

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD FOR COLUMBIA LITTLE LEAGUE

February 10, 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, Celina Thompson, Brittany Christ, Kirstyn Griswold, Wynne Hurly, Dan Piovesan, Joe Huffman, Michelle DeLeon, Kindra Christian, Tanya Cardoza

Board Members absent: Dan Highfill, Tim Melcher, Celine Negrete, Dale Robertson, Doug Single, Joella Neubauer, Justin Cvitkovitch

Guest Present: Brian Currier

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

- Reading of the January meeting minutes was waived. Motion to approve minutes as written by Dan P, Celina 2nd. All in favor.
- President's report was provided by Chris.
 - All locks have been changed and board member keys were handed out to those present
 - Mandatory board member training was due January 19th (background check, abuse awareness, food handler's card)
 - District 4 presidents meeting requested each league host one challenger league Saturday. Date TBD
- Vice President's reports were skipped
- Treasurers report provided by Lauren
 - Celine Negrete is officially the treasurer
 - As of January 10, 2025, the bank balance is \$55,275.86
 - All bills are paid. Utilities, rekeying all locks, fencing, new freezer
 - Upcoming expenses:
 - Bench covers - \$3,500-\$4,000
 - Alcoa field rental
 - Memorial/Flagpole - \$1,500-\$2,000 memorial, Flagpole TBD
- Concessions report was provided by Celina
 - New stickers for kids meals and new umpire meal cards created
 - Presented updated menus. Will keep Columbia special
 - Presented menu board ideas
 - Looking into QR code and online ordering
 - Talked with ice cream supplier and will deliver sometime 4/8-4/10
 - New freezer purchased and installed
- Sponsorship report was provided by Wynne
 - Brian Currier would like to set up meal days with local businesses
 - Looking for team sponsors
 - Proposed possible capital project donation page on website similar to other leagues

- Safety report was provided by Kindra
 - Working on safety plan due in March
 - Looking into online first aid training, \$40pp. Working to set up first aid training for coaches in mid-March
 - There was an incident with VPD on in-person registration day. Someone reported that clubhouse was being broken into, but it was the player agent in the office.
- Player Agent report was provided by Kirstyn
 - 233 kids registered at this time
 - Player evaluation is scheduled for Saturday 2/15 & 2/22
 - Team drafts 2/24-2/26
- Coaching report was provided by Chris on behalf of Dan H
 - Working to schedule a coaching clinic in early March
- Umpiring report was skipped
- Equipment and Uniform report was provided by Chris
 - Ordered jerseys/equipment last month for spring season (typically \$16K-\$20K). Checking on status.
 - Chris and Justin toured the storage containers at Alcoa. There is a lot of catchers equipment, all start uniforms and a sno-cone & popcorn machine.

Old Business

- Tee ball and coach pitch bench covers – No updates
 - Construction date TBD. Expecting early March.
- Mike Ray Memorial – No updates
 - 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 to be installed by Doug tomorrow.
- Gutters and downspouts – No updates
 - Were replaced in December. Company will supply a banner for the spring.

New Business

- By Laws subcommittee update
 - Constitution – minor change – no board member limit
 - Bylaws - many changes
 - Dan P. motions to approve the constitution and bylaws as proposed. Kindra 2nd. All in favor.
- Hosting Challenger League discussed during president's report
- Meeting with regional staff offered to league. Date TBD.
- Important Dates:
 - Player Evaluations: February 15 and 22
 - Field Cleanup Day – March 15; backup March 22 and possible Alcoa cleanup day
 - Opening Day: April 12
 - Picture Day and Hit-A-Thon: April 26
 - Closing ceremonies: June 7

- 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
- Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm. Kirstyn motioned. Dale 2nd. All in favor. Next meeting is Sunday March 9, 2025 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren DiPalma

Columbia Little League Secretary