



Parkway Little League
P.O. Box 320152
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PLL BOD Meeting on Monday, August 13, Clubhouse. 7:30 p.m.

Attendance

Present

Keith Barry
Ian Browne
Rich Curran
John Flynn
Pat Goonan
Matt Maiona
Rich Myers
Brian Nolan
Rob McLaughlin
Maria Luisa Plascencia
John Sarro
Rick Treseler
Sean Russell

Absent

John Burns
John Flynn
Adam Polgreen
Gary Russell

Senior members in attendance

Tony Ferrara
Michael Seaton

8:13:1

Open Senior Membership period

A majors player has a birth date of August 31, which is the cutoff for determining your "Little League" age. If the player was born a few hours later, he would have an extra year of eligibility. Under the current rules, he is a 12-year-old for the 2019 season. The father attended the



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meeting to ask the board if anything could be done, noting that his son has spent his entire Little League career playing with that younger age group. It is pointed out to the father that his best course of action would be to make a formal petition and send it to Little League. The board approved a motion to support the petition if one is created.

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General Ledger

Treasurer Rick Treseler e-mailed the general ledger out to all board members earlier in the day. Nobody had any follow-up questions. Rick noted that some landscape items went over budget, but they were all items approved by the board.

Dennis Roache provided an update on the Travel ledger, and a check will soon be written from Parkway Travel to Parkway Little League.

7:9:2

Tryouts update

Tryouts will be held on Sunday, September 16, and Saturday, September 22.

Times are as follows on the 16th: 12-year-olds at 9 a.m.; 11-year-olds are at 10:15; 10-year-olds are at 11:30.

Times are as follows on the 22nd, to insure no flag football conflicts: 10-year-olds at 2 p.m.; 11-year-olds at 3:15; 12-year-olds at 4:30.

We need several volunteers - including some non-coaches to help with on-field and off-field organization during tryouts.

Action: Brian Nolan to get notice to local media, as well as post to the website and send out an e-mail blast.

7:9:3

FAQ for parents: It is noted that the league will send out an FAQ for parents of all kids eligible to try out of the Majors so they know about expectations, and playing-time rules, etc. Rob McLaughlin created a letter that was sent out several times, and will have some slight revisions for this year. Dennis Roache suggests adding a line or two about the level of commitment expected for each player in terms of practice and games.

Action: FAQ to be sent out to all families eligible for Majors tryouts.



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Draft day:

The Major League Draft will take place on September 24, time TBD. Each team will know how many 12-year-olds they are required to take after we know how many try out.

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Letter to parents of Indians, White Sox

In light of the Indians and White Sox being contracted, a letter needs to go out to all parents of the families of the still-eligible players who played for those teams last season. The players will go back into the Draft, and can try out again if they choose, but they are not obligated to.

Action: Letter to go out to all families of those players still eligible to play Little League from last year's Indians and Phillies explaining the situation.

8:13:6

Senior Members for next season

Ian Browne is in the process of identifying all eligible senior members for next season. Applications will be e-mailed to all eligible candidates. The Annual Meeting for the next class of Senior Members will be on Thursday, September 27th, at the Sprinkler Fitters Hall in West Roxbury.

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Majors Managerial vacancies

The openings for the two Majors Managerial positions were posted to the website, with a deadline of August 10 for all potential candidates to submit their applications. Adam Polgreen is in the process of reviewing all of the candidates and will soon make recommendations for the two openings (Athletics and Phillies).

8:13:8

Improving level of play at Double-A

A lot of discussion ensues on how to improve the level of play at Double-A. Pat Goonan notes that the talent was not evenly distributed between the teams last season. The board discusses options for creating an even playing field for next season, which will limit the stacking of players



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and coaches. There is also talk of switching the format. Should the coaches pitch the first three innings? Other members think instructional videos on coaching kids at that level should be posted, with a requirement for all coaches to watch. Discussion is tabled for a future meeting.

8:13:9

Raising fee to play

Discussion ensues on whether the league should make a significant increase in the cost of play to support major future projects and renovations at the complex. Several on the board argue that families need to see this work get done before they should have to pay a higher fee per player. Keith Barry hands out an estimate from contractors to excavate the hill, expand the parking lot and build a retaining wall approximately 250 linear feet, 8 feet high and 20 feet deep. Some board members would like a capitol campaign to raise money for this endeavor. Rich Myers suggests making a proposal to Roche Brothers.

The board approves a motion for a small increase for Triple-A and Majors players only. Majors and AAA go from \$190 to \$200. AA-remains \$190. A and T-Ball remain at \$150. First sibling gets a reduction of \$50. Second sibling gets a reduction of \$100. Third sibling gets a reduction of \$150.