

Munster Little League
Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Directors
Wednesday, April 9, 2025

The Munster Little League met in regular session on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 313 Taproom. The meeting opened at 7:06 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business.

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

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President J. Castellano at 7:07 pm. A quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** – J. Castellano presented the meeting agenda. A. Rubio motions to approve. R. Rommelfanger 2nds. Motion approved.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – J. Castellano presented the March minutes. A. Rubio motions to approve. B. Bryner 2nds. Motion approved.
- IV. **Reports –**

President Report – J. Castellano

- Nothing major to report. Still have a couple of players requesting spots. 1 majors kid, but we will put him the waiting list, as all Makors teams need to be even.
- 425 total registrants as of 4/9/25.
- Background checks have been sent- 9 are still pending 106 have been submitted- not including the Board background checks.
- Thank you to all who showed up for field cleanup day- it was a good turnout and lots of stuff was done.

Treasurer Report - D. Panaggio –

- **\$121K in the bank**
- **Ahead on budget for almost everything**
- **Add'l revenue still to come in- sponsors and John's check from USS.**
- **LL district fees were over budget- we did not account for the LL patches (\$1100)**
- **Hats have been ordered- \$7700; uniforms invoice still to come in**
- **5-7 sponsors- still waiting on checks to come in**
- **New groundscrew- getting them set up in the payroll system**
- **Board approved Brandon (groundscrew foreman) to get a pay increase to \$16.**

District 1 Report – J. Castellano

- Did not make the last District meeting
- The pull for who is hosting District pools in in the April meeting (next Thursday)

V. Challenger League Update- B. Matthews

- So far, the Challenger League has 40 registrants. We always have late registrants, I anticipate that going up to 60+
- The exciting news is we have four new players this year.
- Our fundraiser is on Tuesday, May 13 at Schoops 3905 45th Street Highland - 11:00 am – 8:00 pm - please send this to your LL families in hopes of additional support.
- We received a \$1,000 donation from Judy Becher. She is an annual supporter.
- Below is a copy of the financial spreadsheet I use. This is updated as of April 9, 2025.

Deposit Date	Payment Date	Amount	Vendor
		\$2,000.00	MLL Money so the account does not have monthly fees_ DO NOT USE
		\$2,112.03	Beginning Balance - 2024 Challenger League Money
2.19.25		\$90.00	Registration
2.26.25		\$1,180.00	Registration and Donation
3.17.25		\$360.00	Registration
3.26.25		\$135.00	Registration

4.8.25		\$1,035.00	Registration	
	Total Deposit	\$6,912.03		
			Pro Am Team Sports	Shirts and Hats
			Pro Am Team Sports	Shirts and Hats
			Pro Am Team Sports	Shirts and Hats
			Pro Am Team Sports	Spirit Wear
			Pro Am Team Sports	Spirit Wear
			Legendary	Beep Baseball
			Visa Gift Card	Robert Pastore
			Bank Fees	
			Stamps	Thank you Notes
		\$104.82	Office Depot	Toner and Envelopes
			Jones School Supply	Trophies
			Strack - Food Picnic	Picnic
			Meijer	Picnic - Foam Plates
			Dollar Tree	Picnic - Serving Utensils and table cloths
			Target	Picnic = Utensils
			Aldi	Picnic - water bottles and napkins
			Concession Stand	Hotdogs - Games
			Field Use \$15 Munster Resident \$25 Out of Town	Community Park
			Lion's Shelter	
			End of Season Coaches Meeting	
	Total Paid	\$104.82		
		\$6,807.21	Total Deposit minus Total Paid	
		\$2,000.00	Minus the MLL Money	
TOTAL AVAILABLE		\$4,807.21		

VI. Special Events Update – M. Bruni–

- Up Your Alley fundraiser on 4/21-4/27; any LL player that wears their jersey will get a voucher for 30 mins free in the arcade
- White Sox game- 5/4
- South Bend Cubs- 6/6- can change the date if we want- or maybe reach out somewhere closer- Maybe Crown Point Corndogs?
- Railcats- 5/31 (Saturday)
- Opening Day; Kona Ice is available and able to come (11-2); understanding that they can leave if no one is buying- will get 20-25% of the gross sales\
- MGS would like us to go half on a photo booth with them- our portion would be \$187.50
- Mighty the Mustang will come at 11:30

VII. Little League International Update – J. Castellano

- State Tourneys and places are on the website

VIII. All Stars

- TOURNAMENTS

- We are going to enter a 10, 11 and 12 District team; we do pay for these through the LL Database- typical fee that every league that joins has to pay
- Other tournaments to discuss are how many we will pay for each “non-district” team to enter; last year we did 2 per team, which seemed to work well- good to continue to do that this year. In year’s past, if a district team was out quickly, they do have the option to fall back on other tournaments,
- Having tournaments where multiple teams can go, sometimes we can get discounts
- Will start to look for tournaments now and see if we can sign up teams now

- VOTING PROCESS

- Voting to take place week of 5/19 (Mon-Thurs) at Rotary Shelter; Count ballots 5/23 : Majors managers will need to vote on the 12 and 11 YO District team managers; the Minors and Majors managers will need to vote on the 10YO District manager; the Minors and C League managers will convene to vote for the 7,8,9 All Star teams and manager.
- D. Panaggio proposed to change the weight of the manager vote from 3 votes to 1. LLI recommends Manager gets 1 vote, coaches get 1 vote. Will make a formal proposal for a vote at the May meeting.
- G. Gouveia proposes that all Majors managers will vote for all 10 YO District team members- whether they are in Majors or Minors. Will make a formal proposal to for the board to vote at the May meeting.

- AGE REQUIREMENTS

- Offering 7,8,9 year old All Star teams
- Secondary 10,11 and 12 year old All-Star teams- beyond the District teams; to be voted on at the same time as the District teams; would have a separate ballot for 10, 11 and 12 year olds- 1 for District, 1 for All-Star

IX. Substitution List Discussion

- A player can only be a substitute 1 time within their division
- Majors- substitute should only come from a lower division (Minors)- would have to be a rule change; table this for now

X. Schedules- A. Rubio

- All schedules are in and released
- Schedules sent to grounds, concessions, town manager, etc.
- If your team has not been rescheduled; managers should reach out to Ashley to remind her to do so!

XI. Uniform Update-

- Uniforms are in and ready to be picked up; they look great; would like to get them passed out Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

XII. Registration Update –

- Registration is closed and final, but we did have a couple of tball and prep requests that have trickled in. we try to accept all they want to play.
- Pretty much matched our registration numbers from last season

XIII. Grounds Update/Field Setup Day – K. Cherry

- Great turnout for field cleanup day
- Josh is gone; Brandon taking over as foreman
- Bombers- make sure grounds crew knows if games are cancelled so they don’t open the fields
- Sportsfields- waiting for weather to be better so they can come out to do the field refreshes
- C Field- move up the rubber 3 ft; add a tap down with a slope for now

XIV. Fundraising Update– J. Braatz –

- Slightly below last year; a couple of sponsors did not come back
- Lots of new advertisers; definitely have bandwidth for more sponsors
- Just Be Coffee- will set up time to talk to with them about putting together a MLL Blend that we can sell at Opening Weekend? We would get 50% of the profits. More to come.

XV. New Business – J. Castellano

- New- inter league play with Hessville- 4 home games, 4 away games; 2 games per week in May. Does not count towards standings, but does count towards pitch count.
- Hoping managers in Majors will give some kids on their teams to experience different positions, etc.
- It is good to do inter league play within District 1- shows good faith.
- Baseball cards to be given to each team- at picture day; Gatorade bottles are not in yet

XVI. Adjournment – K. Adley motions to adjourn at 9:40 pm; K. Cherry 2^{nd's}. Motion approved.

Next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2024 at A Field Press Box

**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.**