



*Parkway Little League*  
P.O. Box 320152  
West Roxbury, MA 02132

December 14 at Sprinkler Fitters Hall, West Roxbury, 7 p.m.

Attendance

**Present**

Mike Barone  
Ian Browne  
John Burns  
John Flynn  
Matt Maiona  
Rob McLaughlin  
Pat Murphy  
Rich Myers  
Brian Nolan  
Adam Polgreen  
Gary Russell  
Sean Russell  
John Sarro  
Bob Todd  
Rick Treseler

**Absent**

Jim Gallagher  
Pat Goonan

**Senior members present**

Mike Gallagher  
Joe Gambon  
Mike Moxley

**12:14:1**

The meeting started with a couple of parents discussing the process for getting their children traded from one Major League team to another. A healthy discourse followed, with the board informing the parents of the pertinent rules and regulations regarding this type of scenario. It was agreed that the player agent would continue to follow up on this situation and try to come up with the best resolution for all parties involved.

**12:14:2**

Treasurer Bobby Todd provided an update on the budget and expenses and gave out copies of the general ledger. Todd and president Adam Polgreen are in the process of putting together a budget for 2017.



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**Action:** Budget will be submitted to the board for approval by the next board meeting.

**11:9:21**

Update on projected number of teams for next season, which is necessary for submission of charter application and insurance. Last year, we had 54 total teams. This year, the projection is 61 to 63.

**Action:** The board approved the motion to approve the charter payment.

**11:9:5**

Spring Registration is projected to start on January 10. Pat Murphy suggested improving the registration form in order to better solicit volunteers.

**11:9:7**

Facilities update. Pat Murphy led a group of members who built three new sets of bleachers. What's left to be done is putting on the backs and side railing. Adam Polgreen met with some people about fence repairs. There are a couple of bids that need to be sorted out. There are new mats for the batting cages. Sports turf specialties will install those for us and they will also look at doing some stone dust work at Praught and Bunker. Everything has been winterized at the complex. There is still talk about improving the scorer's boxes for next season. If nothing else, we need new chairs. Discussions to continue on how much to invest in the scorer's boxes.

**11:9:4**

Schedule update: Matt Maiona and Adam Polgreen have produced a draft of the Majors schedule. There are no times or fields yet, but it gives the dates of each team, currently designated as AL 1, AL 2, AL 3, AL 4, AL 5 and AL 6 and the same for the NL. Opening Day is April 8. All Majors team will play that day. No games scheduled for Easter weekend or on the Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day weekend. No scheduled back to back games. All teams will have 21 games, with 11 or 10 home dates. All teams with three home interleague games. The playoffs would start on June 15 and end on June 25. Adam and Matt also made a mock schedule for the 63 teams at all levels. Triple-A, if they go to seven teams, will play 18 games. Rich Myers will work with the Challenger League to determine availability for the lower levels to play at Jason Roberts.



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**Action:** The hope is to post the Majors schedule early in 2017 and then start filling in the other divisions. Rich Myers in the process of working out a deal for Parkway use of Jason Roberts Field.

**12:14:3**

Safety officer update: John Burns in process of putting together ASAP report. John Burns and Ian Browne will run background checks. We need to do a better job of getting all coaches to fill out their paper work. Last year, too many coaches didn't submit the required paper work. At least one representative from every team needs to attend first aid training. Rick Deraney will again run first aid training. Burns requests a spreadsheet to track all coaches so we can keep track of submitted cori/volunteer/concussion forms.

**12:14:4**

Ed King will once again handle junior umpire training classes this winter. Mike Barone said that Ed would like to add more on-field training. Barone wonders if we could do a better job advertising the umpire classes. He would like to have a bigger pool of junior umpires.

**11:9:20**

270 Baker Street Development update: Jim Gallagher has been our conduit, but isn't present at the board meeting. Adam says Parkway is still negotiating with the developer of the project for a potential donation to Parkway. The development has another meeting on January 11 to provide a plan in which they don't have an entrance on Baker Street. They won't go for final approval on their development until at least February. Parking is a concern and will need to be further addressed to make sure we don't lose parking spots on Baker Street.

**12:14:5**

Adam Polgreen recommends the following for the Majors cubs coaching staff. Assistant coaches Rob Lopez and Rick Treseler. Scorekeeper John Rimas. The board approves by majority the recommendation for all three coaches.

**Action:** Cubs coaching staff approved.

**12:14:6**

Rob McLaughlin suggests improving our Constitution/By Laws/handbook in an easily transparent way. The constitution is supposed to be the overarching way the league is run and the by-laws have the local rules and options. Many leagues have gone to a handbook. The handbook would have everything, a table of contents, the bylaws, etc. It would all be



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available to view on the website. Rob McLaughlin envisions the document containing everything that is Parkway Little League. All division GM's can coordinate and collaborate. Player agent Jim Gallagher, president Adam Polgreen and commissioner Matt Maiona will be included also. Rick Treseler said he would help also.

**Action:** The goal is to try to get this document out to the entire board by the February meeting.

**12:14:7**

Discussion about snow removal on the Baker Street sidewalk from just past CM to where the complex ends. Because this sidewalk abuts the complex, it is Parkway Little League's responsibility to have this portion of the sidewalk cleared. Last year, PLL received two citations. Rich Myers said he will speak to someone who might be able to keep this sidewalk cleared after each storm.

**Action:** Rich Myers to speak to a friend about clearing the Baker Street sidewalk just past CM and close to the intersection of Cutter Road.

**11:9:12**

Continued discussion about the future of whether to continue including 9-year-olds in the Majors. Rob McLaughlin shared data from recent drafts.

**11:9:3**

Plans for Opening Day. This issue was tabled until the January meeting.

**11:9:15**

Major League rules: Rob McLaughlin presented an outline for official Majors rules to be approved by the board, but McLaughlin was absent from the meeting. This issue was tabled.

**11:9:16**

Formation of Parkway Experience Committee: Adam Polgreen has proposed a new committee that would enhance the opportunities and experience for the league. The issue was tabled. Details are available in prior Meeting Minutes.

**11:9:17**



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Winter Clinics: Dirt Dogs is hosting Parkway players for winter training clinics, starting in January. Any interested players can sign up on the Parkway website or by calling Dirt Dogs.

**11:9:18**

Summer Travel Ball: Issue tabled, but needs to be discussed in January. Need to find some members willing to help run the Summer Travel program. Adam will talk to other leagues to see how they manage their Summer Travel.

**11:9:19**

Application for City of Boston field permits: Adam Polgreen will apply for those in January. He'd like to establish a better relationship with softball, to see what is in everyone's best interests in terms of field usage. Adam will reach out to the PGSL president.