

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD FOR COLUMBIA LITTLE LEAGUE

April 13, 2025

An in-person meeting of the board members of Columbia Little League was held in the clubhouse April 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM pacific time.

Board Members present: Chris DiPalma, Lauren DiPalma, Joella Neubauer, Joe Huffman, Tim Melcher, Kirstyn Griswold, Kindra Christian, Celine Negrete, Celina Thompson, Brittany Christ, Dale Robertson, Tanya Cardoza

Board Members absent:, Machel DeLeon, Justin Cvitkovitch, Wynne Hurly, Dan Piovesan, Doug Single

Guest Present: Ann Leggett - D4 Administrator, Darrin Leggett - D4 UIC & State softball UIC

Call to Order

Chris DiPalma President of Columbia Little League called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM Pacific Time. Lauren DiPalma Secretary of Columbia Little League recorded the minutes.

Reports from Board Members

- Reading of the March meeting minutes was waived. Motion to approve minutes as written by Kindra, Celina 2nd. All in favor.
- Chris introduced guests Ann and Darrin Leggett from District 4. Ann and Darrin gave an overview of what occurs at the district level and what they offer to leagues.
- President's report was provided by Chris
 - Unfortunately, there have been recent monetary thefts by league officials at other little leagues. We believe our current processes are appropriate. Financial safeguards at CLL include two signatures required on all checks, one from a primary signatory (Chris, Dan P, Kirstyn), and one from another board member. There are currently only 2 debit cards (Chris and Brittany). Transactions are monitored by treasurer (Celine), who does not write checks or have direct access to the bank account. The full bank statement is provided to the board monthly, including scans of all cleared checks.
- Vice President's reports
 - Softball report was provided by Joella. Every team has played a game except one (due to weather).
 - Baseball report was provided by Dale.
 - Two coaches asking to use pitching machines and purchase dimple balls.
 - Lost & found – requested that we add phone number.
 - Some coaches would like to use clubhouse to have team meetings and view videos.
 - Would like to clean up the donated equipment pile.
 - Tee ball and coach pitch report was provided by Joe. Everything going well so far.
- Treasurers report provided by Celine
 - As of March 31, 2025, the bank balance is \$58,198.94
 - Owe Athlete's Corner for spring uniforms and balls
 - Payments for hood cleaning, health dept permit, Mike Ray memorial, Tee ball and coach pitch bench and bleacher wood replacement, concession equipment and COGS
 - Upcoming expenses: (previously approved)
 - Bench covers - \$3,500-\$4,000
 - Memorial/Flagpole - \$1,500-\$2,000 memorial, Flagpole \$1,500
- Concessions report was provided by Celina.- Things are going well, but very busy. Online ordering was started on Saturday.

- Sponsorship report was provided Chris in Wynne's absence. 5 team sponsors. Several banners were up for opening day.
- Safety report was provided by Kindra. Safety plan was approved. Working to track training requirements.
- Player Agent report was provided by Kirstyn. 292 player registered. All players are on teams.
- Coaching report was provided by Chris. VPs are interim coordinators until a new coordinator is appointed. Chris hosted a coaches clinic on Monday of spring break.
- Umpiring report was provided by Tim. Some scheduling issues, but season is off to a good start.
- Equipment report was provided by Chris. Uniforms have been distributed. Plan to pay Athlete's corner in full this week ~\$19K. Tim motioned to pay in full. Taunya 2nd. All in favor.

Old Business

- Chris relayed District 4 has requested to move 8-10 softball state tournament to 7/12-7/18. Joella motioned to approve the new dates. Celine 2nd. All in favor.
- Tee ball and coach pitch bench covers being constructed soon.
- Mike Ray Memorial update was installed by Tim in time for the opening ceremonies. ~\$3200 total.
- Office computer installation date TBD
- Important Dates:
 - Picture Day and Hit-A-Thon: April 26
 - All star voting: TBD
 - Closing ceremonies: June 7

New Business

- Dan Highfill resigned from the board following the March 9th board meeting.
- Audit Committee – This is a Little League best practice. 3 members of the board that are not the president or treasurer to reconcile the receipts. After discussion, the Board did not feel it was needed at this time due to publishing the full bank statement to the board monthly. May revisit at a later date.
- 2025 spring season coaches list was provided by Chris. Kirstyn motioned to approve all coaches. Joella 2nd. All in favor.
- Kid & HR derby dates – June 6th for kid HR derby. June 7th for adult HR derby.
- Clarification on concession duty for board members – Does concessions lead count as all-star eligibility for players. This was allowed last year. Dale motions to approve concession lead as all-star eligibility, including on their team's assigned night. Tanya 2nd. All in favor.
- Field / Clubhouse projects (upcoming)
 - Backstop pads and supports - Tim
 - Cleanup at Alcoa – Dale is going to clean up the vandalized score tower
 - Sprinkler repair at tee ball
 - Major field sprinkler manifold replacement
 - New fence fabric to tee ball/coach pitch backstops
 - Big field – Power and communication, replacement bulbs
- Kirstyn motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:39 pm. Joe 2nd. All in favor. Next meeting is Sunday May 4, 2024 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren DiPalma

Columbia Little League Secretary