

Munster Little League
Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Directors
Wednesday, November 8, 2023

The Munster Little League met in regular session on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 via Zoom. The meeting opened at 7:05 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business.

Attendees: K. Jurcik, J. Castellano, A. Rubio, K. Adley, D. Panaggio, K. Cherry, M. Bruni, A. Keefner, A. Rubio, J. Jamicich, R. Petrocelli; R. Bishop

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President J. Castellano at 7:05 pm. A quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** – J. Castellano presented the meeting agenda. G. Souri motions to approve. A. Rubio 2nds. Motion approved.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – J. Castellano presented the October minutes. K. Adley motions to approve. A. Rubio 2nds. Motion approved.
- IV. **Reports –**

President Report – J. Castellano – good to see so many board members on the meeting this month. Nothing more to report.

Treasurer Report - D. Panaggio-

Sent out financial report. Sitting on \$30K in cash. Expenses are winding down for 2023. Grounds crew have collected their last checks for the year. No other expenses expected for the rest of 2023. John, Dan, Gordy, Ray and Adam met on 11/6 at Danny Z's to discuss the 2024 budget. Expecting an income of \$151K with expenses around \$149K. A surplus of \$1600. Looking Jan-Nov 2023, it looked like we took a loss, but not including the registration money that will come in in December.

Need receipts for all purchases MLL is expected to pay.

We are going to the bank on 12/4 to add the following board members on to the bank account:

John Castellano
Adam Keefner
Katie Jurcik
Dan Panaggio
Kyle Cherry

Past board members to be taken off the account:

Michelle McGee
Scott Spencer

- V. **Challenger League Update- B. Matthews**
No update

- VI. **2024 Budget Discussion –**
Special events budget for 2024- \$2K . We would like to up the budget to \$3K. **Board approved.**

Raising the fees for Spring and Fall in 2024.

- Have we ever heard any push back on the fees from parents or families? No, not really. But, we have to offer a full season (18 games for Majors and Minors, for example) and we are up against District tournament dates starting sooner and sooner. We run the risk of not being able to finish a full season.
- R. Petrocelli- it's a risk not to raise fees- due to inflation. The goods we use are up 40-80% and we run the risk of hurting ourselves financially if we don't.
 - o Prices from Tball to Majors are too close compared to what they get. Maybe we bump up the Majors/Minors/C League.
 - o Raising the fees \$10 not a big deal. If we want to do capital improvements, we need to have more in reserves and generate more revenue.
 - o Raising prices in small increments is easier- as long as you aren't going over a large threshold.
 - o Having 3 months of operating expenses would be nice to have- \$36K?
- George to put a Google form in the chat to do a vote on whether we need to raise the registration fees. Results: 12 total participants: 8 yes to raise prices. 4 voted to not raise prices.
- DO we raise them significantly this year and not raise them for 2025. Or just raise them for 1 year and revisit next year? Hard to say now that we won't need to raise next year.
- Another Google form to vote on how much to raise prices per division. Proposed pricing:

- Tball: \$165
- Prep: \$175
- C League: \$200
- Minors: \$220
- Majors: \$230 (*2 umpires per game)

Vote to change the budget to include the price changes above and add'l special events budget by \$1K; G. Souri; R. Petrocelli 2nds; motion approved.

VII. 2024 Registration Discussion –

- Will open on Monday, 12/4; close 1/28 @ 11:59p
- Advertise on FB and via email

-11/24/23: Special Board Vote via Google Form

-to add \$30 late fee to C League, Minors and Majors after 1.28.24; **motion passed unanimously**

-Raffle off 1 free player registration if registered by 1/21/24; **motion passed unanimously**

-11/27/23: Special Board Vote via Google Form

- approve cost of \$550 to add MLL Registration flyer to the Munster Parks & Rec Winter/Spring Guide; **motion passed unanimously**

VIII. 2024 Constitution and Important Dates Documents

Constitution: was approved at the Sept Annual meeting. No changes were made. Ready to be added to the website.

Important Dates:

Monthly board meetings- all good (June, July and August might not happen- depending on what is needed during the Summer)

Draft meetings: Majors/Minors/C League- all good. TBall/Prep might be able to be pushed by 1 week- depending on when the uniforms need to be ordered.

Managers/Coaches meeting: Adam to call town to see what days the Social Center is available the week of 3/11; also to set up PCA presenter

Opening Day- 4/15 (soft start)

Opening Day (whole league)- currently on 5/4; picture day; opening day ceremonies

Practices start (on scheduled fields): 3/18

Mother's Day Weekend (Sat)- TBall/Prep will play; Majors/Minors/C League will still have it off

All-Star Voting: start the week after Mother's Day- 5/13-5/16

July 4th Parade- would like to get back into being a part of the parade; if anyone is interested in coordinating, let us know. We do need to register with the town to walk in the parade

Fall Opening Day- August 12th

End of Fall- Oct 14

Fall Shutdown- 10/19 or 10/26?

IX. 2023 District Tournaments/Championships –

We are only offered to host the 11U District Tournament. We have the right to accept or decline it. It's nice to show off our fields, etc.

We do want to host. Will work on getting site directors, volunteers, etc set later

X. Fundraising – K. Jurcik

Still need to think of a thank you gift for the 2023 sponsors.

All board members are encouraged to seek and sign new sponsors for 2024. If you have a contact at any businesses in the area, please reach out. The Google sheet with the current sponsors will be shared. Goal is to eclipse what we made in 2023!

XI. Schedule Discussion – J. Castellano-

Registration- see dates above

Player evals: 2/20, 2/21, 2/22 @ Elliott

XII. New Business – District #1 Dinner coming back in February. Will advise of date once it is released- we'll put together a table- usually 8-10 people

XIII. Adjournment – R. Petrocelli motions to adjourn at 9:48 pm; K. Cherry 2nds. Motion approved.

Next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 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.