

Munster Little League

Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Directors

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

The Munster Little League met in regular session on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 313 Taproom. The meeting opened at 7:13 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business.

Attendees: J. Castellano, K. Jurgcik, K. Adley, M. Bruni, A. Rubio, R. Rommelfanger, G. Gouveia, B. Bryner, D. Panaggio, J. Braatz, J. Hollendorner, V. Portillo, R. Bishop, A. Keefner, J. Jamicich

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President J. Castellano at 7:13 pm. A quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** – J. Castellano presented the meeting agenda. A. Rubio motions to approve. M Bruni-2nd,s. Motion approved.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – J. Castellano presented the Annual Meeting and Special Meeting minutes. K. Adley motions to approve. K. Jurgcik 2nd,s. Motion approved.

IV. Reports –

Thank you for hosting the annual meeting, it's the first one in 10 years John hasn't been able to attend. We've seen a decrease in the complaints and negative comments especially surrounding All Star voting determination.

K. Jurgcik shared a few thoughts by a parent via email: cash utilization, equipment purchasing suggestions, practice field suggestions/concerns, C-league umpire concerns, batting cages/field utilization.

Discussion of ensuring that equipment is replaced and quality as it needs to be replaced.

Increasing challenges have been shared by the Town over using the town practice fields due to competing sports. A comparison was made that softball uses their game fields to host practices. There's no mound or infield grass on softball so they are easier maintain.

New board members were introduced.

President Report – J. Castellano –

New board members have been added to Sports Connect and have been given access to archived documents.

This year's charter has been submitted for 48 teams, we expect the price to be \$7k~roughly the same as last year. Our biggest expense is our insurance policy.

Discussion of how to best communicate scheduling and field needs with the Challenger League. Make sure All-Star managers are informed as well.

Fall Ball coming to an end- the last game is tonight- C League championship. Great season!

Treasurer Report - D. Panaggio–

Year end P/L was sent compared to the year prior. Deficit of \$6,000. One line item needs to be clarified, we've paid 2 years of the town of Munster fee for this one year but it will be in the correct year moving forward. We have about \$40k in the bank currently. Doing research on money market accounts to see if we can put some of the reserve in an account that earns interest.

Bombers fees: \$3,160 in Bombers fees which exceeded the budget of \$2,500. Every team paid.

Clarification on tax process and cash on hand.

Send Dan any receipts you may have.

V. Challenger League Update- B. Matthews

Meagan and Ashley shared communication improvement plans for the coming season.

VI. Annual Meeting – J. Castellano –

We'd like to work to get a better turnout to the Annual meeting next year. Suggestion that the Managers attend the annual meeting. Entice people to come-consider an incentive, free registration, have a manager fun game and do the meeting right afterward/before.

Babe Ruth give free registration to managers and board members. We discussed incentivizing managers. Potentially waive registration fee for t-ball and prep as that has historically been one of the most difficult to recruit for. Need to commit

VII. Fall Ball Discussion – B. Bryner

No rainouts this year! Discussion of debating whether the season starts at the right time to squeeze in evals and the draft.

Email was shared regarding feedback from a school with respecting the practice fields, schools, and volunteers at an end of season practice. Discussion was held to ensure managers are upholding little league and Munster values.

VIII. 2026 Budget Discussion –

-Would like to do what we did last year; Executive committee should meet separately to discuss to overall budget for 2025. All of the board is welcome to attend. We do not want to change too many things for next year, but will want to look at some specific expenditures (Grounds crew hours, tournaments, etc). Will table for now and follow up with more info once we meet.

IX. 2026 Registration Discussion

Registration should open by early December. Not sure if we will be raising any fees need to discuss the budget. Opened registration on the first Sunday in December for Board members to test an ensure the site works. Open to the public the Monday after.

Early bird special for 1 player to receive free registration if they sign up before X date. The form was created mid-November last year. We need to finalize the key dates for the coming year

Opening day ceremonies will be the same as picture day again. Having 3 photographers was a game changer-pictures were fast and the high school hosted the venue well. We need to spread out the picture times a bit more

X. MLL Constitution –

-not changing anything in the constitution- as of now.

XI. Fundraising – J. Braatz

-Discussion of signs that need to be replaced due
-Will begin to reach out to renew sponsors in the coming months
-need to figure out a gift for all 2025 sponsors-bobbleheads/funko pops

XII. Special Events Update- M. Bruni

-Movie night 10/17. Movie will be on A this year. Whiffle ball will be on C field and B field
-We saved money on this event due to having food trucks instead of providing food
-Movie cost \$600 to have available.
-Snowy is doing hot dogs and popcorn
-Pink mango drink company
-Need to order whiffle ball supplies
-Holiday Party discussion

XIII. Board Assignments – (updated on 10/8/25)

Board Member Assignments for 2025-2026

Executive Committee by Election if multiple nominations)

1. President – John Castellano
2. Vice President – Katie Jurcik
3. Treasurer – Dan Panaggio
4. Secretary – Jen Braatz
5. Player Agent – Brett Bryner
6. Commissioner – Tee-Ball – Jim Hollendorner and Vaneth Portillo
7. Commissioner – Prep – Jim Hollendorner and Vaneth Portillo
8. Commissioner – C-League – Russ Rommelfanger
9. Commissioner – Minor – Ashley Rubio
10. Commissioner – Major – Rob Bishop
11. Commissioner – Fall Ball – Tim Kamin, Rob Bishop, Brett Bryner, Jen Braatz
12. Commissioner – All-Stars – Gordy Gouveia, Kristen Adley
13. Grounds Director – Kyle Cherry; will discuss Babe Ruth grounds team to share potentially
14. Umpire-in-Chief – Brett Bryner
15. Safety Officer – John Castellano, Katie Jurcik
16. Charter Officer – John Castellano
17. Scheduling Coordinator – Ashley Rubio, John Jamicich
18. League Information Officer / Social Media- Kristen Adley, Meagan Bruni
19. Webmaster – Tim Kamin
20. Coaching Coordinator/Manager Evaluations (2) – Brett Bryner
21. Insurance Coordinator – John Castellano

22. Membership Coordinator – Ashley Rubio, Vaneth Portillo
23. Fundraising Committee (3+) – Katie Jurgik, Jen Braatz, Adam Keefner, Gordy Gouveia, Jim Hollendorner
24. Equipment Coordinator (2) – John Jamicich, Rob Bishop, Brett Bryner
25. Player Evaluations Coordinator – Kristen Adley, Adam Keefner
26. Special Events Coordinator – Meagan Bruni, Katie Jurgik
27. Uniforms Coordinator – Russ Rommelfanger/ Jim Hollendorner to shadow
28. Trophy/Photo Coordinator – Ashley Rubio, Jim Hollendorner
29. Background Checks Coordinator – J. Castellano, Brett Bryner, Jen Braatz
30. IN District # 1 Liaison (2) – Jen Braatz, Katie Jurgik, all are welcome
31. Munster Parks/Town Liaison – Kyle Cherry, John Castellano, and Brett Bryer
32. School Town of Munster Liaison – Kristen Adley
33. Practice Schedule Coordinator – Adam Keefner and John Jamicich
34. Tournament Director (Non-LL Tournaments)- John
35. Tournament Director (Dist. # 1) (President, All-Star Commissioner) (2)- TBD
36. Tournament Committee (Non-LL Tournaments) (Tournament Director and at least 2 other members) (5)- TBD
37. Manager Selection Committee (Only members who are not a Manager/Coach or President) (4+)Katie Jurgik, Kristen Adley, Meagan Bruni, Ashley Rubio, Jen Braatz, Vaneth Portillo
38. All-Star Committee (President, Player Agent, Major Commissioner, Minor Commissioner, All-Star Commissioner) (5)
39. Local Rules Committee (5+) Kyle Cherry, John Castellano, Gordy Gouveia, Russ Rommelfanger, Robert Bishop, John Jamicich, Jim Hollendorner, Brett Bryner, Dan Panaggio
40. Travel Ball Liaison-Kristen Adley and Russ Rommelfanger
41. Executive Committee (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Player Agent) (5)

XIV. New Business –

District tournaments are our right of first refusal since we won this year. District 1 is asking for us to confirm Priority to 10's, 11's and 12's hosting.

R. Rommelfanger-interested in somehow finding a youth/high school umpire program.

XV. Adjournment – J. Jamicich motions to adjourn at 9:26 pm. B. Bryner 2^{nd's}. Motion approved.

Next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025-location TBD

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.