progress of the complex renovation work, which largely has been completed. Turf company to return to fix various items, such as base placements that were removed. President Rick Treseler noted that the Corrib Trust has agreed to fund new bleachers for McDonough Field. Treseler said that Pat Murphy indicated his scaffolding company has experience assembling bleachers. Adam Polgreen asked about current electrical situation at Praught Field pressbox. Treseler and Joe Gambon discussed the potential need to dig a trench for electrical conduit. The current electrical cable serving the pressbox is not in a conduit, it is buried and not working. Also the status of the McDonough scoreboard was discussed. Gambon indicated the scoreboard has powered on in the past, but has never functioned.

Action: Treseler and Gambon will work to make sure a renovation punchlist is completed. Vendor and order date for bleachers to be determined. Gambon recommended that sponsor sign installation wait until the spring.

11:9:2

The change in divisional format from Instructional and Minors to A, AA and AAA was discussed. Jim Gallagher asked for an overview of how a proposed additional division of play would work for kids on the fringes (12-year-olds in minors or top young players looking to play up). Making the new divisional format an age-based system was discussed. The AAA level would consist of 10-year-olds and 11-year-olds. The AA level would be for 8-year-



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olds and 9-year-olds. The A level would be similar to the current Instructional level with coach pitch. Rick Treseler raised the issue of costs (potential added costs of various equipment bags, additional umpiring costs, etc.). Treseler also raised the issue of splitting funding by division (division-specific clinics, etc.).

Action: Treseler will get prices from various professionals (Kevin O'Brien at Sweet Swing, TJO and similar) to get real numbers in place for consideration. Multiple members suggested that the board try to get more opinions and feedback from the membership and current coaches about the proposed division change.

11:9:3

April 16, 2016 is set as opening day. Pat Murphy adds that as a courtesy Parkway Soccer should be contacted to let them know the opening date.

Action: Parkway Soccer to be contacted to let them know the Parkway Little League opening day is April 16, 2016.

11:9:4

Update on whether John Tobin can be our Opening Day coordinator. Rick Treseler said he had not heard from John Tobin since the last meeting.

Action: Treseler to ask Tobin about being Opening Day coordinator.

11:9:5

Equipment return and inventory was discussed. Rick Treseler noted a few cases of missing equipment and jerseys, particularly the defunct Majors Twins.

Action: Jim Gallagher will send email to all coaches and will set up a process to recover bags and start inventory process.

11:9:6

Transfer of treasurer's responsibility and records was discussed.

Action: Outgoing treasurer Jack Lane will update the ledger and tie up loose ends before delivering materials to new treasurer Bobby Todd.

11:9:7

Brief first-aid discussion. Question was raised whether Rick Deraney will help conduct the safety training again in 2016. Rob McLaughlin noted that at least one coach from each team must attend the training each year. Each individual coach must attend once every three years. Rick Treseler noted he had never received any cards, signifying completion of the first-aid program. McLaughlin said an email had gone out explaining that the cards were at the concession stand. Joe Gambon retrieved the cards from the stand during the meeting and distributed to those in attendance.

Action: Ask Rick Deraney if he is willing to help again with safety training.

11:9:8

Rick Treseler announced that TJO Sports had been secured for winter clinics starting January 9. Total of nine weekly sessions, cost of \$125 for all or \$20/session.



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Action: Spread word to parents/players about the clinics, details already on website.

11:9:9

Rick Treseler indicated there would be a photo opportunity and suggested a thank you letter to the Corrib Trust for its contribution dedicated to the new McDonough Field bleachers.

Action: Treseler to set up date for photo and work to put a thank-you ad in the West Roxbury Bulletin.

11:9:10

Transfer of player registration records was discussed. Rick Treseler recommended to Ed Fitzgerald that records need just be checked once for age and boundaries. Records do not need to be saved.

Action: Rick Treseler to continue discussion with Ed Fitzgerald after the meeting.

11:9:11

Creating a league policy for requests for donated registrations was discussed.

Action: Discussion to continue. Before a process is established, requests will continue to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by Rick Treseler and the board.

11:9:12

The matter of nominating a president was briefly discussed. No one expressed interest in the position and many board members expressed that Rick Treseler should continue as president.

Action: None

11:9:13

The league policy on fee assistance was re-affirmed. No one will be turned away from participating due to an inability to pay.

Action: Rick Treseler will continue to report discreetly any such fee-assistance waivers to the financial committee and treasurer.

11:9:14.

The number of Majors Playoff teams was discussed. Rob McLaughlin said that four teams per league was too many and made the playoffs too long. McLaughlin suggested two teams from each league instead of four. Adam Polgreen suggested four teams per league (the number from 2015) with the top seed playing the fourth seed and the second seed playing the third seed, each in one-game playoffs. McLaughlin re-iterated that last year's format put Parkway at a disadvantage in District play as the Parkway postseason went too long.

Action: Discussions to continue and other opinions sought.

11:9:15

The potential of a major fundraising event was discussed. Rick Treseler mentioned another opening night celebration. He noted that last year's event was underwhelming but that previous turnouts had been better. Several members suggested an event at the complex. A movie night, year-end celebration, barbecue and



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combinations of various ideas were discussed. The merits of a pay-to-attend vs. a free-to-attend event were also discussed. The consensus was that the board would pursue organizing another opening night event as well as some fundraiser or league-wide event at the end or near the end of the season.

Action: Continue discussion of an opening night event and ideas for an event at the complex.