

Middletown-Cobb Little League
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Little League Board
January 22, 2026 at 6:00pm

Location of Meeting:

Middletown Library Community Room
21256 Washington Street
Middletown, CA 95461

Board Members Present at Meeting: Geraldine Fagalde, Kelly Bianco, Carmen Xavier, Arryn McCabe, Kendra Gerst, Jasmine Cockrill, Whitney Brand, Michael Beehler, David Robinson, Robert Zolensky, Elisabeth Strausborger, Katie Robinson, Paul Bleuss, Cal Howland

Absent from Meeting: Ryan Xavier

Community Members: Nick Walker, Ryan Strausborger, Kurtis Woodard, Cody Smith

The regular meeting of the Little League Board of Middletown-Cobb Little League was called to order at 6:09pm on January 22, 2026 by President Geraldine Fagalde.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the regular meeting was distributed. Carmen Xavier made a motion to approve, 2nd by Kendra Gerst and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Kendra Gerst made a motion to approve, 2nd by Carmen Xavier and unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Vote in open **Board positions**:
 - **Baseball Coach Coordinator:** *No interested persons present.* Paul will continue to cover on an interim basis until if/when we can fill the position.
 - **Snack Shack Coordinator:** *No interested persons present or known by Board Members.*
2. **Registration Update:** Report pulled/merged from Sports Connect, copy attached
 - Baseball = 123 players, 10 head coaches & 13 assistant coaches
 - Softball = 33 players, 6 head coaches & 2 assistant coaches
 - Pending in Carts = 27 BB & 17 SB
 - Scholarship Requests = 3 received
3. **Tryouts:** *Since the last board meeting, the second weekend of tryouts have been canceled...at the county-wide player agent meeting in Clearlake on 1/17 District 2 advised that game schedules will be starting 3/9. Being a week earlier than we expected in turn means the draft needs to be completed & uniforms ordered a week earlier as well in order to*

arrive before the first games to avoid mandatory forfeitures. A make-up tryout session has been added for 1/26. This action was handled in the board GroupMe on 1/17/26 with a motion made by Paul Blues, 2nd by Carmen Xavier, and majority vote to pass.

4. **Field Use:** Kelly Bianco advised that field use for all fields have been approved. Invoice was received from MUSD today and forwarded to Treasurer, Michael Beehler, for payment.
5. **By-laws Review:** Continued review of MCLL By-Laws that was started at the last meeting on 1/8/26 (up to section 12.01), covered section 13.00 through 21.02. Discussed section 14 regarding All-Star Selection in detail and the suggestions from prior meetings for improvements on process. By-Laws already allow coaches to nominate from any/all teams (not just their own) & emphasis for nominations/selections to be based on stats & sportsmanship can be handled as reminder to coaches at time of All-Star selection. All changes noted by the President on her hardcopy and will be updated on electronic version. Kelly Bianco made a motion to approve the by-laws with the changes noted during the review, 2nd by Arryn McCabe and unanimously approved
6. **Donations/Sponsorship Update:** Whitney Brand advised that donations/sponsorships are going good, most field sponsorships have been covered. Moving the deadline for sponsorships up & losing a week between the close of registration and the uniform order being submitted will be a challenge to make sure all sponsorship/player matchup requests are correct.
7. **Equipment:** Carmen advised that the gear turned in at the end of last season has been sorted & organized, cleanout of the conex at Hartmann looks awesome! Some bats were disposed of that were damaged & a list was started of things that are needed. The list was passed along to Cal Howland. Cal confirmed he already ordered & received the practice balls for tryouts. Rob confirmed he will handle ordering more Umpire shirts direct from LL.

IV. Consideration of New Business

1. **Trained Up Opportunities:** Cody Smith & Kurtis Woodard presented the possibility of using the Trained Up facility for an additional practice location as regular field use is limited with the number of teams in MCLL. The facility currently has 2 indoor cages for baseball; 1 is 70' & set up for pitching with an adjustable mound, 1 is 55' & set up for batting with a pitching machine. There is also space to set up batting drill stations. When they have used the facility for their baseball teams in the past they found it worked good to split the team into 2 groups, 1st group of 6 players would come in for the first hour then 2nd group of 6 players would come in for the second hour. Future plans include adding a 20'x120' area outside (covered) with a batting cage(s) but that will be about \$10k to get up and going, estimated for next year after other improvements are completed. Also planning a larger indoor turf area after current improvements are completed.
 - Limited to 10 teams
 - \$500/team for use during the 4 month season
 - Coaches would handle payment, scheduling, etc directly with Trained Up using their app

At least 2 coaches present at the meeting were very interested in signing their teams up for the opportunity. Whitney Brand suggested that if this option is used this season and successful perhaps MCLL could consider donating the funds that we have earmarked for batting cages towards the development of the additional outdoor area. Cal Howland made a motion to offer the opportunity to MCLL Coaches as presented by Cody & Kurtis, 2nd by Carmen and approved unanimously. Kelly to assist with creating a flyer to be distributed to coaches.

2. **Opening Day:** Discussed date change due to District 2 scheduling games starting 3/9, concerned about overlapping with Basketball games. Cody Smith confirmed that Basketball will be ending 2/28. Cal Howland made a motion to change Opening Day to Saturday March 7th, 2nd by Arryn McCabe, opposed by Michael Beehler, all others in favor & motion passed. Discussed Field Maintenance Day will likely be the weekend before (3/1/26).
3. **MLB Little League Days:** Discussed the info received from A's/Rivercats & SF Giants, and the possibility of doing both this year. Gerry advised that Paul Bleuss is willing to take the lead on these event(s).
4. **Other Items:**
 - **Blackout Dates:** Gerry will need to have a list with all of our blackout dates, etc ready to turn in District 2 at the next President's meeting on 2/11

V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00pm on February 5, 2026 at:
Middletown Library Community Room
21256 Washington Street
Middletown, CA 95461

Tentative dates for future meeting: 2/19 at 6:00pm

The agenda for the next meeting will include, but not limited to:

1. Registration/Teams Update
2. Sponsorship Update
3. Uniform Update
4. Blackout Dates
5. Opening Day
6. Field Maintenance Day
7. Policy Review
8. Vote in remaining Board positions if interested parties identified

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm by Gerry Fagalde.

Minutes submitted by: Kelly Bianco

Minutes approved by: Board Members

REGISTRATION UPDATE AS OF 1/22/26:

BASEBALL						
Division	Registered	Cart	Total	# of Teams	Head Coach	Assistant Coach
T-Ball	28	5	33	2.8	2	4
Lower Minors (Machine)	23	14	37	3.1	1	4
Upper Minors	29	3	32	2.7	3	3
Majors	25	2	27	2.3	3	2
50/70	7	0	7	0.6	0	0
Juniors	11	3	14	1.2	1	0
Seniors	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
TOTAL	123	27	150	12.5	10	13

SOFTBALL						
Division	Registered	Cart	Total	# of Teams	Head Coach	Assistant Coach
Lower Minors (Coach)	5	3	8	0.7	0	0
Upper Minors	9	3	12	1.0	3	1
Majors	15	7	22	1.8	2	1
Juniors	4	4	8	0.7	1	0
Seniors	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
TOTAL	33	17	50	4.2	6	2

ALL PROGRAMS	Registered	Cart	Total	# of Teams	Head Coaches	Assistant Coaches
	156	44	200	18	16	15