

## Munster Little League

### Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

The Munster Little League met in regular session on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at the A-Field press box at Munster Community Park. The meeting opened at 7:36 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business.

**Attendees:** J. Castellano, K. Jurcik, G. Gouveia, R. Bishop, A. Rubio, K. Adley, J. Jamicich, D. Panaggio, K. Cherry, B. Bryner, R. Rommelfanger, R. Petrocelli, A. Keefner

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President J. Castellano at 7:36 pm. A quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** – J. Castellano presented the meeting agenda. R. Bishop motions to approve. K. Adley 2<sup>nd</sup>'s. Motion approved.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – J. Castellano presented the April minutes. K. Adley motions to approve. J. Jamicich 2<sup>nd</sup>'s. Motion approved.
- IV. **Reports –**  
  
**President Report – J. Castellano**  
Season is going good so far- close to the half way point. No injuries so far (thankfully). A couple of fan issues- grandparent thrown out/parent warned. Some new umpires with some questionable calls.  
  
**Treasurer Report** - Revenue is up; doing well on expenses. Summer fees over \$2K above budget; USS \$5K check is a nice bonus; Sponsorships exceeded budget. Outlined bigger expenses paid in treasurer's note sent to board prior to meeting. The balls are the biggest expense; will probably need to get another batch of balls ordered soon- to get us through Fall Ball.  
  
Sportsfields came out today- we need to have a talk with them to fix the fields and do a better job. They did not do the mound work they were supposed to do- we will not pay until they do the job correctly.  
  
Historically, we have never had a savings account. We should probably set something up- money market account? As long as it's liquid, we can transfer money between checking and savings.
- V. **Challenger League Update-** Their first game was this weekend. Would like to pick a couple of days where MLL board can come out and be Buddies for their players. They have asked for the 12U District team to play a team of Challengers players. Whiffle ball game? They only have 2 dates they can play the game- 6/22 or 6/29- they play at 6p. Will figure out which team will play them- 12s or 11s.
- VI. **2025 District Tournaments Update – A. Rubio**
  - As of last month's meeting, 16 teams in 12s and 10s, 8 teams in the 11s- teams will drop out as we get closer to the dates.
  - Pulled the pools- which determines who will play who.
  - 1 team in the 10s will move out of our pool- TBD
  - District tournament dates will not be released until 6/1
  - District binder paperwork can be done online this year? John to double check. But, will still need to attend the meeting.
- VII. **Local Rules Updates – J. Castellano –**  
No local rules to be changed at this point- except In C League, edit to 4 outfield players per inning (from 3).
- VIII. **All-Stars**
  - All Star Process; Voting, Counting, Selection Process, Managers Self nominating
    - We will be including 10, 11, & 12 "Tournament All-Star" teams along with district teams
    - G. Gouveia motions to amend the rule to allow all majors managers to vote for the 10 YO District all star team for those playing in that respective division. Subsequently, minors managers are eligible to vote for the 8 year old all stars for those in the minor division. J. Jamicich 2nds the motion. The motion passes with 9 votes. 3 board members abstain from the vote.
  - Will send out the document to the Majors and Minors families; voting will start on Monday, 5/19 from 4:30-7:30 in the Rotary Shelter. Make sure only players are allowed to fill out the ballot.
  - Will have a list of all eligible players available; will say what type of ballot each kid will get, as well as say what ballot the managers and coaches will get to fill out
  - Voting will occur Monday-Thurs; 5/19-5/22; will try to count the ballots on Friday, after the voting has commenced unless 50% of total players/managers have not voted- for 10/11/12.

- Kids chosen will have 48 hours to respond- accept or decline
- Publicize times for voting on website, FB and via email to the league.

#### Managers

- Self- nominations for all-star managers will need to be in 1p on 5/23. Submit in writing to All Star Commissioners (Kristen and Gordy) and cc Secretary (Katie, as well)
- Non-district team selection will occur the week of 5/26- Wednesday, 5/28; 7/8/9 All Star managers, and 10s District manager will be picked on 5/28 as well- 6p
- District managers vote (if needed) for 11 and 12 district teams will be on Tuesday, 5/27- 6p

#### DATES

- Announce by 6/1 publicly to allow kids to reach 8 games of the season played

#### UNIFORMS

- Order same hats for all teams (different color scheme for 12/11/10 District teams); Russ can select the All Star hat
- All teams- full uniform (hat, jersey, pants); give estimated amount for each player; all families must pay for uniform within 5 days of making team.
- **D. Panaggio- New All Star Rule Proposal- will only apply to the voting teams (no 7/8/9 all star teams)**
  - Looking to change the weight of the manager's vote: change to 1 vote for manager instead of 3- in accordance with LL rule.
  - Typically, the weight of the manager vote really influences the bottom 3 kids- not the 1-9.
  - After board vote, motion unanimously did not pass (2 Yay's, 11 Nay's)

#### IX. In House Tournaments- A. Rubio

- In order to ensure the season is wrapped in time for districts, Majors & Minors tournaments will take place the week of 6/16. With the Majors championship being 6/20 at 6pm and the Minors championship being 6/21 at 10am. C-League still has games through that week so playoffs will likely start the week of 6/23. Championship should be 6/27 at 6pm.

#### X. Trophies – A. Rubio

- REGULAR SEASON: participation trophies for TBall/Prep; C League/ Majors/Minors- 1<sup>st</sup> place medals for regular season champions
- TOURNAMENT: C/Minors/Majors- Rings for both tourney champions and runner-ups

#### XI. Schedule/Make up games – A. Rubio-

Blessed with good weather; might need to reschedule the 2 Hessville games (Majors); 3 continuation games in Majors to be scheduled- Ashley working on dates with the teams in affects

#### XII. Fundraising Update– K. Jurcik

-Around \$36K in sponsors this year- lots of new sponsors. Still one new banner to make- waiting for High Res logo from them.  
-Would like to unlock new sponsorship level next season- possibly open up to a business or family to “own” a field and have field naming rights (\$5-6K level).

#### XIII. Special Events Update – M. Bruni–

- Railcats game info has been posted- hoping for a good turnout
- Sandlot game- kids can play on the fields, food trucks, include a fundraiser? Yes- the board would like to do this!
- Pizza parties for banner winners will be June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>- all teams will come one of those days

#### XIV. Fall Ball – J. Castellano

Good money maker for our league

Early June- decide on fees; late June- open registration

Fall Ball committee-

##### Tasks:

- Evals
- Drafts
- Uniforms
- Schedule
- Umps
- Town Liaison

- Add 50/70 division for 11s, 12s and outgoing 12s (13s); on Saturdays? Maybe not this season but would like to discuss for future years.

#### XV. New Business – J. Castellano

- No new business

**XVI. Adjournment** – K. Cherry motions to adjourn at 9:24 pm A. Rubio 2<sup>nd</sup>s. Motion approved.

**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.**