



*Parkway Little League*

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**PLL BOD Meeting on May 8, 2017 at Parkway LL Clubhouse**

**Present**

John Burns  
Jim Gallagher  
Pat Goonan  
Pat Murphy  
Rich Myers  
Brian Nolan  
Adam Polgreen  
Bob Todd  
Rick Treseler  
Sean Russell  
John Flynn  
Rob McLaughlin

**Absent**

Gary Russell  
Ian Browne  
Mike Barone  
John Sarro  
Matt Maiona

**Sr. Members Present:**

Rich Curran  
John Gallagher

**12:14:3**

**Safety Officer Update:** A question arose as to whether all volunteer background checks have been performed on the First Advantage site.

**Action:** John Burns to review information from LL Data Center and determine whether the number of background checks is consistent with those performed on the Comm of MA CORI System.

**12:14:2**

**Treasurer's update:** Bob Todd distributed an updated general ledger to the Board.

**4:4:1 Corrib raffle:** Bob Todd reiterated the call for more volunteers to serve at the Corrib Road Race. Bob states that raffle tickets have been distributed to most teams.

**11:9:7**

**Facilities Updates:** Adam Polgreen stated that the artificial batting mats will be installed in the batting cages by the landscape contractor in the next week.

Rick Treseler inquired about the cause of the power loss at the Praught scoreboard. Adam stated that Pettipas Electric advised that the issue is



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caused by a severed cable below grade. Adam and Rick to meet with Pettipas Electric to review alternatives for restoring power.

A question arose as to the replacement of the speed bump at the entrance gate. Adam states that a new speed bump must be installed.

Adam stated that he met recently with Mike McGuire, former Councilor John Tobin, Councilor O'Malley and others to begin seeking support for replacing the clubhouse and concession facilities. Adam presented a proposed conceptual rendering of the new facility and indicated that the cost may reach \$500k.

**Action:** Review options and costs for restoring primary power to the scoreboard. Procure new speed bump for Board approval.

**4:4:2**

**Opening Night Party Update:** Adam Polgreen requested to move the proposed 65th season party from May 20<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup>. Board approved.

**Action:** Adam agreed to contact Eat at Jack O'Neill's to request use of the function room for that date.

**4:4:3**

**Status on recommendation/approval of Managers/coaches:** It was noted that a list of all volunteers and coaches was submitted to the Board for approval on 4/8/17 (Opening Day). The list of names was approved without exception. This issue is resolved.

**4:4:4**

**Regulating injuries in Majors:** Jim Gallagher presented the final draft of the Major Division Injury and Absence Reporting Policy to the Board for approval. Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed reporting policy. Jim Gallagher, Ian Browne, and Pat Murphy to review all absences for possible action by the Board.

**Action:** Approved Injury/Absence policy to be published in the Documents section of the website. Gallagher and Browne to convey new policy to the Major Division team managers.

**4:4:5**

**Status of Spring player training clinics:** Adam Polgreen says there will be two trainings for Triple-A, Double-A, Single-A. Adam says he has potential dates. Double-A and Triple-A will be on April 29 and May 20. The Single-A training will be Saturday, May 13 and Saturday, June 3.



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Adam Polgreen noted that the player training clinics have commenced. A question arose concerning the proposed cost of the clinics and the earlier coach's clinics.

**Action:** Adam Polgreen will obtain invoice pricing for the clinics from Dirt Dawgs Sports.

**4:4:6**

**Status of Triple-A scoring rule:**

Rob McLaughlin presented the final draft of the AAA Division Local Rules of Play which restores the local rule on scoring from 3<sup>rd</sup> base only on a hit ball. Rob states that the AAA team managers/coaches were overwhelmingly in favor of restoring the local rule. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Local Rules of Play.

**Action:** Approved procedure to be published in the Documents section on the website.

**5:8:1**

**Draft Procedure for Players League Age 12:** Rob McLaughlin presented the 2016 Local Option Policy Governing the Selection and Distribution of 12 yr old Players in the 2018 Majors Draft. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Local Option Policy for use in the 2018 Majors Division draft.

**Action:** Approved local option procedure to be published in the Documents section on the website.

**5:8:2**

**Majors Division Playoff Format:** The Board agreed to extend the 2016 Majors playoff format for use during the 2017 season.

**Action:** Approved playoff format to be published in the Documents section on the website.

**5:8:3 Parking Issues:**

The Board reviewed the on-going parking issues in the vicinity of the complex. It was determined that the excessive number of vehicles in the parking lot was caused by the locked pedestrian gate at the Baker St. entrance. Adam Polgreen also stated the police barriers along lower Baker St and the top of Cutter Rd. would be restored with the assistance of Councilor O'Malley's office.



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**Action:** Adam to direct Joe Gambon to open and close the pedestrian gate along Baker St. daily.

**5:8:3 Review of Age Eligibility for Majors Division:**

The Board agreed to defer discussion of a local options policy limiting players league age 9 in the Majors Division.

**Action:** Determine player-age eligibility for Majors before scheduling tryouts.

**5:8:4 Mayor's Cup Baseball:**

Adam Polgreen states that the City of Boston Park and Recreation Dept. has requested permission to host the 9/10 Mayor's Cup baseball tournament at the Parkway Little League complex. Adam states that by hosting both the 9/10 tournament and the 11/12 tournaments will increase goodwill from the City of Boston and possibly assist with future facility improvements including the new clubhouse and concession facility. Several members recall issues that arose on the last day of the 10/12 tournament in 2016. Others raised questions with respect to logistics, facility capacity, unrecovered expenses, and the sufficient availability of umpires to serve the increased number of games. Despite these issues, Adam stated that the request to host the 9/10 tournament would be put to a vote in the following week.

**5:8:5 Application of Field Tarps**

Adam Polgreen stated that the blue tarps will continue to be used to cover the mound and bases on Praught and McDonough fields. Members of the Board discussed the responsibility for covering the field after games. Adam stated he would discuss this task with Joe Gambon.

**5:8:6 Field Turf Improvement:**

Rich Curran suggested that the installation of field turf would help reduce the number of postponed games and prove to be a more worthwhile project than the replacement of the clubhouse and concession building. Adam Polgreen responded that this idea was presented by Catholic Memorial in 2016. However, the concept did not gain traction due to neighborhood concerns over the shared use of the fields.