



*Parkway Little League*  
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**Parkway BOD Meeting Wednesday, June 14, Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.**

**Present**

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

**Absent**

Mike Barone  
Gary Russell  
John Sarro

**6:14:1**

**Open Senior Membership period at start of meeting:**

Volunteer Ronak Shah proposes some suggestions for T-Ball. He would like to know if there is room on the schedule to have most T-Ball and Single-A games that are on Saturdays and Sundays in the morning or early afternoon just to make it easier on kids and families. Ronak praised the Dirt Dawgs clinics and Single-A. He thinks more of these clinics earlier in the season would be great, and also for T-Ball. He suggests more clinics earlier in the season and shifting to a game-heavy schedule later in the season.

**5:8:2**



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**Postseason update:** All the dates are posted for the playoffs. They start June 15. Everything is on the website. Ditto for Double-A and Triple-A.

**6:14:2**

**Little League tournament update:** District 10 hosting paperwork meeting for all tournament teams in the district at our complex on June 15.

**5:8:3**

**Mayor's Cup update:** There was talk that the 9/10 year-old Mayor's Cup would be held at the PLL complex this year, but the city of Boston decided to keep it at Moakley Park. We are hosting the 11 and 12-year-old Mayor's Cup for the third straight year. This is the weekend of July 15 and 22.

**11:9:18**

**Travel ball update:** All the coaches and teams have been formed. There is an A and a B for 12-year-olds, A and two B teams for the 11-year-olds, an A and a B for the 10-year-olds and an A and a B for the 9-year-olds.

**Action:** Travel ball schedule should be posted the week of June 18.

**6:14:3**

**House Summer League:** Hoping to have this league in August, Joe Gambon volunteered to run this. We haven't had a Summer League the last two years. Senior member Amy Browne said she would help Joe, and Brian Nolan has been speaking to Joe about the finalization of details. Adam Polgreen thinks it will be good to get this league going again because in the coming years, when it gets more challenging to make a Travel Ball team, this will be a good option for kids.

**Action:** Make plans and inform parents about Summer House League.

**6:14:4**

**Photo Day:** We are trying something different this year. Instead of get all the teams before their game and trot them out and get them lined up, we will have a photographer in the clubhouse on Saturday, June 17 and kids can come in and get a shot in front of a green screen. Parents can get wallet photos or baseball cards, or whatever they choose. And the photographer will combine all photos and make composite shots of the teams. The photographer will also arrange and put together all the sponsor plaque photos and pay for the plaques. There's no cost to the league to any of this. The photographer will kick back 10 percent to the league of everything he sells.



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Also, Lloyd Young, the father of a Parkway Majors player Ben Young, has been taking action shots of Major players all season. He has a shot of every single kid in the Majors. These will be made available for purchase by families.

**4:4:5**

**Review of skills training:** All positive reviews. We can hopefully do more next year. Last year we spent \$6,000 for a different training clinic last year, but Adam Polgreen thinks we got much more out of our arrangement with Dirt Dawgs for a little less money. They were here for six days and coach's clinic.

**Action:** A motion is raised to approve the cost for the training clinics. Motion is approved by majority.

**6:14:5**

The board had a lengthy discussion about proper protocol for player call-ups to the Majors, and John Burns asks for better communication from the Player Injury Committee to rest of the board. There is also a long discussion and firm reminder that when teams call up players, they need for it to keep in line with the base number of 12-year-olds they need to have on their team the following season.

**6:14:6**

**Potential reduction of teams in Majors Division:** Sean Russell thinks a serious conversation needs to be had about the direction of the Majors division, and how many teams there should be. Sean feels the overall quality of the league has become diluted and thinks we need to take a serious look at shrinking the league from 12 to 10 teams. The board agreed we need to crunch some numbers and discuss this further.

**Action:** Rob McLaughlin, Adam and others to do some more research on the numbers of players who could be eligible for upcoming drafts, and report back to the board so discussion can be continued about possibly shrinking the Majors to 10 teams.

**12:14:2**

**Finance update:** Treasurer Bobby Todd provided an update on the league's revenue this year to date, and expenses. We will have another couple of months of revenue from the concession stand and a contribution from the



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Corrib Trust. Todd also updates the amount the league presented to the Corrib from the Corrib Trust raffle tickets.