

**Munster Little League**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Directors**  
**Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

The Munster Little League met in regular session on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at the A Field Pressbox. The meeting opened at 7:06 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business.

**Attendees:** J. Castellano, M. McGee, G. Gouveia, A. Rubio, J. Craig, S. Spencer, A. Keefner, J. Wodynski

Two members of the Babe Ruth board visited to request help in bolstering their board and membership. They would like to team up with MLL and help each other out. We shout them out socially, they can help with our evaluations and other special events. They are looking to go from 9 board members to 12 members. There is a ton of potential turnover for the BR board in the next few years. Babe Ruth has a ton of flexibility to get into the tournament trail. Travel teams can be signed up under Babe Ruth and don't have to play in order to be on the tournament track. They still want kids to play, but they are flexible with scheduling to get players enough games in. Babe Ruth does not have to follow residential guidelines. All Indiana MBR registrants are eligible for tournament teams. All teams are allowed to use the fields for practices. Travel teams would likely be scheduled for the weekdays. Committed to putting \$20,000 into the fields so the spring can be great to go. There are 4 different tournament trails: 13, 14, 15, then 16-18. Player evaluations started this year. All Star teams are manager picked, not kid vote.

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President J. Castellano at 7:06 pm. A quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** – J. Castellano presented the meeting agenda. G. Gouveia motions to approve. A. Keefner 2<sup>nd</sup>s. Motion approved.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – J. Castellano presented the August regular meeting minutes. G. Gouveia motions to approve. A. Keefner 2<sup>nd</sup>s. Motion approved.
- IV. **Reports –**

**President Report – J. Castellano**

Been quiet lately. There hasn't been a district meeting recently. There is one tomorrow. There isn't anyone that can make it as of right now. A. Rubio will try to make it depending on other responsibilities. Fall ball is moving right along. J. Castellano ordered new banners after the other ones have been misplaced. He also presented J. Craig with individual banners for their state accomplishments.

**Treasurer Report - S. Spencer**

S. Spencer sent out the report. First half of umps fees have come out as well as town fees for fall ball. We are wanting to make sure that parents know we are funneling the money back into the organization. Margins could shrink with the cost of goods rising. We are not looking to find places to spend money. The IRS fee has been waived. We can retain our non-profit status since this was settled. Scott found a website to file for free for the most recent year. Potential lead for next year would be D. Panaggio. G. Gouveia suggested getting quotes for an accountant so the liability is not so heavily placed on the board.

**V. Fall Ball Update – A. Rubio**

We are about halfway through the season. The grounds crew has been awesome in helping us get the games in, even with the rainy days. Trophies will be ordered this week. End of season tournaments begin at the start of October with the championship games happening the week of October 10<sup>th</sup>. Just in time for field shut downs on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The time limits will be modified for the playoffs. Couple of feedback notes from S. Spencer: Back to back majors scheduling is kind of nice. Makes it seem like a major league season. It is something to consider continuing in the future. It could also be interesting to have a best of 3 games for the championship series.

Special events note: We are going to try to get a manager/coach softball game under the lights on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. Annual Meeting – Next Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Community Park Rotary Shelter.**

We will need 28 volunteers present at the meeting to make a quorum. Managers, coaches, official scorekeepers. Taken into consideration when choosing managers. As well as Spring/Fall clean up volunteering.

- VII. J. Castellano motions to approve list of 128 volunteers for the calculation of quorum for this year's Annual Meeting. J. Carroll 2<sup>nd</sup>s. Motion approved.

**VIII. Board Election Discussion** - Board elections will be held at the Annual Meeting. All attending members in good standing are eligible to vote, including Board members. Voting will be done by secret ballot, to be tabulated in front of the membership.

**Self-nominations for a two-year term:**

**Self-Nominated - New:**

Justin Palas, Russ Rommelfanger, Dan Panaggio, Kristen Adley

The above members have all been verified to be Munster Little League members in good standing.

**Self nominated - Returning:**

Rick O'Connell, M. McGee

**Board members with one term remaining:**

John Castellano, Katie Jurcik, Ashley Rubio, Kyle Dempsey, Scott Spencer, Gordy Gouveia

**Board members that are not returning:**

Chuck Mamich

Johnny Craig

John Wodynski

Brad Caddick

M. McGee motions to approve the candidate list. G. Gouveia 2nds the motion.

**IX. Fundraising – J. Castellano on behalf of K. Jurcik**

A real estate agent reached out for sponsorship this season, even though the season is coming to an end. We are still willing for them to officially come on as a sponsor. From 2020 to this year, there has been a big boost in sponsorship. Over \$22,000 in fundraising this year.

**X. Equipment Update – M. McGee** - Scrambling to send out fall ball equipment since not enough people returned their gear. It was decided that it would be best to message all managers and have them bring equipment in during fall shutdown.

**XI. New Business – M. McGee** brought up a request to raise wages for two of our grounds crew. Josh has taken over the job of 3-4 members and James has stepped up into Josh's old role. We will need at least 6-7 grounds crew for spring. We need to discuss the potential for reevaluation for a pay scale as well as duties. G. Gouveia makes a motion to approve raising wages for Josh & James to \$15 & \$13 per hour. S. Spencer seconds the motion. Motion approved. Potential thought would be to help with grounds crew retention: scholarship eligibility for

**XII. Adjournment – G. Gouveia** motions to adjourn at 8:36 pm M. McGee 2<sup>nd</sup>s. Motion approved.

**Next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 via Zoom.**

**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.**