



Parkway Little League
P.O. Box 320152
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Parkway Little League Board Meeting, 5/14, 7:30 p.m. in clubhouse

Attendance:

Present

Adam Polgreen
Brian Nolan
Rick Treseler
John Flynn
Keith Barry
John Sarro
Dennis Roache
Rich Myers
Rich Curran
Pat Goonan
Matt Maiona
Sean Russell
John Burns

Absent:

Ian Browne
Gary Russell
Maria Luisa Plasencia
Rob McLaughlin

Senior Members:

Joe Gambon, John Hauck

Senior Member open forum:

5:14:1

Rain/groundskeeper issue

Disappointment is expressed by several people in the room that coaches are taking out frustration on rain delay/postponement issues on Joe Gambon. Consensus is that Joe needs help, and there is money in the budget to help him.

Action: Keith Barry will work to help the board hire someone to assist Joe for the rest of the season.



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Discussion about pitching problems at Double-A

Senior member John Hauck brings to the attention of the board that Double-A games are becoming too much about walks, and not enough game action for the players. Should the minors be re-structured to how it used to be, for 9 to 11 year olds? Agreement is that this is not ideal. Perhaps distribute players better throughout the division so everyone has enough pitching. One other idea is to use a pitching machine or have pitchers stand closer.

Action: Adam Polgreen will look to research other leagues and how they handle 8-9s with pitching woes. Brian Nolan will look for a strategy to evaluate minors players at the end of the season.

Old and New Business

3:12:5

Update on shrinking the Majors to 10 teams for 2019. Paperwork is about to be submitted to District (Ellen Lipoma) for review. Consensus is that whether it is accepted or rejected, we will still eliminate 2 teams, possibly 4 if we remain with two divisions.

11:13:2

Facility update:

A vote to approve one pallet of Speedy Dry: Approved

A vote to purchase a mobile pitcher's mound for Jason Roberts: Approved.

Discussion on need for tarps at Praught and Bunker. Tarps are sized and weighted. Vote to purchase two sets of tarps using the "Friday night game" budget item is approved.

5:14:3

Increasing the pool of adult umpires for Majors games. Mike O'Reilly will be asked to assemble a "B" pool for adult umpires for help when spots are needed to be filled. There is concern that we aren't following the protocol of one adult umpire with one under-18-year-old umpire. We should try to avoid having two umpires under 18 years old doing one Majors game. Building a larger pool of adult umpires can help. Concern is also expressed about providing the junior umpires with more help during Minors. Perhaps Mike O'Reilly can assist more with making sure the younger umpires get more hands-on supervision.

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Tournament teams: Though one board member argues that we don't have enough talent to put together 11-year-old teams, the board approves by majority having six tournament teams, as has been the case the last many years.

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Travel ball update: A tryout is recommended like last year, but not planned yet. The concern is that managers from last year will want the same teams, only up the age level. We'd prefer to keep things an open tryout. There is a need for one manager for an 8 team and two managers for the 9s. Dennis Roache and Rick Treseler will have a budget by the weekend.

Action: Preparation needs to begin for travel league tryouts. Budget will be submitted.

5:14:6

Summer Ball update: Brian Nolan will reach out to last year's coaches to see if someone wants to help run a house summer league in August.

Action: Board to gauge interest from volunteers to help run a House League.

5:14:7

Mayor's Cup update: Same as last year. The 9-year-olds will be at Moakley Park. Other ages will be hosted by Parkway. The dates are July 14-15, and July 21-22. Vote to host the Mayor's Cup again is approved.