

Munster Little League
Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Directors
Wednesday, January 11, 2023

The Munster Little League met in regular session on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 via Zoom. The meeting opened at 7:06pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business.

Attendees: J. Castellano, K. Jurcik, K. Dempsey, A. Keefner, D. Panaggio, A. Rubio, M. McGee, K. Adley, R. O'Connell, S. Spencer

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President J. Castellano at 7:08 pm. A quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** – J. Castellano presented the meeting agenda. A. Keefner motions to approve. A. Rubio 2nd's. Motion approved.
- III. **Approval of December Meeting Minutes** – J. Castellano presented the above regular meeting minutes. M. McGee motions to approve. A. Rubio 2nd's. Motion approved.
- IV. **Reports –**

President Report – J. Castellano

Not a lot to report; registrations are trickling in pretty good- no stagnant days, pretty steady

Treasurer Report/Budget Discussion – S. Spencer

Summer fees are starting to come in, low right now.

\$30K in cash- as of now

- 990 is filed

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V. 2023 Registration Discussion

Flyers have been distributed to all schools as of this week- more effective than including them in the digital newsletters.

No yard signs were put up this year- maybe not as effective in front of our houses. Next year, we can get approval from resident's or businesses to put signs up in front of their houses.

Registration- 107 as of 1/11/23

Prep- 24

Majors- 20

Minors- 29

C League- 21

TBall- 13

Registration closes on 1/29/23. Can extend no later than up to our February meeting- when we pick managers.

Next year, we need to put an ad in the Town of Munster Spring catalog.

Potential out of town players: John has been working on this; spoke to Rich Arent. HLL President would need to agree to it and District #1 admin (Rich) would need to approve, and LLI would also need to be approved.

Do we need to fight for the one kid that has asked to get in? Opinion of the board is that we will not let him play, because if you let one in we will have to let more/all in.

Asked, in what situation would be able to take out of town players?

-Will need to filter out the out of town registrations this year- especially the ones that play Fall Ball in Munster.

VI. AED/CPR Certification Discussion – J. Castellano

CPR Certification- there is a nominal fee (about \$15); can do it online or hold a class to do as a group.

-We can't make people get certified and it might be useless, but it is best to offer it to the managers/coaches if they want to do it and we reimburse them. We are doing our part to help prepare people, if needed.

-Rick will look into setting up classes and how much it will cost to hold one or two sessions

AED Device-

-Very expensive

-Need to make sure it is maintained and working at all times

-Need to have adult and juvenile pads available

VII. Uniforms – R. Rommelfanger

Try to stay away from teams that are the same color.

Majors and C League- Major League teams

Minors- Minor League teams

Prep and TBall- College Teams

Board approves Russ to pick teams and order hats now to make sure there are no delays.

VIII. Player Evaluations – J. Castellano

2/21 (Majors), 2/22 (Minors), 2/23 (C League)- 5-9p @ Elliott

-Adam set up a Google doc for Board to volunteer for positions; ask 2 HS kids to help each night- pay them \$50 per night.

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IX. Fundraising – K. Jurcik

-gifts for 2022 sponsors are ready to be distributed

-2023 Sponsor letters are ready to go out and is also on the website under the “Sponsors” tab.

-need everyone on the Board to help renew existing sponsors and to try and secure new sponsors for the upcoming season.

X. Capital Improvements– J. Castellano

-One thing that needs to get done is talking to Mark Heintz and see what is in the town’s budget to help with the upkeep of the fields.

-Batting cages

XI. March Manager Selection Meeting – J. Castellano

Will meet 1 hour prior to the February board meeting; once the managers are selected by the committee, they will be presented to the overall Board of Directors for approval.

XII. March Manager’s Meeting

On either 3/6 or 3/13- 5-9p; would like to have it in person this year- possibly at the Social Center. Katie to email Jill Higgins to check availability.

Get a keynote speaker for about an hour; the other hour will be going over the ASAP plan, questions on each division, etc.

XIII. Scheduling –

Keep the same days that the league plays on as last year:

Majors- Mondays/Wednesdays/some Saturdays

Minors- Tuesdays/Thursdays/some Saturdays

C League- M-Thursday and Saturdays

Fridays are to stay open for rain delays

-We need to schedule games in April much more- even with weather that is not as nice; need to reschedule games quicker

-Takeaways from 2022 scheduling: pushback on late games in April; since Prep and TBall don’t start a couple weeks later, spread out the older divisions to 1 week day game and 1 Saturday game- to eliminate a late game during the week when it is colder in April.

-Have a FIRM stance at Manager’s meeting about rainouts and make up games so they are aware and know what to expect during the season

Use A, B and D on same days for Majors and Minors games- we could, the problem is having enough umpires available. We can talk to Rick about getting more, if possible.

XIV. Umpires– J. Castellano

-Rick has not mentioned anything about a raise this year; we gave a substantial one last year

-Would like MLL to pay for an umpiring class for him to attend to re-certify and brush up on new rules, etc.

XVII. Special Events- A. Rubio

-Would like to do an end of the season party/BBQ; jump houses, dunk tank, etc.

XIX. New Business-

No new business.

– Adjournment

M. McGee motions to adjourn at 8:50 pm. D. Panaggio 2nds. Motion approved.

The next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 on Zoom Meeting.

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.