

PLL Meeting Minutes from 2/11/18, 7:30 p.m., Sprinkler Fitters Hall

Attendance

Keith Barry
John Burns
Rich Curran
Dom Fruci
Pat Goonan
Kevin Hemphill
Mark Loewen
Matt Maiona
Tim Mills
Brian Nolan
Michael Seaton
Dennis Roache

Absent

Ian Browne
Pat Murphy
Maria Luisa Plascencia
John Sarro
Rick Treseler

1:14:1

Registration update

325 registrations so far, ahead of last year's pace of 275.

2:11:1

Advertising registration

Brian Nolan will look up cost of ads in papers. Keith Gagnon will try to get some signs to put up around town.

Action: Plans will be put in motion to advertise registration for the season.

2:11:2

Process for general managers to put teams and coaching staffs together

Direct parents to email the league with requests if they didn't put them on the registration. Information officer Michael Seaton then collects and passes info on to GMs. Brian Nolan explained past method for getting volunteers. Continue with that method. T-ball and A, accommodate as many requests as possible. AA and AAA, players return to roster, manager and coach kids added, remaining players are ranked by all managers and are assigned by GM as fairly as possible.

Action: Continue to work toward consolidation of teams and coaches at lower levels.

2:11:3

Evaluation of 9-year-olds for AA or AAA

The last two training sessions at Roxbury Latin will be used to evaluate 9-year-olds. Will get some Majors coaches to help evaluate the players and rank them so we know which should move up to AAA.

Action: Plans need to be finalized to evaluate 9-year-olds for potential of playing in AAA.

2:11:4

Opportunity for PLL Players to attend a Red Sox game and perhaps even take the field with players during anthem

This could be for late April games.

Action: Keith Barry will talk to Seth Shuman from the Red Sox about the possibility of two games for PLL players to attend.

2:11:5

Donation request for Beethoven/Ohrenberger fundraiser

Board approves request to donate a 2020 registration -- their event isn't until mid-April.

11:12:12

Sponsorship update

Letters and emails went out in January. There was a reminder email in early Feb. Dennis Roache advises board on how much sponsorship money is already in hand, and other promises that have been made. So far, we have about eight new sponsors.

2:11:6

Utility vehicle update

The Mayor's Office will provide half the cost for PLL to get a utility vehicle to make work around the complex more efficiently. We will have a raffle to raise money for the rest, perhaps as part of Opening Day event.

Action: Finalize plans for raffle to raise money for utility vehicle for the complex.

11:12:4

General ledger update

Rick Treseler provided general ledger update by e-mail earlier in the day.

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Umpires update

As previously discussed, the board is contracting a private service to provide and schedule umpires in the Majors Division this season. Keith Barry submitted proposals from two services to the board. The board elected to go with the service run by Modesto Gomes.

Parkway Little League will still be in charge of running the Minors umpire program. Brian Nolan will speak to Rick Treseler about having Ed King run training classes for junior umpires.

Action: Set plans for umpire school for junior umpires

2:11:7

Majors All-Star selection process

Dennis Roache starts a discussion on formalizing the way that All-Stars are selected for the tournament teams. The model that many leagues uses it to have a small board of three to five people that prospective managers can apply to. At least two members of this board should be PLL board members. General idea is that 10 managers sit in the room and put forth the names and vote, and that players who get 80 percent of the vote are in. Plan is to solidify a plan for manager selection and roster building for tournament teams before the regular season starts.

Action: Dennis Roache will continue to work toward a formal plan for All-Star selection of players and coaches that the board will vote on.