

**Munster Little League**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Directors**  
**Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

The Munster Little League met in regular session on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 via Zoom Meeting. The meeting opened at 7:02 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business.

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

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President J. Castellano at 7:20 pm. A quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** – J. Castellano presented the meeting agenda. G. Sourì motions to approve. A. Rubio 2<sup>nd</sup>s. Motion approved.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – J. Castellano presented the January minutes. M. Bruni motions to approve. A. Rubio 2<sup>nd</sup>s. Motion approved.

IV. **Reports –**

**President Report – J. Castellano** – Registration is almost complete; Tball and Prep are still open as of now- will officially close them down just before the draft.

**Treasurer Report - D. Panaggio**

- Sent out report during the meeting; \$104K in the bank

V. **Challenger League Update- Beth Matthews**

- No update

VI. **Registration Discussion – J. Castellano**

- Majors- 77 (7 teams)
- Minors- 93 (8 teams)
- C-League 88 (7 teams)
- Prep League- 50 (5 teams)
- Tee Ball- 91 (10 teams)

**Majors- how to approach evals- do 7 teams of 11 or 7 teams of 12? Will help us figure out if we are able to let 10 year olds play up or not. We will let the evals dictate how many- if any- 10 yo will be afforded the opportunity to play up.**

VII. **District Report – J. Castellano**

Long meeting in January. Created a new District 1 facility- will be open to all LL players. Has an indoor turf area, batting cages, pitching mounds, conference area. Managers can host a practice there.

- Reviewed our ASAP plan- has all of our info in there. We got it in on time- will get a \$75 credit.

VIII. **Uniforms Update – R. Rommelfanger**

- Hats are in; jerseys are designed – just waiting for names; in a good spot

Board Gear- emailed samples to John; some Under Armour stuff

IX. **Player Evaluations/Drafts**

**EVALS**

- Secured Elliot for 3 days- 2/20, 2/21 and 2/22 from 5-9p
- Sign Up Genius links sent out- we need a few more to volunteer
- Will need 3 volunteers per night helping out- checking kids in; running kids back to the managers; 2 HS kids to help as well (pitching, fielding, etc)

**DRAFT**

\*To attend all in person drafts @ 313: Managers, Gordy, Commissioners, Adam, Katie

Majors Draft- Monday, 2/26 @ 7p- @ **313 (upstairs)**

Minors Draft- Tuesday, 2/27 @ 6p- @ **313 (upstairs)**

C League Draft- Tuesday, 2/27 @ 8p **313 (upstairs)**

Prep- Saturday, 3/2 @ ? via Zoom

TBall- Saturday, 3/2 @ ? via Zoom

**X. FUNDRAISING – K. Jurcik**

- 2023 thank you gifts are being handed out; most are renewing their sponsorships for next season
- Have already signed a few new sponsors for this year- keep them coming!
- Please continue to reach out to businesses to gauge interest
- Will get options for the big MLL banner to hang on A field bullpen; will send to board for a vote

**X. Capital Improvements- K. Cherry**

- met a guy last Monday at the fields; was not thrilled with his knowledge- Kyle asked more questions than he asked- not impressed.
- asked him to send a quote on roll out turf for the batting cages- the estimate is over a week late
- meeting another guy in a week- he works with the White Sox, is very knowledgeable- looking forward to meeting him.
- John reached out to the Whiteford president about when they did their fields- they did 3 fields (including a Babe Ruth field) for \$17K

**XI. Manager Selection**

**TBall-** \*will revisit once we have registrations done

**Prep** - \* will revisit once registrations are done

**C League-** 7 manager candidates brought to the board for approval (minus R. Bishop, R. Petrocelli, J. Jamicich):

- Bryan Brownewell
- John Jamicich
- Ray Petrocelli
- Rob Bishop
- Doug Quasny
- Nick Caruso
- Patrick Donlon

**G. Gouveia motions to approve; G. Souri 2nds; passes unanimously**

**Minors:** 8 manager candidates brought to the board for approval (minus R. Rommelfanger, J. Castellano, A. Keefner):

- Adam Keefner
- Gary Roberts
- Zach Holobowski
- Jon Kaufman
- Mario Flores
- John Castellano
- Chris White
- Russ Rommelfanger

**G. Souri motions to approve; J. Jamicich 2nds; motion passes unanimously**

**Majors:** 7 managers candidates brought to the board for approval (minus G. Gouveia):

- Vince Pistilli
- Chuck Mamich
- Rob Kinsella
- Gordy Gouveia
- Brian Stanley
- Mike Norman
- Chuck Forsyth

**J. Jamicich motions to approve; G. Souri 2nds; passes unanimously**

**XII. March Manager Meeting–**

**March 11<sup>st</sup> from 5-9p @ Social Center**

- Haven't heard from PCA yet to find out who will be doing the training; Adam will follow-up again this week
- Casa Del Mar to cater dinner

**XIII. MLL Photo Day-** set on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 8a-12p in the WWMS Cafeteria; **Legends set**

**XIV. Scheduling- A. Rubio**

Since odd teams in Majors, they will play Mon/Wed and 1 Majors game on Saturday

Minors- Tues/Thurs- maybe the occasional Saturday if needed

C League- M-Thur

Prep/Tball- will start on May 4<sup>th</sup>; after Memorial Day weekend, will start having games during the week and Saturdays; these 2 leagues will play on Mother's Day weekend.

**XV. Umpires – J. Castellano**

- Having a major issue finding umpires willing to work LL games; losing a lot to Babe Ruth, as they get paid more
- Rick- pays C League \$40 (we pay Rick \$65- he makes \$25); Minors- \$50 (we pay Rick \$85); Majors- \$50 for the base ump and \$50 for the plate upm (we pay him \$95 per game- he claims to be losing \$5)
- He has talked to the umps and claims they have agreed to come back if we pay them more; asking for the following for 2024:
  - o C- \$70 (would give \$50 to the 1 ump)
  - o Minors- \$85- same as this year (would give \$60 to the 1 ump)
  - o Majors- \$120 (would give the plate ump \$60; base ump \$50)
- Board to talk to more people to see what other options we have; by the next meeting, we should have a vote on what to do for this season

**XVI. Grounds Update – J. Castellano**

- We pay pretty well; we'll have Josh back and he helps a ton- this will be his last year; Kyle is taking over this year and will learn the process
- We are looking for more people to join the crew

**XVII. Local Rules – J. Castellano**

- No update

**XVIII. Special Events – M. Bruni**

- Railcats game on 6/28; charge \$10- the league will get \$5 back
- Will schedule to Home Run Derby when we get info from TMobile
- Mascots for opening day
- Spirit Wear

**XIX. New Business – none**

**XX. Adjournment** – M. Bruni motions to adjourn at 9:36 pm; A, Rubio 2<sup>nd's</sup>. Motion approved.

**Next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.**

**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.**