

**PLL Board meeting, 6/8/2020, 7:30 p.m., at the complex**

**Attendance**

Keith Barry  
John Burns  
Ian Browne  
Rich Curran  
Domenic Fruci  
Keith Gagnon  
Pat Goonan  
Matt Maiona  
Pat Murphy  
Brian Nolan  
Dennis Roache  
John Sarro  
Michael Seaton  
Bill Sittig  
Rick Treseler

**Absent**

Mark Loewen  
Tim Mills

**6:8:1**

**Update on filling 10 roster vacancies at Majors level**

Due to the July/August schedule this season, 10 players from the Majors informed the league they won't be playing. An e-mail was sent multiple times to all families of 10-12 year-old players in the Minors asking them if they wanted to be permanently called up for the season, which would guarantee them a spot in the Majors next season. Four families said their child would accept a call-up. That still left six vacancies.

The board discussed how to handle this. Rather than folding a team, which would be less than ideal at this time of year, it was proposed that that six Majors teams would carry an 11-player roster this season instead of 12. Four teams already have 11 players. The Phillies only have eight, and the Cubs have 10.

For the four minor leaguers who accepted a call-up, three would go to the Phillies and one to the Cubs.

The board approves this motion by majority.

Majors GM Ian Browne randomly picked which players went to the Phillies and which to the Cubs by picking out of a hat.

These players will try out again in the fall. But the Phillies and Cubs will have the option of retaining the players they ended up with by exercising a third-round pick (similar to a sibling option) in the draft.

**Action:** Player agent John Burns to inform the four families which team their player landed on. John will also the Phillies and Cubs and provide contact info for the new players.

#### **6:8:2**

##### **Majors team filling temporary vacancies for players on vacation, etc.**

Given that the season is taking place in the summer, there will be sure to be more players than usual missing games for family vacations. Player agent John Burns will put together a rotating taxi squad of players from the minors who will be called up on a game-by-game basis when needed.

General idea is that coaches will notify John Burns on Sunday how many taxi squad players they will need for the week.

#### **6:8:3**

##### **New forfeit policy**

Managers are responsible for communicating frequently with their families to see who is available for all games, and letting John Burns know.

If a team shows up with less than nine players, they will not only take a forfeit loss but they'll have a point subtracted from their standings.

For the standings format proposed for this season, teams get 2 points for a win, 1 for a tie and 0 for a loss. A team that has to forfeit will get minus 1 point.

Board approves the new standings/forfeit policy by majority.

#### **6:8:4**

##### **Practice schedules**

Dennis Roache has put together a suggested form for practice times for Majors/minors teams. It allows for the next three weeks, three practices per week for each majors team and two practices for each minors team. Each practice slot for 90 minutes. Weekdays, is 4:30 on each field, and then at 6 p.m. on each field, for an hour and a half. And on the weekends, 9 a.m., and then a mid-day gap, and then 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Majors managers at Wednesday meeting will choose their three times - two weekdays and one weekend practice, etc. Minors will be completely separate and Keith Gagnon will take care of that. If you use a field off this complex, you are using it on your own accord. We have received no permits from COB for the city fields as of yet.

#### **6:8:5**

##### **Schedule update**

Commissioner Pat Murphy has Majors schedule already completed and posted to the website. Minors is basically done, and will be available in a matter of days.

#### **6:8:6**

##### **Covid Guidelines & Protocols**

Equipment manager Rich Curran has ordered every team an extra set of catchers equipment and an extra catchers glove. Each team will have two sets. Coaches will sanitize the gear as needed. Each team will get their own set of baseballs for the game. There are many provisions we are still

working our way through, such as when players must wear masks. Every kid will be asked to have their own helmet, bats, etc.

We will have social distancing signs, etc., throughout the complex. We bought a dozen social distancing signs for use.

John Burns provided quotes on all kinds of hand sanitizer sprays and dispensers, etc.

Board approves expenditure of up to \$1,800 for sprays, dispensers, gloves, etc., to maintain safety for this season.

#### **6:8:7**

##### **Cubs manager vacancy**

Cubs manager Chris Walsh declined to run his team this summer so he could stick with his vacation plans. President Keith Barry recommends Rob Lopez to replace Chris.

Board approves the recommendation. Rob, who was a Cubs assistant coach the last three seasons, is now the manager. Brian Nolan and John Rimas will help Rob as assistant coaches. Rick Treseler has also volunteered to assist with Cubs coaching duties if Rob would like.

#### **6:8:8**

##### **Season plan for keeping bathroom clean**

Rick Treseler getting an estimate from cleaning lady. Board decides bathroom needs to be cleaned after every game-day this season, Monday through Friday, and clubhouse once per week.

#### **6:8:9**

##### **Concession stand plan**

Little League made a suggestion to local leagues not to run a concession stand this season, but our board feels differently. And we have the discretion to open the stand, and that's what the board wants to do.

New concessionaire George Kehayias can run the stand with a limited menu. This will be a convenience for families who don't have to leave the complex during a game for a slush or a soda or a bite to eat, etc. Massachusetts has opened outdoor eating, so it makes sense that we can do the same at the complex. We will likely take measures to limit the seating, spread it out so people aren't on top of each other.

Board approves motion to have concession stand open this season as long as proper social distancing is in place.

Keith will speak to George to make sure the stand runs as safely as possible. Perhaps order at one window, get your order at the other window, etc.

#### **6:8:10**

##### **Lighting/irrigation system update**

What we want to do is get two proposals for replacing the irrigation system at all three fields and having an updated, state-of-the-art irrigation system and get LED lights which should save us money in the

long term and get a new lighting program. We want to put a proposal together to use the development dollars to do those two projects. Not ready to vote on this.

**Action:** Dennis Roache, Keith Barry and Tim Mills will work towards putting together a proposal the board can vote on to upgrade irrigation and lighting systems.

**1:13:4**

**Sponsorship update**

More checks are coming in. It has been more challenging this year due to the uncertainty of the season. Matt Maiona will continue to pursue outstanding sponsor payments.

**11:18:6**

**General Ledger update**

Rick Treseler sent out a general ledger update earlier in the day. Rick notes the importance of tracking the registration credit money toward next year for families who decided not to play this season. Dennis and Keith say that money needs to be set aside for next season, and not spent from for this year's budget. Credits toward next season should be for 2021 revenue.

**6:8:11**

**Minors managers/coaches**

Minors GM Keith Gagnon reads out a rostered list of Minors managers and coaches for this season. Keith Barry recommends them all for board approval. The board approves of all.

**6:8:12**

**Minors roster update**

Pretty much all set. Four kids who moved up to Phillies/Cubs will be taken off those rosters. There should be nine Minors teams this year.

**6:8:13**

**Next BOD Meeting**

With the season starting on July 6, the board decides to have the July meeting on Monday, June 29.