

Munster Little League
Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Directors
Wednesday, January 14, 2026

The Munster Little League met in regular session on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 313 Taprom. The meeting opened at 7:02pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business.

Attendees: J. Castellano, D. Panaggio, K. Adley, M. Bruni, J. Jamicich, G. Gouveia, D. Panaggio, B. Bryner, J. Braatz, R. Rommelfanger, B. Matthews, V. Portillo, T. Kamin, J. Hollendonner, A. Rubio

- 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. K. Jurcik motions to approve. B. Bryner 2nds. Motion approved.
- III. **Approval of December Meeting Minutes** – J. Castellano presented the above regular meeting minutes. M. Bruni motions to approve. J. Hollendonner 2nds. Motion approved.

IV. **Reports –**

President Report – J. Castellano

Background checks are required each year. Need to register as a board member and then the background check will push to you.

Treasurer Report/Budget Discussion – D. Pannagio

- Revenue is coming in. Expenses are slow this time of year. We are down 36% YoY in revenue, largely due to spring registration
- Fidelity Business Money Market account forms have been filled out and signed to begin moving funds to the account.
- Recommendation to begin to order baseballs as they do sell out as the season approaches.
- Dick's funding has been submitted for this calendar year to receive gift cards-suggestion to do

V. **Challenger League Update – B. Matthews**

- Beginning to get registration sent out in the next wee
- Reaching out to softball to partner with using the softball field adjacent to the B and D fields so the teams can be close together and avoid using A Field if possible
- Challenger league wants to be set up for online payments-registration as well. B. Bryner to follow up

VI. **2024 Registration Discussion**

Registration- 118 as of 1/14/26

Prep- 27

Majors- 19

Minors- 26

C League- 20

TBall- 26

Registration closes on 2/15/26.

Some families are reporting errors when registering their child. We are working with them individually and opening support tickets as needed.

For families interested in playing your child in to a lower or higher division for their age, players are to register for what they are eligible for and then sign up to do evaluations in both divisions. After evaluations, a decision will be made afterwards.

Peachtree notification to schools went out end of December before school let out for Winter Break, another push goes out Monday, January 19, and another one early February.

VII. **Uniforms – R. Rommelfanger**

- Hats have been ordered, teams have been picked-awaiting teams to be formed but all is in place and selected
- Discussion of Spirit Wear and potentially using ProAm to work with

VIII. **Player Evaluations – J. Castellano**

Evaluations – Majors 3/2, Minors 3/3, C-League 3/5 @ Elliot Elementary from 5pm-9pm

Everyone needs to make an effort to volunteer to help on one or more of these days- it is why we split it up

Create a Google Form to sign up for volunteering each night.

- Ask HS kids to help with fielding during the evals- reach out to Dan Gelarden or MHS Baseball coach
- 2 kids per night- \$50 per kid

IX. Fundraising – J. Braatz

- Sponsor gifts are in. We decided to go with the bobbleheads. The entire board is welcome to help out in handing out gifts and asking for renewal.
- Several new signs need to be ordered. Jen is working on a list for new signs
- Sponsor letters are available on the website- the whole board should start to hit up businesses ASAP. This is an all hands on deck exercise.
- We will start to share more about sponsorships to Facebook, including WUM & other pages.
- Spring setup day is Saturday, April 4
- Large sign on the batting cages is tattered. Requesting a quote for a replacement. Discussion

X. Capital Improvements– J. Castellano/K.Cherry

- C League turf needs to be replaced-requesting quote and discussion of timing to get the work completed without interrupting play.
- B. Bryner will talk to the town about the fences

XI. Manager Selection Meeting – J. Castellano

- Before our next February meeting, we will send out manager selection questionnaires. We are pushing this meeting back by 1 week and it will be the 18th. Those will be released to the manager selection committee and there will be discussion regarding managers before the next board meeting. Background check requests will go out soon.
- -Google doc to go out for Manager questionnaire

XII. March Manager’s Meeting- A. Keefner

Wednesday, March 18th @ 313 Taproom

- 1 representative from each team should be in attendance (either manager or coach)
- Managers/Coaches go through our local rules/meet with commissioners

XIII. Scheduling – A. Rubio & J. Jamicich

No big update; hoping we have enough kids to make even teams, but we’ll see.

Basically the same schedule as last year:

Majors- Mon/Wed/ some Sat (rainouts on Fridays)

Minors- Tues/Thurs/some Sat (rainouts on Fridays)

C League- Mon-Thurs, Saturdays

*let Ashley and John know if there are any big town events that might cause an issue on specific nights

XIV. Umpires– J. Castellano

- If anyone is interested in attending the umpiring class with the District, they hold introductory classes for umpires.
- Rick has said he is looking for a raise this season,
- Several of our umpires are coming back, including George, who has really enjoyed being part of our organization.
- We have some younger kids that are interested in umpiring. Three have been sent through training classes.
- There will be an umpire evaluation at the end of the season, potential bonuses

XVII. Special Events- M. Bruni

- Thank you for this special event
- Donuts and coffee during pictures coffee and Donut NV

XIX. District 1 Dinner

- No dinner this year
- A. Keefner is scheduled to go tomorrow and will bring our \$200 check for our fee

New Business-

- J. Hollendoner inventoried all storage boxes and their lock boxes. Proposes Twin Creek needing a storage lock box for supplies and equipment. Will repurpose some of the supplies in the garage to restock. Proposes double bases for 1st base in all storage boxes. Discussion of practice fields and how best to allocate teams to each field.
- Suggestion to schedule a rules committee meeting.

Adjournment-

- A. Rubio motions to adjourn at 8:33 pm. K. Adley^{2nds}. Motion approved.

The next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 on Zoom Meeting.

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.