

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. Souri, 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. Souri motions to approve. A. Rubio 2nd,s. Motion approved.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – J. Castellano presented the January minutes. M. Bruni motions to approve. A. Rubio 2nd,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. Juncik

- 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 Brownnewell
- 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 11th 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 4th 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 4th; 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 ²nd's. 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.