

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

The Munster Little League met in regular session on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 @ 313 Taproom. The meeting opened at 7:10 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business.

Attendees: J. Castellano, K. Jurcik, K. Adley, B. Matthews, K. Cherry, M. Bruni, G. Soury, R. Petrocelli, A. Keefner, J. Jamicich, A. Rubio

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President J. Castellano at 7:11pm. A quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** – J. Castellano presented the meeting agenda. K. Adley motions to approve. A. Keefner 2nds. Motion approved.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – J. Castellano presented the Annual Meeting and Special Meeting minutes. K. Adley motions to approve. K. Cherry 2nds. Motion approved.

IV. Reports –

President Report – J. Castellano -

Great annual meeting. Not too many concerns were raised, went smooth. Biggest board in awhile. Looking forward to this year.

Treasurer Report - D. Panaggio–

At a good point with cash on hand. Still have not paid the town. We need to get the numbers of in town and out of town- both Spring and Fall.

Approval of expenditures- Challenger League concession stand fees- we need to pay their fee. \$1,360.

Grounds crew raise- not everyone would be eligible. Josh and Griffin have asked for a \$.50 raise. Would like to give Josh a \$1 raise- would go to \$16/hr. Griffin would get a \$.50 raise- would go to \$12.50/hr. K. Adley motions to approve. M. Bruni 2nds. Motion passes unanimously.

V. Challenger League Update- B. Matthews

Make sure we communicate to Beth when we have all-star/district tournaments that will conflict with their regularly scheduled games. Will move games when needed, as long as they have notice. Communication will get better!

VI. Annual Meeting – J. Castellano –

Went really well. Not too many issues to get discuss further. Most people that brought up things are now on the board and can be discussed throughout the season.

We should make it known that there are certain age kids don't qualify for all-star teams. (ie, 6 year olds playing in C League that can't play on the 7yo team). If we want to maintain some equity in the process, we need to open it up to the best players on the ballot and on the field.

VII. Fall Ball Discussion – A. Rubio

Ashley did a great job running the league this season. It's like running a mini Spring season. Families are coming from other towns. We will continue it; Fall Ball is a nice budget increase for us- less things going on, less grounds crew working.

For consideration for 2024 Fall Ball, kids that aged out of LL after the Spring season, could we consider letting those kids that want to play Fall Ball, maybe we let them- just for Fall. Can help bolster our numbers in Majors, as we were lighter this year (only 4 Majors teams).

VIII. 2024 Budget Discussion –

-Would like to do what we did last year; Executive committee should meet separately to discuss to overall budget for 2024. Don't want to change too many things for next year, but will want to look at some specific expenditures (Grounds crew hours, tournaments, etc).

IX. 2024 Registration Discussion

Need to figure out how we move forward with evals this year. Liked how we did it in 2023- 3 different days- one day for each division. Shoot for 2/20, 2/21, 2/22.

Registration should open by December 4th, 2023- January 21st, 2024.

Opening Day- 4/22/24- Soft start for Majors and Minors. Official Opening Day- 4/27/23. Possibly add in Mother's Day weekend (Saturday) as games for TBall and Prep.

X. MLL Constitution –

-not changing anything in the constitution- as of now. John will send the constitution to everyone to review and we will discuss in the November meeting.

XI. Community Park Update –

Fences around the fields need to be fixed. Communication with the town/park board needs to be better. The fields need more work but we need to discuss as a group as to what we want to push to get done. Batting cages is one of the main things we would like them to fix before next season.

XII. Fundraising – K. Jurcik

-had a great year- over \$30K in sponsorships collected. Hope to increase that amount for 2024.
-will need the help of the board to bring in new sponsorships. Everyone is encouraged to approach businesses to gauge interest in sponsoring.
-will work on the 2024 Sponsorship letter; also need to figure out a gift for all 2023 sponsors.

XIII. Special Events Update- M. Bruni

**We are hosting a MLL movie night on 10/20. Currently have 124 registered for the event.
Will provide popcorn, pizza, drinks and hot chocolate.
We need coolers- LL owns**

XIV. Board Assignments – (updated on 10/11/23; new additions in BOLD)

- a. President – J. Castellano (uncontested)
- b. Vice President – A. Keefner (uncontested)
- c. Treasurer – D. Panaggio (uncontested)- (Ray Petrocelli, Robert Bishop can shadow)
- d. Secretary – Katie Jurcik (uncontested)
- e. Player Agent – Gordy Gouveia (uncontested)
- f. Commissioner – Tee-Ball – Robert Bishop
- g. Commissioner – Prep – Robert Bishop
- h. Commissioner – C-League – Russ Rommelfanger
- i. Commissioner – Minor – George Souri
- j. Commissioner – Major – Adam Keefner
- k. Commissioner – Fall Ball – **Ashley Rubio**- transitioning to Robert Bishop/**John Jamicich**
- l. Commissioner – All-Stars – Gordy Gouveia, Kristen Adley
- m. Grounds Director – Kyle Cherry
- n. Umpire-in-Chief – Gordy Gouveia, George Souri
- o. Safety Officer – Kristen Adley
- p. Charter Officer – John Castellano
- q. Scheduling Coordinator – Ashley Rubio, Adam Keefner
- r. League Information Officer / Social Media- Kristen Adley, Meagan Bruni
- s. Webmaster – Ray Petrocelli
- t. Coaching Coordinator/Manager Evaluations (2) – table**
- u. Insurance Coordinator – John Castellano
- v. Membership Coordinator – Ashley Rubio
- w. Fundraising Committee (3+) – Katie Jurcik, Ashley Rubio, Ray Petrocelli, Robert Bishop Kristen Adley, Meagan Bruni
- x. Equipment Coordinator (2) – **John Jamicich**, Kyle Cherry
- y. Player Evaluations Coordinator – Kristen Adley
- z. Special Events Coordinator – Meagan Bruni, Katie Jurcik
- aa. Uniforms Coordinator – Russ Rommelfanger
- bb. Trophy/Photo Coordinator – **Ashley Rubio**
- cc. Background Checks Coordinator – J. Castellano, Ashley Rubio
- dd. IN District # 1 Liaison (2) – Ashley Rubio, (**rotating Exec Members**)
- ee. Munster Parks/Town Liaison – **Kyle Cherry**, Justin Palas
- ff. School Town of Munster Liaison – Adam Keefner, Kristen Adley
- gg. Practice Schedule Coordinator – Adam Keefner
- hh. Tournament Director (Non-LL Tournaments)- TBD
- ii. Tournament Director (Dist. # 1) (President, All-Star Commissioner) (2)- TBD
- jj. Tournament Committee (Non-LL Tournaments) (Tournament Director and at least 2 other members) (5)- TBD
- kk. Manager Selection Committee (Only members who are not a Manager/Coach or President) (4+)Katie Jurcik, Kristen Adley, Meagan Bruni, Ashley Rubio

- ll. All-Star Committee (President, Player Agent, Major Commissioner, Minor Commissioner, All-Star Commissioner) (5)
- mm. Local Rules Committee (5+) George Souri, Kyle Cherry, John Castellano, Gordy Gouveia, Russ Rommelfanger, Robert Bishop, John Jamicich
- Executive Committee (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Player Agent) (5)

XV. New Business –

- Want to add a turf batter's circle. Will help eliminate a lot of rainouts, maintenance. Kyle had someone come look at the fields. Waiting for the final estimate, but would like to propose adding to our fields. Would leave a legacy as a board on our fields. Will follow up with more info when final estimate comes in.
- Home plate tarps- would like to get them for the fields; maybe do a trade deal and ask businesses to sponsor the tarps?
 - o We need to look at a full quote, and see what we have left after we pay the town, have the budget set for next year. Then we can make an educated decision on major field improvements to move forward with for the 2024 season.

XVI. Adjournment – R. Petrocelli motions to adjourn at 9:45 pm. K. Cherry 2nds. Motion approved.

Next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 7, 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.**