

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

January 12, 2025

An in-person meeting of the board members of Columbia Little League was held in the clubhouse January 12, 2025, at 6:02PM pacific time.

**Board Members present:** Chris DiPalma, Lauren DiPalma, Dan Highfill, Celina Thompson, Brittany Christ, Kindra Christian, Tim Melcher, Celine Negrete, Kirstyn Griswold, Wynne Hurly, Tanya Cardoza

**Board Members absent:** Dan Piovesan, Dale Robertson, Doug Single, Joella Neubauer, Joe Huffman, Justin Cvitkovitch

**Guest Present:** Michelle DeLeon

## **Call to Order**

Chris DiPalma President of Columbia Little League called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM Pacific Time. Lauren DiPalma Secretary of Columbia Little League recorded the minutes.

## **Reports from Board Members**

- Dan H. nominated Michelle DeLeon to the board of directors, Kindra 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- Reading of the December meeting minutes was waived. Motion to approve minutes as written by Tim, Celina 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- President's report was provided by Chris.
  - Bylaws subcommittee is ongoing. Anticipate it will be ready for February meeting.
  - Mandatory board member training is due January 19th (background check, abuse awareness, food handler's card)
  - 26 teams have been chartered for 2025
- Vice President's reports were skipped
- Treasurers report provided by Lauren Dipalma
  - As of January 10, 2025, the bank balance is \$46,647
  - All bills are paid. Utilities, charter.
  - Taxes were filed on January 9, 2025.
  - Upcoming expenses:
    - Bench covers - \$3,500-\$4,000
    - Fencing
    - Freezer - \$850
    - Alcoa field rental
    - Memorial/Flagpole - \$1,500-\$2,000 memorial, Flagpole TBD
- Concessions report was provided by Celina
  - Painting interior walls
  - Removed broken freezers. Donated a small freezer.
  - Need to replace one 21 CF freezer. Dan H. motioned to approve \$850 for new freezer. Kirstyn 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
  - New digital menu is in the works with QR code and online ordering. Will keep Columbia special.

- Sponsorship report was provided by Wynne
  - April 26, 2025 for hit-a-thon and picture day
  - Updating flyer for 2025
  - Kindra proposed Columbia LL yard signs ~\$4.55 ea for 100 or \$3.55 for 150. Kirstyn motion to approve \$600 for 150 yard signs. Celina 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- Safety report was provided by Kindra
  - Working on safety plan due in March
  - Working to set up first aid training for coaches in mid-March
- Player Agent report was provided by Kirstyn
  - 87 kids registered at this time, which is higher than last year at this time
  - In person registration scheduled for 1/18, 10am – 2pm & 2/5, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
  - Player evaluation is scheduled for Saturday 2/15 & 2/22
  - Team drafts 2/24-2/26
- Coaching report was provided by Chris
  - Dan Highfill is interim coaching coordinator
  - Working to schedule a coaching clinic in early March
- Umpiring report was provided by Tim
  - District 4 UIC training on 1/18
  - Umpire training for Columbia will be 4/19
  - Junior umpire training using VR sets on 3/14 & 3/28
  - Need to do a better tracking of pitch counts
- Equipment report was skipped. Provided by Dan H./Chris
  - Did inventory today. Ordering jerseys/equipment this week for spring season (typically \$16K-\$20K).

### **Old Business**

- Gutters and downspouts – No updates
  - Were replaced last month. Company will supply a banner for the spring.
- Tee ball and coach pitch bench covers – No updates
  - Construction date TBD. Expecting early March.
- Mike Ray Memorial – Update by Tim
  - Would like to do a permanent memorial unveiled at opening day 2025. 14x18 or 18x24. \$1,500-\$2,000. Looking at flagpole & box. May increase budget for flag.
- Office computer still to be installed by Doug
- New divisions – No updates
  - Baseball AA & Quickball

### **New Business**

- Field/Clubhouse projects
  - Sprinkler repair Sprinkler repair @ teeball field
  - Major field sprinkler manifold replacement
  - New fence fabric for teeball, coach pitch backstops
  - Winter shutdown – reseeding, leveling outfields, new dirt purchase
  - Big field - Power and communication, replacement bulbs
  - Mower and tractor repairs needed

- 2025 spring schedule key dates planning
  - Field cleanup TBD
  - Opening day – April 12<sup>th</sup>. Include home games
  - Hit-A-Thon & Pictures – possibly 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May (5/3 or 5/10)
  - Closing ceremony – June 7<sup>th</sup> (HR derby? Coaches SB game?)
- Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm. Dan H. motioned. Kirstyn 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Next meeting is Sunday February 9, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lauren DiPalma*

Columbia Little League Secretary