

Munster Little League
Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Directors
Wednesday, August 9, 2023

The Munster Little League met in regular session on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at the A Field Pressbox. The meeting opened at 7:08 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business.

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

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President J. Castellano at 7:05 pm. A quorum was not present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** – J. Castellano presented the meeting agenda. A. Rubio motions to approve. A. Keefner 2nd's. Motion approved.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – J. Castellano presented the May regular meeting minutes. A. Rubio motions to approve. K. Adley 2nd's. Motion approved.

IV. Reports –

President Report – J. Castellano

Some things happened throughout the season, but nothing too crazy that was pressing and we'd need to not let someone come back to coach. AllStars is done, we hosted 2 tournaments and they went well overall- long days, but had a good time.

Treasurer Report - S. Spencer

Sent out the report prior to the meeting. We are in good shape. \$72K in the bank- including Fall Ball registrations. \$150K came in- we budgeted \$144K. All Sponsorship checks are in- we came in right on budget for sponsors. Fall Ball registrations came in at \$33K- we budgeted \$37K.

V. Challenger League Update- B. Matthews

Season is over; end of season picnic is on Sunday brought in over \$6K; fundraisers- Schoop's and Region Ale were successful. Still waiting on invoices from the concession stand and Town of Munster. Will send to Scott once received.

-Beth would like to change the Challenger League page on the website and make it less wordy.

-Asked the bank if Beth can just have access to the account- only to deposit Challenger League checks; said to talk to the accountant about a DBA (Doing Business As).

VI. District Tournament Debrief –

Giving praise to all who helped- if we didn't have the board members there to that we did to help, we would not have been able to run the tournament like we did.

10 YO District Team- Runner up in District 1

11 YO District Team- District #1 Champions; 3rd in State (in Wabash)

12 YO Intr'l Team- Runner up in Pool A

VII. Fall Ball Update –

Slightly lower turnout this year than last year; 4 Majors, 7 Minors, 6 C League Teams; We believe Majors is down due to older kids playing other Fall sports;

2 divisions are already scheduled; 1 more to go

Uniforms are ordered

Games will start the week of 8/21; goal is to end the season (regular and tourneys) by 10/11

VIII. Annual Meeting – Wed, Sept 20st at Rotary Shelter from 7-10p. Need to call Jill Higgins to reserve it. After Annual Meeting, will jump right into the first meeting with the new Board of Directors.

IX. Board Election Discussion

Email will go out requesting self-nominations prior to the September regular meeting. We will have more discussion about nominations and board composition at the regular September meeting on Sept. 13th.

Possible interested candidates: Beth Matthews (run Challengers), Kyle Cherry (run Grounds Crew), John Jamicich; George Souri,

Current Board Members needing to self nominate for another 2 year term: A. Rubio, K. Jurcik, G. Gouveia

X. Fundraising – K. Jurcik

No update at this time.

XI. Equipment Update – J. Castellano

We need to do a better job on equipment; we are still missing a lot, a lot of its expensive; things are falling apart
We need a more refined system on how to distribute and get them back; Prep and Tball has the most equipment and it gets used the most in those divisions.

Ashley Rubio emailed all Spring managers about bags and set up a time for them to return- 2 did bring theirs back.

XII. Grounds –J. Castellano

Ashley has been working on Kyle Cherry to come on the board as the head of the grounds crew; Josh and 5 other grounds crew will be available for Fall Ball.

Town said they will put money for new nets in the batting cages in the budget for next year

We would like to get the red stone back next year- Town only wants to use gray. Possibly we pay the difference in price between the red and gray to get the red.

We need to get new locks for all of the fields and change the code.

XIII. Special Events – A. Rubio – hoping to get a coaches softball game together- Sept 30th? Have it be a family day for Spring and Fall families to enjoy; get bounce houses? popcorn/cotton candy machines? Hot dog carts? Homerun derby? We can't grill in Community Park.

XIV. New Business – Bryce Gelarden wants to do something with the MLL kids- asked if we can give him 1 day a week to train some kids- who sign up; would do it for free. Age groups- 8-12? Munster kids only. There is availability on the fields. The board is in agreement to give go ahead for him to plan the clinics.

XV. Adjournment – A. Rubio motions to adjourn at 8:29pm; G. Gouveia 2^{nd's}. Motion approved.

Next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at A Field Pressbox. The annual meeting will be the following week, September 20th, 7:00 PM at the Rotary Shelter.

**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.**