

Middletown-Cobb Little League
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Little League Board
February 19, 2026 at 6:00pm

Location of Meeting:

Middletown Library Community Room
21256 Washington Street
Middletown, CA 95461

Board Members Present at Meeting: Kelly Bianco, Carmen Xavier, Kendra Gerst, Whitney Brand, David Robinson, Katie Robinson, Elisabeth Strausborger, Arryn McCabe

Board Members Present via Zoom: Geraldine Fagalde, Jasmine Cockrill, Robert Zolensky, Ryan Xavier

Absent from Meeting: Cal Howland, Michael Beehler, Paul Bleuss

Community Members Present: Nick Walker

The regular meeting of the Little League Board of Middletown-Cobb Little League was called to order at 6:18pm on February 5, 2026 by Secretary Kelly Bianco.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the regular meeting was distributed. Katie Robinson made a motion to approve, 2nd by Arryn McCabe 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. Opening Day:

- **Table/Chairs/Tent:** Gerry will reach out to Lopez Jumpers. Last year we forgot to get extra tables & chairs for an eating area but we want to make sure we get enough for that this year. Per prior check register we should get (12) tables, (40) chairs & (1) 20x40 tent.
- **Garbage Service:** Kelly will reach out to Lake County Waste to set up the same service we had last year, per prior check register account #4033-6213922. Dave Robinson requested we add a yard waste can for Field Maintenance if possible.
- **Fundraisers:**
 - **50/50 raffle** - confirmed not happening this year due to California regulations, discussed other options of livestock prize split 50/50, grocery gift cards, etc. Board will continue to discuss as the season progresses in hopes to incorporate an alternative fundraiser into Closing Ceremony this year & prep for Opening Day next year.

- **Sound System Improvements:** Kendra will ask Cal to assist with testing & setup of the sound system.
 - **Parade:** Will ask Paul to reach out to CalFire to confirm that they will lead the parade as in past years.
 - **Games:** Confirmed order set at last meeting & Updated time of 2nd & 3rd games...Majors Softball is 1st game @ 10:30am, Upper Minor Baseball is 2nd game @ 1:00pm, and Majors Baseball is 3rd game @ 3:00pm.
 - **American Flag:** Katie Robinson advised that Kyle Lewis/CYSL agreed to let us borrow their American flag & will hang it if needed. Whitney Brand advised that the Willards/ATD Trucking are willing to bring out their crane truck like last year for the large flag like last year but have a tentative job that might overlap, will confirm soon. If the crane truck is available the Breland Family has agreed to let us borrow their large flag.
 - **Vendors:** Whitney Brand is following up BBQ by Biasotti to see if they will be the grill master. Hardesters is donating the meat, BBQ sauce, coleslaw & dressing. Kendra Gerst will reach out to Jessica ?? regarding grill master as well. Elisabeth advised that Stitched Designs is planning to set up their booth with MCLL merchandise.
 - **Donations:** Jasmine Cockrill advised that she has coordinated donations from Red Bull, Pepsi, Orowheat for hotdog buns, Frito Lay for chips.
2. **MLB Little League Days:** No major updates at this time, pushed to next meeting.
3. **Safety Officer Report:** Katie Robinson provided an update that a lot of coaches still need to complete their training, as of now 11 out of 25 head coaches are fully cleared. Reminders have been sent out in the Coach GroupMe's & via group email but not individual contact. Katie has created a google doc to track clearance. Some assistant coaches have not registered via Sports Connect so Katie has no way to even know who all is assistant coaching. Gerry Fagalde offered to help make follow-up phone calls.
- **Reminder/Clarification of Training Required for Board Members:**
 - Abuse & Awareness
 - CDC Heads Up
 - Sudden Cardiac Arrest
 - 1st Aid Awareness
 - Any **Volunteer** must complete JDP, Livescan & Abuse Awareness
4. **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.*

IV. Consideration of New Business

1. **All-Star Uniforms:** Elisabeth advised that the softball players would prefer to not have tank top style this year. Rob requested sublimation but waiting on samples and ProTime says there is a 3 week turn around for those vs 1 week for regular. Kelly suggested going with

50/70 t-shirt style jerseys. Elisabeth shared some logos generated by chat GBT which the board agreed all looked good.

- **Budget:** \$1k per team
- **Softball:** Purple jersey & black pants, purple socks & belt
- **Baseball:** Purple jersey, gray pants, gray/purple hat (same as last year), purple socks & belt

2. **Possible Player Transfers:** Carmen reported that one Juniors player has requested to drop from Juniors but would like to play for 50/70. If 50/70 is split into 2 teams (see next item) this would be possible. There is one person on the waitlist for Juniors that could be added to fill the vacancy. One player has also dropped from Majors BB. We have one 12 year old female on the waitlist for Majors BB however skill level would be a better fit for SB and both teams need more players. The coach for the Majors BB team that is losing a player could pull from UM or choose to stay with current roster. Carmen advised that these changes would clear the waitlist. Katie Robinson made a motion to approve the transfer of players as described below, 2nd by Dave Robinson and unanimously approved.

- (1) Juniors BB player dropping but adding to 50/70
- (1) Juniors BB player on the waitlist adding
- (1) 12 year old female on waitlist adding to SB
- (1) Majors BB player dropping and Coach's discretion to pull from UM to fill or continue with current roster

3. **5070 - Possible Split to Form 2 Teams:** Ryan said that 50/70 was manageable at 18 players however it is now but to 21 which is too much for one team. He would like to draft to form 2 teams but he is willing to coach both & practice as one. For the double header games one team would play the first game & the other team would play the second game. To get each team the 12 game minimum the teams would play each other on a weekday. Dave asked if the teams(s) would be ok on pitching if playing on Fri & Sun. Ryan said there will need to be close communication with majors/juniors coaches to plan for pitching but thinks it can work. Gerry threw out the reminder that pitching logs need to follow players. Kelly Bianco made a motion to approve splitting 50/70 into 2 teams/squads, 2nd by Ryan Xavier and unanimously approved.

4. **Other Items:**

- **Schedules:** Nick Walker inquired if there is an update of when game schedules will be available. Gerry advised that D2 said that they will send the schedules out to the Presidents for review on 2/28 then they should be distributed a few days afterwards.
- **LL allowing teams to play travel ball:** Nick Walker inquired about rumors regarding LL allowing teams to play travel ball. Gerry confirmed that yes, LL/D2 is working on adding language to by-laws that would allow this, it would be for Fall Ball. The idea is to provide a lower cost option for players to play year round. Teams would be covered by the LL umbrella as opposed to higher cost private travel ball leagues. Concern that our players wouldn't be at the same competitive level as travel ball teams since LL rules restrict lower divisions from playing/learning full fundamentals of baseball (ie leading off, baulk, etc).

V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00pm on February 26, 2026 at:
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Tentative dates for future meeting: 3/6 at 5:00pm, Hartmann Field

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

1. Opening Day
2. MLB Little League Days
3. Vote in remaining Board positions if interested parties identified

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm by Gerry Fagalde.

Minutes submitted by: Kelly Bianco

Minutes approved by: Board Members