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MILLTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as Milltown Little League.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1

The objective of Milltown Little League shall be to implant firmly in the children of Milltown the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, fairplay 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, Milltown Little League shall provide a safe and supervised program pursuant to the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball, Inc. and the Little League Operating Manual (collectively, "The Little League Baseball Rules") and this Constitution. All Directors, Officers and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary to the molding of future citizens, which is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, Milltown Little League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a safe and supervised program of competitive baseball games. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

Eligibility. Any person interested in actively participating to further the objective of Milltown

Little League may apply to become a Member as provided in Article III, Section 2(b).

SECTION 2

Classes. There shall be two classes of Members: Regular Members and Player 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 Milltown Little League.

(b) **Regular Members.** The Secretary shall maintain a membership roll to qualify voting Regular Members. Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings. All Board Members, Managers, Coaches, Officers, Committee Members and Volunteer Umpires must be Regular Members in good standing to participate in Milltown Little League. Upon payment of dues, Regular Members of Milltown Little League automatically include all persons who participated in the most recently commenced Little League season as Board approved Managers, Coaches, Board Members, Elected Members, Volunteer Umpires and any other adult who has been acknowledged by a majority vote of the Board, in writing, as a "Volunteer" in Milltown Little League. Any other adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of Milltown Little League may become a Regular Member upon: (1) election by a majority vote of the Members at or before the Annual Meeting provided that person, prior to election, has volunteered more than 25 hours of board approved service to Milltown Little League in the season for which election is sought; and, (2) payment of dues. No adult person is eligible for Regular Membership by merely paying dues.

- c. As used herein, the word "Member" shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.
- d. As used herein, the term "good standing" means having paid dues in the current fiscal year.
- e. As used herein, the word "Volunteer" shall mean any adult the Board deems a volunteer for the purpose of Article III, Section 2(b). Such Volunteers may include, without limitation, Team Parent; adults assisting in Field Maintenance, Fundraising or Tournaments, or any other auxiliary functions the Board may deem appropriate.

SECTION 3

Other Affiliations. Regular or Player Members shall not be required to be affiliated with any other organization or group to qualify for Membership in Milltown Little League.

SECTION 4

Suspension or Termination. Membership may be terminated by resignation, or action of the Board of Directors as follows.

- 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, suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class, including managers and coaches, when the

person's conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of Milltown Little League or Little League Baseball. 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 the 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-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted Board of Director's meeting.

ARTICLE IV - DUES FOR REGULAR MEMBERS

Dues for Regular Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine for the fiscal year. Dues shall be paid on or before April 1st of the current fiscal year and shall be collected by the Secretary. Regular Members who fail to pay their fixed dues at or before the Annual Meeting shall automatically be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership, including all voting rights.

ARTICLE V - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SECTION 1

Definition. A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the membership of the league, including a Special General Membership Meeting described in Section 7. A minimum of one meeting per year is required and that is the Annual Meeting, described more fully in Section 6. The President or a majority of the Board of Directors may call a General Membership Meeting.

SECTION 2

Notice of Meeting. Notice of a General Membership Meeting shall be provided to each Member by mail, e-mail or personally, seven days in advance of the meeting, stating the place, time and purpose of the meeting. In lieu of the above, notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the Members at a regularly convened General Membership Meeting or by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3

Quorum. At any General Membership Meeting, the presence in person including Members voting by absentee ballot, of twenty percent of the Members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

SECTION 4

Voting. Only Members shall be entitled to make motions and vote at a General Membership Meeting. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during General Membership Meetings. Those persons eligible to take part at meetings of the Board of Directors are described in Article VI, Section 4.

SECTION 5

Absentee Ballot. For the purpose of accommodating a Regular Member in good standing who cannot, for good cause, 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 or his designee by the date of the election. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the Election Chairman, if one has been appointed, 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 Milltown Little League shall be held each year on or near October 1st for the purpose of: electing new Members and 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 a report verified by the President and Treasurer or by a majority of the Directors. The report shall be filed with Milltown Little League's records and entered in the minutes of the Annual Meeting. A copy of the report shall be forwarded to Little League Headquarters. The report shall state:

1. The condition of Milltown Little League which shall be presented by the President or the President's designate;
2. A summary of funds received and expended by Milltown Little League for the previous year; the amount of funds currently in possession of Milltown Little League; and, the name of the financial institution holding the funds;
3. The amount of real and personal property owned by Milltown Little League; where located; and, where and how invested;
4. For the previous year, the amount and nature of any property acquired with the date and the manner of 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;
5. The names of the persons who have been admitted to Regular Membership in Milltown Little League during the past year.

(b) At or prior to the Annual Meeting, the Members shall determine the number of Directors to be elected for the ensuing year and shall elect same. The number of Directors elected shall not be less than an amount sufficient to fill the positions set forth in Article V, section 6(d), provided sufficient candidates apply.

- c. After the Board of Directors is elected at the Annual Meeting, the new Board shall meet on or before October 15th to elect its officers. The existing 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 the following: President, an Officer for the President of each Division, Treasurer, Secretary, one or more Player Agents, Safety Officer, Equipment Manager, Snack Shack Officer(s), Fundraiser, Tournament Director and League Information Officer. The Board shall include a minimum of one manager and one volunteer umpire. Only volunteer umpires may serve on the Board.

SECTION 7

Special General Membership Meetings. A majority of the Board of Directors or the President, at their discretion, may call a Special General Membership Meeting of the Members. Further, upon a written request signed by fifteen Members, the President or Secretary shall call a Special General Membership Meeting to consider the subject specified in the Member's written 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 fifteen days after the President or Secretary receives the Member's written request.

SECTION 8

Rules of Order for General Membership Meetings. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all General Membership Meetings, except where it conflicts with the Constitution of Milltown Little League.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1

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

SECTION 2

Increase in number. The number of Board of Directors fixed at the Annual Meeting and by this Constitution may be increased at any General Membership Meeting or Special Meeting of the Members. If the number is increased, the additional Director(s) 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 majority vote of all Regular Members present, including those Members submitting a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Secretary by the election meeting.

SECTION 3

Vacancies. If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled, at the Board's discretion, 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 as soon as practicable following the Annual Meeting and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board.

- a. The President or the Secretary shall at the request in writing by a majority of Directors issue a call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of a Special Board Meeting, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no matter not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.
- b. Notice of a Board meeting shall be given by the Secretary or President to each Director by mail, e-mail or personally at least five days before the time and date appointed for the meeting, and in the case of mail, to the last recorded address of each Director, or in any manner approved by the Board of Directors.

- c. A majority of 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 may appoint such standing committees as it deems appropriate and may delegate such powers to them as the Board deems advisable. The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of Milltown Little League as it may deem proper, provided that such rules and regulations do not conflict with this Constitution and The Little League Baseball Rules. 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 or Committee Member of Milltown Little League in accordance with the procedures 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 Board of Directors meetings, except where it conflicts with this Constitution.

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.

SECTION 2

President.

The President shall:

- a. Conduct the affairs of Milltown Little League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- b. Present a report of the condition of Milltown Little League at the Annual Meeting.
- c. Communicate to the Board of Directors appropriate matters and make suggestions to promote the welfare of Milltown Little League.
- d. Ensure that the conduct of Milltown Little League complies with the policies, principles, rules and regulations of the Little League Baseball Rules and to the terms and conditions of the charter issued to Milltown Little League by Little League Baseball, Inc.
- e. Designate in writing other officers to make and execute for and on behalf of Milltown Little League such contracts and leases previously approved by the Board.

- f. Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to Milltown Little League and report thereon to the Board as circumstances may warrant.
- g. Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for its proper execution.
- h. With the assistance of the Player Agent, examine the application and proof-of-age document of every player candidate and certify to residence and age eligibility before the player is accepted for tryouts and selection.

SECTION 3

Executive Vice President.

The Executive Vice President shall:

- a. Perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, provided that the President or the Board authorizes him or her to so act. When so acting, the Executive 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 by the President.
- c. The Executive Vice President shall be chosen from one of the elected Board members by a majority vote of the Board at the reorganization meeting referred to in Article V, Section 6 (d).

SECTION 4

Division Presidents.

Milltown Little League consists of the following Divisions: Majors, Minors, Midget, T-Ball and Junior/ Senior League. The Board may modify the number of Divisions. Each Division shall have a Division President who will be a Board member. Each Division President shall:

- a. Prepare a roster containing the name, age and address of each player on each team in that division and provide it to the President.
- b. Prepare a schedule for the recreational season for the teams in the division consistent with The Little League Baseball Rules.
- c. Propose rules for the division, including so-called "Home Rules", not inconsistent with The Little League Baseball Rules.
- d. Consider prospective managers and coaches and recommend acceptable candidates to the President for him to appoint and select at his discretion with subsequent approval by the Board of Directors.
- e. Resolve disputes in the division, subject to the final approval of the President.
- f. Coordinate and conduct drafts and tryouts, if applicable to the division, with the Player Agent and the President
- g. With the Player Agent, endeavor to ensure that the objectives of the League are met by routinely monitoring the participants, practices and games in their division.

SECTION 5

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 and age eligibility.
- c. Conduct registration, tryouts, the player draft and all other meetings involving player transactions or selections.
- d. Prepare the Player Agent's list.
- e. Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Headquarters, team rosters, including players' claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- f. Notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

SECTION 6**Secretary.**

The Secretary shall:

- a. Be responsible for recording the activities of Milltown Little League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
- b. Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- c. Maintain a list of all Regular Members, Directors and committee members and give notice of all meetings of Milltown Little League, the Board of Directors and Committees.
- d. Issue membership cards to Regular Members, should the Board require their issuance.
- e. Keep the minutes of the meetings of the 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, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment.

SECTION 7**Treasurer.**

The Treasurer shall:

- a. Perform such duties as herein set forth or that may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- b. Receive all monies and securities and deposit same in a financial institution approved

