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Lone Mountain Little League
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We are pleased to inform you that the proposed Constitution of Lone Mountain Little League has been found to be in basic agreement with Little League Baseball and Softball Rules and Regulations.

The proposed Constitution indicates that the document was presented to the league membership on, (09/11/2021). We respectfully suggest that copies of this document be made available to any regular member upon request. Reference to this document should be included in the notice to members of the annual meeting for reports, election of Board Members, and any special membership meetings that may be scheduled.

This copy of the League's Constitution, including approved changes, will be placed in the league's permanent file at the Regional Center. As always, if we can help with any league problem at any time, please let us know.

Best regards to the Board of Directors and Membership of your league for a safe and successful 2022 season.

Sincerely,


Jake Gallaway
West Region Coordinator Little League Baseball and Softball

cc District Administrator<br>Brian Cripps

# CONSTITUTION FOR LONE MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE 

League ID No: 0428-02-13

## ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Lone Mountain Little League, herein referred to as "Local League".

## ARTICLE II - OB,JECTIVE

## SECTION 1

The objective of the Local League shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens.

## SECTION 2

To achieve this objective, the Local League will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All Directors, Officers and members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501 -(c)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the Local League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

## SECTION 1

Eligibility - Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of this Local League may apply to become a Member.

## SECTION 2

Classes - There shall be the following classes of Members:
(a) Player Members - Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV shall be eligible to compete for participation. Player Members shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League .
(b) Regular Members - Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League may become a Regular Member upon election and payment of dues in the sum of $\$ 5.00$ per calendar year. Regular Members may be issued a card numbered in sequential order annually. The secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members.

Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings. All Officers, Board Members, Committee members, Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Umpires and other elected or appointed officials must be active Regular members in good standing

Note: Regular Members of the Local League automatically include all current Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Umpires, Board Members, Officers of the Board and any other person who is recognized by the Board as a volunteer in the Local League and has submitted a Little League Official Volunteer Application.
(c) Honorary Members (Optional) - Any person may be elected as Honorary member by the unanimous vote of all Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.
(d) Sustaining Members (Optional) - Any person not a Regular Member who makes financial or other contribution to the Local League may by a majority vote of the Board of Directors become a Sustaining Member, but such person shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.
(e) As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

## SECTION 3

## Other Affiliations:

(a) Members whether Regular or Player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of the Local League.
(b) Regular members should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball/softball program.

## SECTION 4

## Suspension Or Termination:

(a) The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted Board meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class, including managers and coaches, when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Local League and/or Little League Baseball, Incorporated. The Member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.
(b) The Board of Directors shall, in case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team for which the player is a Player Member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an adviser, with the player before the Board of Directors or a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. The player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may also be present. The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation by two-third's vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting (quorum is required).

## ARTICLE IV - DUES FOR REGULAR MEMBERS (NOT PLAYERS)

## SECTION 1

Dues for Regular Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine for a particular fiscal year (See Article XI, Section 7 for fiscal year of this league). Note Dues for Regular members are separate from registration fees for Player Members, which are determined annually by the Board of Directors in accordance with Regulation XIII(c). If no dues for Regular Membership are collected, Section 2 below does not apply.

## SECTION 2

Regular Members who fail to pay their fixed dues within thirty (30) days of application to become a member may, by majority vote of the Board present at a Board meeting, be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of memberships.

## ARTICLE V - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

## SECTION 1

Definition: A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the membership of the Local League (including Special General Membership Meetings, Section 7). A minimum of one per year (Annual Meeting, see Section 6) is required.

## SECTION 2

Notice of Meeting: Notice of each General Membership Meeting shall be delivered personally, electronically, or by mail to each Members at the last recorded address seven (7) days in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting.

## SECTION 3

Quorum: At any General membership meeting, the presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of one-fifth ( $20 \%$ ) of the members (as defined in Article III - Membership) shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

## SECTION 4

Voting: Only Regular Members in good standing shall be entitled to make motions and vote at General Membership Meetings. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentation or comments during General Membership Meetings. (Those eligible to take part at meetings of the Board of Directors are described in Article VI, Section 4).

## SECTION 5


#### Abstract

Absentee Ballot: For the expressed purpose of accommodating a Regular member in good standing who cannot be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, or any General membership meeting at which new Board Members will be elected, an absentee ballot may be requested and obtained from the Secretary of the League. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the date of the election. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the Election Chairman (appointed at the meeting) on the date of the meeting, prior to the voting portion of the election process.


## SECTION 6

Annual Meeting of the Members: The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League shall be held the second Saturday of September at 6:00 p.m., or a date as close to that day as possible as determined by the Board of Directors, each year for the purpose of electing new members, electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports, reviewing the Constitution, appointing committees and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.
(a) The Membership shall receive at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League a report, verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing:
a. The condition of the Local League, to be presented by the President or his/her designee
b. A general summary of funds received and expended by the local league for the previous year, the amount of funds currently in possession of the local league, and the name of the financial institution in which such funds re maintaincd;
c. The whole amount of real and personal property owned by the Local League, where located, and where and how invested;
d. For the year immediately preceding, the amount and nature of the property acquired with the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition, the amount applied, appropriated or expended and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made;
e. The names of the persons who have been admitted to regular membership in the Local League during such year. This report shall be filed with the records of the Local League and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting. A copy of such report shall be forwarded to Little League International.
(b) At the Annual Meeting, the members shall determine the number of Directors to be elected for the ensuing year and shall elect such number of Directors. The number of Directors shall not be less than seven (7) and not more than fifteen (15).
(c) After the Board of Directors is elected, the Board shall meet to elect the officers. After the election, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties on October 1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$. The Board's term of office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section.
(d) The Officers of the Board of Directors shall include, at a minimum, the President, one or more Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, one or more Player Agents, a Safety Officer and a Coaching Coordinator. Regulation I(b). The Board shall also include a minimum of one manager. Only volunteer umpires may be elected to the Board.

## SECTION 7

Special General Membership Meetings - Special General membership Meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon the written request of a minimum of five members, the President or Secretary shall call a Special General membership meeting to consider the subject specified in the request. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any Special General membership Meeting. Such Special General Membership Meeting shall be scheduled to take place not less than five (5) days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

## SECTION 8

Rules of Order for General membership Meetings and Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors - Robert's Rules of order shall govern the proceedings of General Membership Meetings and all other regular meetings of the Board of Directors, except where the same conflict with the Constitution of the Local League.

## ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## SECTION 1

Authority: The management of the property and affairs of the Local League shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

## SECTION 2

Increase in Number: The number of Board of Directors so fixed at the Annual meeting may be increased at any General Membership Meeting or Special meeting of the Members. If the number is increased, the additional Directors may be elected at the meeting at which the increase is voted, or at any subsequent General membership meeting. All elections of additional Directors shall be by a majority vote of all Regular members present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Secretary prior to the election meeting.

## SECTION 3

Vacancies: If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular Board Meeting or at any Special Board Meeting called for that purpose.

## SECTION 4

Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum: Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board.
(a) The President or Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of five (5) directors, issue a call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of Special Board Meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.
(b) Notice of each Board Meeting shall be given by the Secretary personally, electronically or by mail to each Director at least seven (7) days before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director.
(c) Two-Thirds (2/3) Members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum is not present no business shall be conducted.
(d) Only members of the Board of Directors may make motions and vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during Board Meetings.

## SECTION 5

Duties and Powers: The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate.

The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the Local League as it may deem proper, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with this Constitution.

The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular Board or Special Board Meeting to discipline, suspend or remove any Director or Officer of Committee member of the Local League in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 4 (a,b).

## SECTION 6

Rules of Order for Board Meetings. Robert's Rules of order shall govern the proceedings of all league meetings, including Board of Directors meetings, except where the same conflict with the Constitution of the Local League.

## ARTICLE VII - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

## SECTION 1

Appointments - The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem necessary or desirable, and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. Appointed officers or agents shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors unless such individuals have been elected to the Board by the membership or have been elected to fill a vacancy on the Board.

Terms of Service - For uniformity in the Local League, the following will serve 2 year terms:

President, Secretary and Safety Officers will serve two-year terms beginning in odd numbered years

Vice President, Treasurer and Player Agent will serve two-year terms beginning in even numbered years.

## SECTION 2

President - The President shall:
(a) Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
(b) Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the Annual Meeting.
(c) Communicate to the Board of Directors such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the Local League.
(d) Be responsible for the conduct of the Local League in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to the Local League by that organization.
(e) Designate in writing other officers, if necessary to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of the Local League such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board.
(f) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.
(g) Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
(h) With the assistance of the Player Agent, examine the application and support proof-of age documents of every player candidate and certify to residence or school enrollment, and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.
(i) Complete the required background checks per Little League Regulation I(b) and I (c) 8 and 9; or delegate this responsibility to the league's Safety Officer or other designated Board Member.
(j) Submit Manager candidates to the Board of Directors for approval and have final approval of the same in the event of a tie or dispute regarding the same.

## SECTION 3

Vice President - The Vice President shall:
(a) Perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, provided he or she is authorized by the President or Board so to act. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of that office.
(b) Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or President.

## SECTION 4

Secretary - The Secretary shall:
(a) Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
(b) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or President.
(c) Maintain a list of all Regular, Sustaining and Honorary Members, Directors and committee members and give notice of all meetings of the Local League, the Board of Directors and Committees.
(d) Issue membership cards to Regular Members if approved by the Board of Directors.
(e) Keep the minutes of the meetings of members, the board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.
(f) Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meeting and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
(g) Notify Members, Directors and Officers and committee members of their election or appointment.

## SECTION 5

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall:
(a) Perform such duties as are herein set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
(b) Receive all moneys and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
(c) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all moneys and securities of the Local League, including the Auxiliary, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw
checks therefore in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the Board of Directors. All disbursements by check must have dual signatures.
(d) Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual meeting.
(e) Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Membership and Board of Directors at the Annual meeting, and to Little League International.
(f) Prepare and file all paperwork to keep the business licenses for the Local League current and up to date, including filing necessary paperwork with the Secretary of State.

## SECTION 6

Player Agent - The Player Agent shall:
(a) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof
(b) Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence or school enrollment and age eligibility.
(c) Conduct the tryouts, the player draft and all other player transactions or selection meetings.
(d) Prepare the Player Agent's List.
(e) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League International, team rosters, including players claimed and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
(f) Notify Little League International of any subsequent player replacements or trades.
(g) Administer the Divisional player pool with approval of the President.
(h) Ensure player, manager and coach data is uploaded to the Little League Data Center

## SECTION 7

Safety Officer - The Safety Officer shall:
(a) Be responsible to create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for children and all participants of Little League.
(b) Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment and facilities through education, compliance and reporting.

## SECTION 8

Coaching Coordinator - The Coaching Coordinator shall:
(a) Represent coaches/managers in the Local League;
(b) Present a coach/manager training budget to the Board of Directors;
(c) Gain the support and funds necessary to implement a league-wide training program;
(d) Order and distribute training materials to players, coaches and managers;
(e) Coordinate mini-clinics as necessary;
(f) Serve as the contact person for Little League International for its Manager-Coach education program for the Local League.

## SECTION 9

League Information Officer - The League Information officer shall:
(a) Set up and manage the Local League's official website (site authorized by Little League International);
(b) Assign online administrative rights to other local volunteers with approval of the Board of Directors;
(c) Encourage creation of team web sites to managers, coaches and parents;
(d) Ensure that league news and scores are updated online on a regular basis;
(e) Collect, post and distribute important information on league activities including direct dissemination of fund-raising and sponsor activities, the district, the public, league members and the media;
(f) Serves as primary contact person for Little League International regarding optimizing use of the internet for Local League administration and for distributing information to league members and to Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

## SECTION 10

Sponsorship/Fundraising Manager - The Sponsorship/Fundraising Manager shall:
(a) Solicit and secure local sponsorships to support league operations;
(b) Collect and review sponsorship and fundraising opportunities;
(c) Organize and implement approved Local League fundraising activities;
(d) Coordinate participation in fundraising activities;
(e) Maintain records of monies secured through sponsorship and fundraising initiatives;
(f) Ensure regulation and policies related to sponsorships and fundraising are follows.

## SECTION 11

Concession Manager - The Concession Manager shall:
(a) Maintain the operation of concession facilities;
(b) Organize the purchase of concession products;
(c) Be responsible for the management of the concession sales at league events;
(d) Schedule volunteers to work the concession stand during league events;
(e) Collect and review concession related offers, including discounts and bulk-purchasing opportunities;
(f) Organize, tally and keep records of concession sales and purchases.

## SECTION 12

## Umpire-in-Chief - the Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) shall;

(a) Serve as coordinator of the local league umpire program;
(b) Advise the League President of the local league umpire program;
(c) Recommend volunteer umpires to League President to serve the league during the regular season;
(d) Recruit, review and retain volunteer umpires;
(e) Establish and implement an umpire training program for volunteer umpires consistent with little League International guidelines;
(f) Communicate rule changes to league volunteer umpires, managers and coaches;
(g) Recommend tournament-worthy umpires to the District Umpire Consultant;
(h) Attend umpire training programs at the district, state and regional levels.

## ARTICLE VIII - OTHER COMMITTEES AND BOARD POSITIONS

Protest Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint a Protest Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The Committee shall handle protests in compliance with Rule 4.19(f) of Little League International.

Sponsorship/Fundraising Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint a Sponsorship/Fundraising Committee consisting of between 3 and 5 Directors. The Committee shall assist the Sponsorship/Fundraising Coordinator in carrying out his or her duties.

By-Laws/Constitution Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint a ByLaws/Constitution Committee consisting of between 3-5 Directors, including the President. The Committee shall annually review the Local League's By-Laws and Constitution and recommend changes of the same to the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IX - AFFILIATION

## SECTION 1

Charter: The Local League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball, Incorporated and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. The Local

League shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such charter and it shall not be affiliated with any other program or organization or operate any other program.

## SECTION 2

Rules and Regulations: The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on this Local League.

## SECTION 3

Local Rules, Ground Rules and/or Bylaws: The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of this Local League shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month previous to the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules and Regulations and Policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, nor shall they conflict with this Constitution. The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of this Local League shall expire at the end of each fiscal year, and are not considered part of this Constitution (See Article X, Section 7 for fiscal year of this league).

## ARTICLE X - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

## SECTION 1

Authority: The Board of directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Local League and it shall place all income including Auxiliary funds, in a common league treasury, directing the expenditure of funds in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantages over those in competition with such individual or team.

## SECTION 2

Contributions: The Board of Directors shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit funds for the common treasury of the Local League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the Local League.

## SECTION 3

Solicitations: The Board of Directors shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball, Incorporated unless all of the funds so raised be placed in the Local League Treasury.

## SECTION 4

Disbursement of Funds: The Board of Directors shall not permit the disbursement of Local League funds for other than the conduct of Little League activities in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All disbursements shall be made by check or league creditor debit card. All checks shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer and such other officer or officers or person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

## SECTION 5

Financial Transparency: No Board Member authorized to disburse funds may be the spouse or family relative of the League President or Treasurer, or have direct access to league funds without the written permission of the President. The use of a league credit or debit card is permitted, given that the card is returned to the League President or Treasurer with receipt for all purchases made within three (3) days of the purchase date.

## SECTION 6

Compensation: No Director, Officer or Member of the Local League shall receive directly or indirectly any salary, compensation or emolument from the Local League for services rendered as Director, officer of member.

## SECTION 7

Deposits: All moneys received, including sponsorship and fundraising, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local league at Wells Fargo Bank.

## SECTION 8

Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on October 1 and end September $30^{\text {th }}$.

## SECTION 9

Distribution of Property upon Dissolution: Upon dissolution of the Local League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the members shall direct the remaining property of the Local League to another Federally Incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as set forth in Article II of this Constitution, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

## ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in party by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the members provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting.

Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated for approval before implementation.

This Constitution was approved by the Little League Membership on:September 11, 2021
Lone Mountain President- William Casiere


