

Munster Little League
Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Directors
Wednesday, April 12, 2023

The Munster Little League met in regular session on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at the A Field Press Box. The meeting opened at 7:14 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business.

Attendees: J. Castellano, S. Spencer, K. Jurcik, K. Adley, K. Dempsey, A. Keefner, G. Gouveia; A. Rubio

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President J. Castellano at 7:14 pm. A quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** – J. Castellano presented the meeting agenda. G. Gouveia motions to approve. A. Keefner 2nds. Motion approved.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – J. Castellano presented the March minutes. G. Gouveia motions to approve. K. Dempsey 2nds. Motion approved.

IV. Reports –

President Report – J. Castellano

Opening Day (soft start) is just under a week away. A couple of last minute Prep and TBall registrations are still coming in. We are accommodating when we can.

We need board members to pull their weight on jobs they have agreed to do. Too often, someone in charge of a job/task drops the ball, and it has to be picked up by other board members who already have a lot on their plate. If you volunteer to take on a job, make sure you can put in the time to do it or, if necessary (on occasion), delegate to someone else who can cover accordingly- but not on a regular basis.

Treasurer Report - S. Spencer – We are at \$104K right now. Have started to pay some bigger invoices (Largus); Uniform invoices are still not in yet- that will be a big one. In a good place.

District 1 Report – J. Castellano

Rich had surgery on his eyes, having issues- cancelled the in person meeting and moved it to Zoom. We were unable to make it. John called Rich to find out District dates- which are not ready- but we can assume around the same time as last year. State dates for 8-10 and 12s: July 20-25; 11s: July 14-19 (Wabash).

V. Challenger League Update- B. Matthews

- Have 43 registered so far; \$3043 is the current budget- pay Town, Concessions, Shirt/Hat for all players.
- Looking for a bead/bean baseball for visually impaired players. Maybe try Wilson.com; or reach out to the District 1 Challengers liaison.
- Have all the waivers ready; coaches and asst coaches background checks will be ready to go

VI. Little League International Update – J. Castellano

Waiting on dates/times for district tournaments.

VII. All Stars

- TOURNAMENTS

Would like to do more teams at the same tournaments; easier for payments and trying to stay as local as we can; HIT Tournament is not happening this year; Dyer would like to do a tournament with us this year (for TOC team)- with all local All Star teams (that are entered into the district tournament). Would HAVE to open it up to everyone in the district- can't pick and choose who would play in the tournament.

- VOTING PROCESS

Start 5/15-5/18 (M-Th); Count the ballots on Fri, 5/19? Voting for 7/8/9 teams on 5/20 at 2p in D Field Press Box

VIII. Substitution List Discussion

- John and Gordy discussed; the rule came about due to Covid; let the substitution list ran free; less and less kids are missing games now; Player Agent is supposed to maintain the list of eligible players- says once you sub, you can't sub again until everyone else on the list has subbed. Majors division can pull the same Minor league player up to 5 times to play up.
- At this point, not a whole lot to go into unless it comes up; teams should try to sub for around the same player level/draft pick, if possible.

IX. Schedules- A. Rubio

All schedules are out; have only had a couple of requests to move Tball game up to be a little earlier; hoping to have potential makeup dates sent out to managers so they have an idea of what to plan for should games be cancelled.

- Tournament dates are set; will go out to the managers with the possible makeup dates- at least the dates of when each team will play (8 v 1), etc.

X. Uniform Update-

- Uniforms are in and ready to be picked up; they look great

XI. Registration Update –

- Registration is done

XII. Grounds Update/Field Setup Day – J. Castellano

Spring cleanup went great, despite it being the last weekend of Spring Break; had a decent turnout and the grounds crew came through and finished whatever needed to get done.

-SportsFields came to do the work that the town paid for; some looks good, but there are major issues with how they cut in the fields; need to talk to Mark Heintz about who will be fixing it

XIII. Special Events Update – A. Rubio – Opening day- 4/29/23

Pictures starting at 8a-11a at WWMS Cafeteria

Opening ceremonies:

- First pitch: Linda Bevil
- All teams make banners; team with most votes in each division will win a pizza party

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

- T-Mobile Home Run Derby- on a Saturday after games are done? 6/10- For Majors players only?
- Run our own HR Derby on C Field for Minors on 6/10 as well?

XIV. Fundraising Update– K. Jurcik –

- we have about \$29k of sponsor commitments so far- between new and returning
- All banners are finished by Largus and were put up on field opening day

XV. Umpire Update – J. Castellano

- Rick wants a raise; claims that they haven't received one since 2021, but we did give one for Majors and Minors games in 2022
- Proposed by Rick: \$100 for Majors; \$90 for Minors; \$75 for C League; counter with a \$5 raise in each for Spring (\$95/\$85/\$70) and they'll get another \$5 in Fall Ball (\$100/\$90/\$75); then the new rates will stay in place for all of 2024 (Spring and Fall). John will go back to Rick with this.

XVI. Equipment Update – J. Castellano

-Still having issues getting catcher's equipment; need to go to Amazon to buy more (can't find locally); need to give 3 more teams their equipment and then all will be good.

XVII. New Business – J. Castellano

- Batting Cages: Need to get a quote for new L screens and new netting (for at least 3 of the cages)
- S. Spencer makes a motion to spend up to \$2,000 for 4 L Screens; K. Dempsey 2nds; motion passes unanimously.

XVIII. Adjournment – K. Dempsey motions to adjourn at 8:42 pm; A. Keefner 2^{nds}. Motion approved.

Next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at A Field Press Box

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.