

**Middletown-Cobb Little League**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Little League Board**  
**February 5, 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, 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, Arryn McCabe

**Community Members Present:** Nick Walker, Kurtis Woodard

The regular meeting of the Little League Board of Middletown-Cobb Little League was called to order at 6:07pm on February 5, 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 Katie Robinson and unanimously approved.

**II. Review of Previous Minutes**

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

**III. Consideration of Open Issues**

1. **Trained Up Opportunity:** Kurtis Woodard reported 4 teams have already signed up for using the Trained Up facility (Nick Walker, Barry Silva, Dave Robinson & Jerry Valencia). Kelly Bianco confirmed that the flyer was shared with the Upper Division BB coach group & SB coach group. Kurtis will be sharing it from their facebook & confirmed it's ok to open it up to Lower Minors coaches as well (but not t-ball).
2. **Registration/Teams Update:** Player Agents advised that registration has closed with a total of 286 players, waitlist is available. 50/70 is a large team with 21 players but not split as we only have one head coach (thank you Ryan Xavier). We were able to recruit another head coach for Juniors BB and form 2 teams. Otherwise, head coach positions have been filled.
3. **Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch SB:** Gerry Fagalde & Jasmine Cockrill advised that a second team was able to be formed with 9 players each, just need one scholarship form to be completed.

4. **Donations/Sponsorship Update:** Whitney Brand advised that donations/sponsorships are doing good and still coming in. All field sponsorships have been filled and Hardesters did an add-on towards All-Stars.
5. **Blackout Dates:** Gerry Fagalde requested blackout date info so that she can provide it to D2 at the Presidents' meeting on 2/11. The Board discussed season dates, holidays during the season, spring break, 6th grade camp, etc. Agreed upon blackout dates for Easter Weekend, 3/21 for Juniors Phillies only, 5/3 for A's MLB Little League Day, 5/9 for Giant's MLB Little League Day and no travelling for games during the week.
6. **Opening Day:**
  - **County Notice of Road Closure:** Kelly Bianco advised that the permit application was submitted today for the parade. When approved a copy will be provided to HLVA Security.
  - **Fundraisers:**
    - **50/50 raffle** - Michael Beehler explained that in California 90% of the funds raised by the ticket sales have to go directly to the non-profit's charitable purpose hence 50% is not allowed to be the prize to the winner. Alternative raffle items/ideas were discussed. Kendra Gerst said that Brian Hunt has been able to get high value items like Traeger's donated for prizes in raffles by other organizations in the past & she will reach out to him. Elisabeth Strausborger suggested a 50/50 Hog Raffle where 2 winners would be drawn, each receiving half the hog, and all ticket sales proceeds would go to the league. It could be difficult though to find someone willing to donate a hog, especially this time of year. Ideas to be discussed more at the next meeting.
    - **Team Baskets** - Same as last year with drop off at Hartmann Field on Opening Day by 7:30am and the team whose basket receives the most tickets will win an ice cream party at Rock-N-Roll.
    - **Pitching Speed Competition** - Same as last year with winners of each age group being pizza certificates from Stonefire.
    - **Carnival Games** - Kendra Gerst suggested the idea of adding carnival type games to keep younger kids engaged and hopefully families at the field for more of the day. Kelly said that it might be hard to get enough volunteers to run the games as board members were already spread pretty thin with ticket sales, raffle basket tables, snack shack, etc.
  - **Sound System Improvements:** Gerry Fagalde said that last year they couldn't hear or understand anything that was being said over the speaker system. Planning to test different locations during Field Maintenance Day to see if that will suffice or if additional speakers are needed.
  - **Timeline:** Same as last year & Teresa Dixon has agreed to sing the National Anthem.
  - **Games:** Same as last year with 3 games being played. Paul Bleuss & Gerry Fagalde put the teams into a random selector app. Majors SB will be Huskies vs Bears. Upper Minors BB will be Rays vs A's. Majors BB will be Dodgers vs Angels.
  - **American Flag:** Katie Robinson will ask CYSL if we can borrow their large flag. Whitney Brand will ask ATD if they can bring their crane truck out again to display the flag.
  - **Vendors:** Whitney Brand said that Grounded Roots would like to bring their coffee coach out again. Whitney will reach out to Hardesters to see if they will donate trip-tip and

fixings, along with BBQ by Biasotti to see if they will be the grill master as it was a huge success last year.

7. **MLB Little League Days:** Paul Blues reported that the ticket blocks for the Giant's days are going fast this years. The only remaining ticket blocks are for the Saturday May 9th 6:05pm game vs Pittsburgh. Available options are the same section as last year (top 4 row of upper deck) for \$25 each or bleachers for \$35 each. Consensus is to go with the bleacher tickets. Last years ticket purchases earned \$605 for the league. Paul will advise when the link is available to purchase tickets. Gerry Fagalde advised that the A's tickets will be for the Sunday May 3rd 1:05pm game vs Cleveland. More info to follow when available.
8. 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. **Budget Review/Update:** Treasurer Michael Beehler reported that registration brought in just under \$40k, which was \$6k under projected. Sponsorship currently at \$16,400. With loss of the 50/50 raffle & predicted lower snack shack profit than last year we need to cut about \$22k from our previously approved budget. Equipment spend is currently at \$4092.48 for Baseball, \$2719 for Softball & \$450.45 for Umpire Shirts (\$7,261.93 total). More game balls will be needed as the season goes on & likely more chalk. Cal Howland advised that he repaired the wheel of the pitching machine and is waiting for it to set, will try reaching out to Mike Robertson to assist with the electrical repair. The approved budget included \$11k for equipment so there is still some room in that area. Also included was \$4k for improvements for the snack shack which the Board has previously discussed on pausing for this season/year. Michael Beehler made a motion to remove the \$4k for snack shack improvements from the budget, 2nd by Kendra Gerst and unanimously approved. The field maintenance budget was approved at \$9k but predicted to be under budget. Dave Robinson made a motion to reduce the budget for field maintenance from \$9k to \$4k, 2nd by Katie Robinson and approved unanimously. Remainder of the budget to be re-evaluated after Opening Day.
2. **Manager/Coach Approval:** President Gerry Fagalde advised that she has approved the Managers/Head Coaches, requested Assistant Coaches be reminded that they need to register through Sports Connect.
3. **Safety Officer Report:** Katie Robinson expressed concern about giving out coach binders and gear to any head coaches that have not completed their clearance. She has created a Google Doc to track clearance of all coaches & volunteers. She will add the Coach Coordinators to have access to the doc in order to have updated clearance statuses.

4. **Uniform Update:** Elisabeth Strausborger confirmed all uniform orders have been submitted. Invoice(s) will be received when they ship (3 weeks). Requesting All-Star uniforms be on the agenda for the next Board Meeting.
  
5. **Field Maintenance Day:** Scheduling for the weekend prior to opening day, Sunday March 1st. Acknowledged that attendance will likely be lower than normal due to overlapping with the last basketball games but it is the best option & we'll make it work. Information relayed from Dave Ricetti, HVLA Grounds & Maintenance, discussion with Ryan Xavier during tryouts & follow up since...
  - Water leak has been fixed
  - Wire above the dugouts will be straightened/repared
  - Planning to repair the parking lot and add a berm so that water drainage is not directed towards the field
  - Planning to replace the score board
  
6. **Other Items:**
  - **Scorekeeper Clinic:** Carmen Xavier advised that Cassi Clark will lead the clinic again this year. Scheduled for Thursday March 5th at Middletown Middle School.
  - **Umpire & Coach Clinic:** Rob Zolensky & Paul Bleuss will be coordinating clinics. No date set yet.

#### **V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 6:00pm on February 19, 2026 at:  
Middletown Library Community Room  
21256 Washington Street  
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Tentative dates for future meeting: 2/26 at 6:00pm

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

1. Opening Day
2. MLB Little League Days
3. All-Star Uniforms
4. Possible Player Transfers
  - (1) Juniors Player to 50/70
  - (1) Waitlisted Player to Juniors
  - (1) Inter District Transfer
5. 50/70 - Possible Split to Form 2 Teams
6. Vote in remaining Board positions if interested parties identified

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm by Gerry Fagalde.

Minutes submitted by: Kelly Bianco

Minutes approved by: Board Members