

Munster Little League
Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 18, 2026

The Munster Little League met in regular session on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 313 Taproom. The meeting opened at 7:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business.

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

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President J. Castellano at 7:00 pm. A quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda** – J. Castellano presented the meeting agenda. B. Bryner motions to approve. A Rubio 2nds. Motion approved.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – J. Castellano presented the January minutes. M. Bruni motions to approve. J. Hollendonner 2nds. Motion approved.

IV. Reports –

President Report – J. Castellano –Registration has closed for Majors, Minors, C-League. Tee-Ball and Prep remain open longer

Treasurer Report - D. Panaggio

- Sent out report before the meeting; A lot of revenue has still been coming in.
- Fidelity money market account has been opened
- Little League patches need to be ordered
- Manager meeting budget is

V. Challenger League Update- Beth Matthews

- Registration is now open. C Registration has begun
- Girls Softball has confirmed Challenger use of their Field D on Sunday's except for May 31.
- I am waiting to hear back from Girls Softball regarding the use of their Field D on Thursday's.

VI. Registration Discussion – B. Bryner

- Majors- 77 (7 teams)
- Minors- 91 (8 teams)
- C-League 70 (6 teams)
- Prep League- 73 (8 teams)
- Tee Ball- 85 (10 teams)

-Prep and Tee will increase

-Majors lost several players-discussion to consider how to retain these players as they get older

VII. District Report – J. Castellano

-A. Keefner went to the last meeting

VIII. Uniforms Update – R. Rommelfanger

- Hats are ordered are in Jim's possession. Uniforms are ordered.
- Lansing has a team store that will stay open all season
- Discussion of what percentage to create as the fundraiser

IX. Player Evaluations/Drafts

EVALS

- Majors 3/2, Minors 3/3, C-League 3/5 @ Elliot Elementary from 5pm-9pm
- Sign Up Genius links were sent out to families.
- Sent out the volunteer sign ups as well. Player helpers have been secured

DRAFT

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

Majors Draft- Monday, 3/9 @ 7p- @ **313 (upstairs)**

Minors Draft- Tuesday, 3/9 @ 6p- @ **313 (upstairs)**

C League Draft- Tuesday, 3/9 @ 8p **313 (upstairs)**

Prep-Time & Place TBD

TBall- Time & Place TBD

March 15 is the date we can start using outdoor fields

X. FUNDRAISING – J. Braatz

- 2025 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- J. Castellano

- Looking to reach out to the company that did the C field turf to see what can be done to improve it.
- J. Hollendonner refreshed and did inventory for each of the practice field boxes
- B. Bryner is reaching out to the town about the C-League outfield fence.

XI. Manager Selection

TBall and Prep managers to be confirmed during the March meeting

C League- 6 manager candidates brought to the board for approval (minus B. Bryner, T. Kamin):

- Brett Bryner
- Chris Maniatis
- Jose Gutierrez
- Mark Kane
- Tim Kamin
- Michael Ramos

K. Cherry motions to approve; A. Rubio 2nds; passes unanimously

Minors: 8 manager candidates brought to the board for approval (minus D. Panaggio, R. Bishop, J. Jamicich):

- Rob Bishop
- Doug Quasny
- Dan Gohdes
- John Jamicich
- Bryan Brownwell
- Dan Panaggio
- Josh Ensell
- Dan Faulkner

A. Rubio motions to approve; M. Bruni 2nds; motion passes unanimously

Majors: 7 managers candidates brought to the board for approval (minus K. Cherry, R. Rommelfanger, J. Castellano):

Mario Flores
Adam Keefner
Gordon Gouveia
John Castellano
Kyle Cherry
Russ Rommelfanger
Zach Holobowski

M. Bruni motions to approve; K. Jurcik 2nds; passes unanimously

XII. March Manager Meeting–

March 18th from 6-8p

- Location is 313 Taproom.

XIII. MLL Photo Day- Wilbur Wright in the gym. Ledgens is confirmed for April 20, opening day in the morning

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 3rd; after Memorial Day weekend, will start having games during the week and Saturdays; these 2 leagues will play on Mother's Day weekend.

There is an odd number of Majors teams so there is a proposal for the teams to balance out the games without needing to use Friday's. A. Rubio will coordinate. Motion to approve by G. Gouveia; K. Cherry seconds; passes unanimously

XV. Umpires – J. Castellano

- No pay changes for this year have been requested

- Three people have been sent through umpire training that will be helping with all divisions

XVI. Grounds Update – K. Cherry

- Will be reaching out to the college crew and high school crew that have been helping in the past. With hosting three tournaments, there will be a need for retention
- Please keep referring those that you know that would be able to help

XVII. Local Rules – B. Bryner

- Page 20 (Section 1. Rule 14H) Rule added stipulating catchers equipment requirements.
 - Page 27 (Section 2. Rule 7A) Language modified to reflect “awards”
 - Page 27 (Section 2. Rule 7B) Language modified to reflect “awards”
 - Page 30 (Section 3. Rule 6A) Language modified to reflect “awards”
 - Page 30 (Section 3. Rule 6B) Language modified to reflect “awards”
 - Page 31 (Section 4. Rule 3A) Rule change so no walks prior to Mother’s Day.
 - Page 33 (Section 4. Rule 4H) Four outfielders are permitted.
 - Page 36 (Section 4. Rule 10) Awards added for 1st and 2nd regular season winners
 - Quick Guide Changes: Added bullet #3 “No walks are permitted prior to Mother’s Day
- Motion to approve by K. Cherry; G. Gouveia seconds; passes unanimously

XVIII. Special Events – M. Bruni

- First pitch for opening day-looking for someone that would be good to approach. Mark Heinz most likely.

XIX. New Business –

- None

XX. Adjournment – A. Rubio motions to adjourn at 8:51 pm; K. Cherry 2nds. Motion approved.

Next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

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.