

Munster Little League
Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Directors
Wednesday, May 11, 2022

The Munster Little League met in regular session on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at the A-Field press box at Munster Community Park. The meeting opened at 8:12 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business.

Attendees: J. Castellano, J. Wodynski, M. McGee, K. Jurcik, G. Gouveia, K. Dempsey, S. Spencer, A. Keefner, A. Rubio, C. Mamich; B. Caddick; J. Craig

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President J. Castellano at 8:12 pm. A quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** – J. Castellano presented the meeting agenda. G. Gouveia motions to approve. A. Keefner 2nd's. Motion approved.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – J. Castellano presented the April minutes. G. Gouveia motions to approve. K. Dempsey 2nd's. Motion approved.
- IV. **Reports –**

President Report – J. Castellano

A couple of injuries to report. On Monday, one of the Majors players was hit in the mouth with a baseball. He is ok- no major damage. Family not pursuing anything as of now. John Castellano will fill out the incident report. Also on Monday, an umpire was hit on the neck and ended up going to the hospital. He is ok and has not asked for any insurance info as of now.

K. Dempsey attended the April District 1 meeting. The reviewed the locations for 10, 11, and 12 for District tournaments and drew number for where the teams would play. The 12 District tournaments are being held in Munster, East Chicago and Lake of the Four Season. Munster 12's will play at the Munster tournament. The 12s District championship will be held in Lake of the Four Seasons. Munster will not hold any District tournaments for 11 or 10 year old.

Earliest for 11 is June 25th. Earliest for 10 and 12 is July 7th. K. Jurcik will be District liaison for the tournament held in Munster. Will need more people to help; 2 fields being used- 4 to 5 days. At least 4 volunteers for each field- each day.

Treasurer Report - S. Spencer– Sent out financials; Sponsorship fees have been collected; Some registration fees are still trickling in; payroll working well through Quick Books. Expenses that have come in- uniforms, umpires; need the LARGUS bill.

District 1 Report - We did not attend this month.

- V. **2022 District Tournament Update – J. Castellano**
 - 12s District Tournament will start 7/7
 - Board should plan to stop in throughout the days, if possible
- VI. **Local Rules Updates – J. Castellano** – We are in a good place now; the local rules and quick guides have been updated and posted on the website as well the dugouts
- VII. **AllStars**
 - All Star Process; Voting, Counting, Selection Process, Managers Self nominating
 - Will send out the document to the Majors and Minors families; voting will start on Monday, 5/16 from 4:30-7:30 in the Rotary Shelter. Make sure only players are allowed to fill out the ballot.
 - Will have a list of all eligible players available; will say what type of ballot each kid will get, as well as say what ballot the managers and coaches will get to fill out
 - Voting will occur Monday-Friday; 5/16-5/20; will count the ballots on Saturday, 5/21 at 9a unless 50% of total players/managers have not voted- for 10/11/12. If needed, can extend voting through Monday, 5/23, with vote counting to occur on Tuesday, 5/24 @ 4:30p.
 - Kids chosen will have 48 hours to respond- accept or decline
 - Publicize times for voting on website, FB and via email to the league.

Managers

- Self- nominations will occur 5/16-5/20- need to be in 7:30p on 5/20. Submit in writing to All Star Commissioner and cc Secretary (Katie, as well)
- Manager selection will occur on 5/21; 12 International team at 10a; 11U at 10:30a; 10U team manager selection will take place on Sunday, 5/22 at 5p.

DATES

- Announce 6/15 publicly to allow kids to reach 60% of the season played; if a kid who makes the team does not reach the 60% by 6/15, the spot will go to the alternate.

UNIFORMS

- Hats have been ordered; bought in bulk- same hat for all teams

AGE REQUIREMENTS (Team Composition)

- 12 International Team- top 13 vote getters of all 10, 11 and 12 y/o that played in the Majors
- 11U District- top 13 vote getters of all 11, 10 and 9 y/o playing in the Majors
- Combined 12/11 "All Star" Team: up to the top 7 vote getters of the eligible 12 y/o not selected to the 12 International Team; and up to the top 5 vote getters of eligible 11 y/o District team;
- All Star Commissioner to recommend the number of teams to represent Munster; B. Caddick motions to have 4 teams (3 District, 1 Combined All Star Team); S. Spencer 2^{nds}.
- 10U District Team: 10/9/8 y/o playing in Minors will be eligible for the team; 13 top vote getters
- 10 "All Star" Team- leave as an option to have, depending on the how the voting goes? Board unanimously decides to drop this team, due to no "TOC" tournament available anymore; higher level of play that is beyond LL play.
- 9, 8 and 7 All Star teams- 1 each, comprised of the only that age group
- 9 voting- top 12 vote getters; voted by Minors managers/coaches
- 8 voting- top 12 vote getters; C league managers/coaches; for the 8 y/o players in Minors, consult the Minors managers for dialogue on each player
- 7 voting- top 12 vote getters; voted on by C League managers/coaches
- 10 y/o players playing in Majors; should the Majors managers and coaches be able to vote for them on the 10 District team? Board votes to put * next to 10 y.o players in the Majors

VIII. In House Tournaments- J. Castellano

- See District Tournament notes above
- District tournaments- keep the same ones for all teams to enter together instead of each team selecting tournaments to join on their own?
- Adam/Johnny to research the tournaments to join
- Younger divisions will get 2 tournaments each

IX. Trophies – J. Castellano

- Rick to order trophies; participation trophies for TBall/Prep; C League- Trophies for 1st/2nd place teams; medals for all others; Majors/Minors- 1st/2nd place trophies

X. Schedule/Make up games – M. McGee

XI. Fundraising Update– K. Jurcik – we have over \$25K in sponsorships for this season; have collected all but 1 sponsor at this point.

XII. Grounds Update – M. McGee

XIII. Special Events Update – A. Rubio –

- Home Run Derby being pushed back- needs to be done by June 26th; will send out dates to reschedule
- Railcats Night- 6/10
- White Sox game on 8/14; will block off certain section that we can access up to 30 days ahead of time- different prices will be available; kids can run the bases at the end
- Movie screen- put up sheet/rent a projector
- Gamechanger of the week- very slow start; need to get more participation; will table for now

XIV. Fall Ball – J. Castellano

We need to get Board commitments for Fall Ball commissioners and members to commit to helping run the Fall League. The Fall League is a major revenue generator. Ashley willing to possibly take it on

Tasks:

- Evals
- Drafts
- Uniforms
- Schedule
- Umps
- Town Liaison

XV. New Business – J. Castellano

- A Field mound cover- get quotes and order one- need to cover it

XVI. Adjournment – M. McGee motions to adjourn at 9:10 pm A.Keefner 2nds. Motion approved.

Next regular meeting to be held on June 8, 2022

**MLL Meetings are open to the membership and held on the second Wednesday of every month.
MLL financials are available upon written request to the Treasurer.**