

# MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD FOR COLUMBIA LITTLE LEAGUE

May 18, 2025

An in-person meeting of the board members of Columbia Little League was held in the clubhouse May 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM pacific time.

**Board Members present:** Chris DiPalma, Lauren DiPalma, Tim Melcher, Kirstyn Griswold, Machel DeLeon, Celina Thompson, Joella Neubauer, Dan Piovesan, Kindra Christian, Celine Negrete, Brittany Christ, Wynne Hurly (6:05). Dale Robertson (6:20), Tanya Cardoza (6:20)

**Board Members absent:** Joe Huffman, Justin Cvitkovitch, Doug Single

**Guest Present:** None

## **Call to Order**

Chris DiPalma President of Columbia Little League called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM Pacific Time. Lauren DiPalma Secretary of Columbia Little League recorded the minutes.

## **Reports from Board Members**

- Meeting minutes and reports were skipped and will be presented at the regular June board meeting.

## **New Business**

- CLL intends to charter 5 all-star teams: Little league (10-12) baseball, 9-11 baseball, 8-10 baseball, 8-10 softball, junior baseball. Dan motioned to approve. Kirstyn 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- Wynne arrived at 6:05 pm
- Chris put forward his nominations for all-star managers and coaches for each all-star team:
  - Little League 10-12 baseball
    - Chris nominated Ryan Nikkila as manger. Dan motioned to approve. Celine 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
    - Ryan Nikkila requested coaches Ron Piper and Jamie Nikkila. Tim motioned to approve. Brittany 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
  - 8-10 baseball
    - Board member Tim Melcher expressed written interest in the position. Tim and Kirstyn left the meeting during nominations/confirmation
    - Dale and Tanya arrived at 6:20 pm prior to nomination
    - Chris nominated Time Melcher at manager. Celine motioned to approve. Machel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
    - Tim requested coaches Jason Tyrus and Tony Garrett. Brittany motioned to approve. Kindra 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
  - 9-11 baseball
    - Tim and Kirstyn returned to the meeting
    - Chris nominated Ryan Bingham as manager. Kirstyn motioned to approve. Tanya 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
    - Ryan requested coaches Jesse Castro and Justin Wilson. Dan motioned to approve. Joella 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

- 8-10 softball
  - Chris nominated Kydee Franck as manager. Celine motioned to approve. Kirstyn 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
  - Kydee requested Kira Kennedy and Joella Neubauer as coaches. Kirstyn motioned to approve. Wynne 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Joella abstained.
- Junior baseball
  - Chris nominated Victor DeLeon as manager. Dan motioned to approve. Kirstyn 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
  - Victor requested Jeremy Bashaw and Machel DeLeon as coaches, pending clarification from district 4 on whether Brigitte Bashaw is eligible to coach. Dan motioned to approve Jeremy and Machel. Kindra 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Dan motioned to delegate approval of any all-star coaching changes to president. Celina 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- Chris requested board input on which district tournaments CLL is available to host.
  - Tournament dates are subject to district finalizing based on number of teams entered.
  - Dan motioned to approve 3 overlapping tournaments (dates are tentative) including Junior baseball (6/20-21), 8-10 softball (6/21-24) & Junior softball (6/21-22). Kirstyn 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
  - State 8-10 softball (7/12-7/17) was previously approved by the board and dates have now been confirmed.
- Chris requested the board consider entering teams in the Evergreen summer classic on June 6-8.
  - There are baseball 'all-star' divisions for 8-10, 9-11 & 10-12. The tournament does not include softball or baseball above 10-12. Cost is \$225 plus 1 dozen balls per team.
  - This conflicts with closing ceremony and HR derby dates.
  - Celine motioned to approve sending up to 3 teams pending manger input. Dale 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- The board discussed alternative dates for closing ceremonies and HR derby given the conflict with the Evergreen summer classic.
  - Board would like to pick a date close to original date where all-star teams can attend and be recognized. Kid HR derby needs to occur by 6/22 in order to meet T-Mobile criteria.
  - Kirstyn motioned to move closing ceremonies and kid HR derby to Monday 6/9 at 6 pm. Brittany 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dale opposed. Tanya would not be available on that date and abstained. All other in favor.
  - Wynne suggested moving kid HR derby later and instead have a manager & coach softball game as part of closing ceremonies. Machel motioned to move HR derby to 6/14, time TBD to allow manager & coach softball game to be part of closing ceremonies. Wynne 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- Next meeting date was moved to Monday, June 16 at 6 pm due to Evergreen tournament and Father's day.
- Wynne motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:45 pm. Dale 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Next meeting is Monday June 16, 2025 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lauren DiPalma*

Columbia Little League Secretary