

**Munster Little League**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Directors**  
**Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

The Munster Little League met in regular session on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 via Zoom Meeting. The meeting opened at 7:02 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business.

**Attendees:** J. Castellano, A. Rubio, K. Adley, G. Gouveia, D. Panaggio; R. Rommelfanger, G. Sour, A. Keefner, K. Cherry, M. Bruni, R. Petrocelli, R. Bishop, J. Jamich, B. Matthews, J. Braatz, B. Bryner

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President J. Castellano at 7:02 pm. A quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** – J. Castellano presented the meeting agenda. J. Jamich motions to approve. M. Bruni 2<sup>nd</sup>s. Motion approved.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – J. Castellano presented the January minutes. R. Bishop motions to approve. J. Jamich 2<sup>nd</sup>s. Motion approved.
- IV. **Reports –**

**President Report – J. Castellano** – Charter & constitution were both approved. Our ASAP was also approved, which makes us eligible for a discount. We paid our league fees as well.

**Treasurer Report - D. Panaggio**

- Sent out report before the meeting; A lot of revenue has still been coming in. We are up 4% over last year. Tax return for last year has been filed and an audit was done for worker's compensation. Recent expenses include sponsor gifts and PCA. Working with Jen to send out invoices for confirmed sponsors. \$103K in the bank- Upcoming expenses include LL Patches, uniforms, & equipment.

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

- Registration is now open. Calendar is being put together. It will be added to the website soon. Was able to reach out to the schools via PeachJar to hopefully gain more registrations.

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

- Majors- 84 (8 teams)
- Minors- 94 (8 teams)
- C-League 75 (6 teams)
- Prep League- 65 (6 teams)
- Tee Ball- 81 (10 teams)

**Strongly considering 7 teams for C-league due to the amount of registrations.**

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

Jen went to the meeting this month. They briefly went over a few new LL International rules, especially regarding overtime rules, compression sleeves, jewelry, helmet standards, etc.

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

- Uniform proofs are all submitted. Hats are ordered, and everything should be in by mid-March. Teams will be available to be picked at the draft. Board gear is available for pickup. John will pick up and bring to MYB games on Sunday. Otherwise they can be picked up at evals.

**IX. Player Evaluations/Drafts**

**EVALS**

- Secured Elliot for 3 days- 2/18, 2/19 and 2/20 from 5-9p
- Sign Up Genius links were sent out to families.
- Sent out the volunteer sign ups as well. We usually need 3 volunteers per night helping out- checking kids in; running kids back to the managers; 2 older kids to help as well (pitching, fielding, etc)

**DRAFT**

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

Majors Draft- Monday, 2/24 @ 7p- @ **313 (upstairs)**

Minors Draft- Tuesday, 2/25 @ 6p- @ **313 (upstairs)**

C League Draft- Tuesday, 2/25 @ 8p **313 (upstairs)**

Prep- Saturday, 3/15- Time & Place TBD

TBall- Saturday, 3/15- Time & Place TBD

**X. FUNDRAISING – J. Braatz**

- 2024 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

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

- Looking to upgrade our mounds and get them re-worked. We are trying to work with the town to have them take care of some of the costs.
- We reached out to the same company that did our turf fields to see if they could rework the mound. The town will also be getting a quote from another company. They will compare and choose between the two.
- We can also reach out to the town about the C-League outfield fence.
- We should look into getting new tarps for the mounds.

**XI. Manager Selection**

**TBall-** 7 manager candidates brought to the board for approval:

- Adam Buss
- Brendan Hufford
- Joshua Long
- Juan Vega
- Robert Nolibertowicz
- Robert Sutter
- Taylor Boice

**R. Bishop motions to approve; K. Adley 2nds; passes unanimously**

**Prep** - 6 manager candidates brought to the board for approval:

- Adam Hall
- Brendan Hufford
- Daniel Gohdes
- Jose Gutierrez
- Michael Ramos
- Timothy Kamin

**M. Bruni motions to approve; J. Jamich 2nds; passes unanimously**

**C League-** 5 manager candidates brought to the board for approval (minus B. Bryner, R. Petrocelli, J. Jamich):

- Brett Bryner
- Douglas Quasny
- Jim Hollendoner
- John Jamich
- Raynold Petrocelli

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

**Minors:** 8 manager candidates brought to the board for approval (minus G. Gouveia, R. Bishop):

- Bryan Brownwell
- Eric Talbot
- Gary Roberts
- Gordon Gouveia
- Jeff Perrone
- Mario Flores
- Zach Holobowski
- Robert Bishop

**M. Bruni motions to approve; J. Jamich 2nds; motion passes unanimously**

**Majors:** 8 managers candidates brought to the board for approval (minus K. Cherry, R. Rommelfanger, J. Castellano):

- Chuck Mamich
- Douglass Mosley
- Jon Kauffman
- Kyle Cherry
- Rudy Ortiz
- Russ Rommelfanger
- Vince Pistilli
- John Castellano

**K. Adley motions to approve; J. Jamich 2nds; passes unanimously**

## **XII. March Manager Meeting–**

### **March 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-9p**

- We are looking into using a different location for the meeting. We might not be able to get into the social center until after 7pm. 313 is a potential location.

## **XIII. MLL Photo Day- set on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8a-12p at MHS; Legends set**

## **XIV. Scheduling- A. Rubio**

Majors- Mon/Wed and maybe a few Saturday, Fridays would likely be used for rainouts  
Minors- Tues/Thurs- maybe the occasional Saturday if needed for rainouts  
C League- M-Thur, Saturdays  
Prep/Tball- will start on May 3<sup>rd</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**

- Trying to line up an umpire class for our umpires. Rick would like to attend a LL Central umpire class as well.
- Sounds like most of our umpires are coming back, which is good news. He has agreed to the current rate.
- If anyone knows of any younger kids wanting to umpire, we are consistently looking for new umpires. We need to be aware of their schedules as well before committing to having them umpire.

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

- Our main grounds crew person from last year, Josh, has moved on from MLL. He is willing to help train his replacement. One of the other grounds crew members, Brandon, will be taking over Josh's role.
- We are looking for more people to join the crew. We will be conducting interviews soon.

## **XVII. Local Rules – J. Castellano**

- Prep: Section V.5.f adjusted rule to allow 5 maximum pitches to each batter: B. Bryner motions to approve, J. Jamicich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.
- C-League: Section IV. 7. B. 2- revised language regarding substitutions to match previous rules: R. Petrocelli motions to approve, M. Bruni 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion approved.
- C-League: Section IV. 4. E.- Revised language, removing ambiguity of the halfway rule and allows two base limit on outfield hit; Allowing ultimate discretion for umpire: J. Jamicich motions to approve, R. Petrocelli 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion Approved.
- C-League: Section IV. 3. J. Motion to change the mound distance from 43 ft to 40 ft. R. Petrocelli motions to approve, G. Souri 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion approved.
- C-League: Section IV. 3. Pitching rules would remove any walk restrictions, and 7YO & 8YO have the same pitching guidelines. K. Adley motions to approve, G. Souri 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion approved
- Section 1. 14: Rule change would change the safety considerations allowing minors players to use a C-Flap. K. Cherry motions to approve, J. Braatz 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion approved

## **XVIII. Special Events – M. Bruni**

- First pitch for opening day- asking Rob Kinsella
- We should consider moving prep and tee ball kids to earlier slots so they can make the opening day ceremony.
- Currently looking for mascots
- Potentially link up with MGS regarding opening day

## **XIX. New Business –**

- 2025 Equipment proposal was presented. A few equipment bags need to be replaced, new first aid kits, t ball tees, & other catching equipment. Total estimated cost would be \$1,862.56. R. Petrocelli motions to approve, K. Cherry 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion approves.

## **XX. Adjournment – R. Petrocelli motions to adjourn at 10:03 pm; K. Cherry 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.**