

MERIDIAN AREA BOOSTERS
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**Meridian Area Boosters
Constitution and By-Laws**

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Article I

- A. The name of this organization shall be “Meridian Area Boosters”.
- B. All purchases shall be made under the name of Meridian Little League, Inc.

**Article II
Purpose**

- A. To stimulate and promote youth activities in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship, patriotism, and leadership amongst the young people who participate and the adult members who teach, guide, or serve in any capacity in these efforts.
- B. To serve as an administrative board to organizations sponsored by this group.
- C. To serve as a financial board to sponsored organizations for the purpose of approving, scheduling and conducting all fund raising activities.
- D. To allocate such funds as necessary and available for the operation of sponsored groups.
- E. To serve as a final board to review matters pertaining to appointment and removal of personnel and disciplinary action deemed necessary, where such action cannot or will not be taken within the sponsored organization.

**Article III
Membership**

- A. Any interested person 18 years of age or older, living within Meridian Area Baseball Boundaries with all exceptions to be voted on by membership
- B. Annual dues shall be on year to year basis.
- C. For non-payment of dues members will lose their voting rights.
- D. A member can be reinstated at any time by payment of dues—but cannot vote until he has attended two meetings from the time the dues were paid. To be voting member, a person must attend 6 monthly meetings out of the previous 12 regular monthly meetings.
- E. Any new member upon attending 3 consecutive meetings will then be able to cast a vote as long as they maintain an attendance of 50% of remaining meetings.

Article IV
Organization

- A. The officers of this organization shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. The term of office shall be for one calendar year.
- C. Nominations will be held at the October meeting.
- D. Elections will be held at the November meeting.
- E. Term of office shall begin January 1.
- F. To be eligible to hold office, member must be in good standing and must have attended at least 6 meetings during the year.
- G. A meeting missed on account of working shall be counted as a meeting attended when so recorded by the Secretary. A one week leeway will be granted to the person involved in order to notify league officers of the same.

Article V
Duties of Officers

- A. President
 - a. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, to preserve order and enforce the by-laws, to see that all officers perform their duties.
 - b. The President shall annually appoint the chairman of the standing committees.
 - c. The President shall appoint chairmen for special committees when necessary.
 - d. In case of absence of the Secretary, the President shall appoint an acting Secretary, who shall assume, for that one meeting only, the duties of Secretary.
 - e. The President shall countersign all checks drawn by the Treasurer.
- B. Vice President
 - a. It shall be the duty of the Vice President, in the absence of the President, to preside and perform all duties pertaining to the office of President.
 - b. The Vice President shall appoint the vice chairman of all committees.
- C. Secretary
 - a. The Secretary shall be present at all meetings of the organization and shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of all meetings.
 - b. It shall be the duty of the Secretary, in the absence of the President and Vice President, to assume the duties of the President and to appoint an acting Secretary for that one meeting only.
 - c. The Secretary shall duly notify all members of all meetings as authorized by the Officers.
 - d. The Secretary shall perform such other duties pertaining to this office as may be designated by the organization.

D. Treasurer

- a. The Treasurer shall receive all money due to the organization and shall deposit the same to the credit of the organization in such depositories as may be approved by the organization.
- b. The Treasurer shall keep book accounts of his receipts and expenditures which shall be open at all times to inspection of the organization, and shall make such reports to the organization.
- c. The Treasurer shall pay all bills duly approved by the organization.
- d. The Treasurer shall submit his records to an auditing committee, duly appointed by the President, at the expiration of his term in office.

Article VI
Committees

A. The regular standing committees shall consist of the following committees:

- a. Ways and Means, Equipment, Field Maintenance, Publicity, Banquet and Awards, Protest Committee, Hall Committee.
 - A. Ways and Means
 1. This committee shall be responsible for all fund raising activities.
 - B. Equipment
 1. This committee shall be responsible for purchasing, issuing, returning, and storing of all equipment belonging to Meridian Area Boosters.
 - C. Field Maintenance
 1. This committee shall be responsible for building and upkeep of all fields and facilities.
 - D. Publicity
 1. This committee shall be responsible for all public releases and advertising relative to the organization.
 - E. Banquet and Awards
 1. This committee shall be responsible for the planning of all banquets and the purchasing of all awards.
 - F. Protest Committee
 1. This committee shall consist of the President of the Boosters, President of the Little League, and General Manager of Farm League. The current Little League rule book shall be the final judge unless there have been written amendments to cover local situations.
 - G. Hall Committee
 1. This committee shall be responsible for the maintenance and scheduling of all hall activities.
- b. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of each committee shall together pick the remaining members of their committees.
- c. Each standing committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members and a maximum of five (5) members.

Article VII
Business Transactions

- A. No business may be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present.
- B. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.
- C. No member shall interrupt another in his speech unless it is to call him to order.
- D. When guests are invited to be present at the meeting, they will be given the opportunity to be heard at a given time.
- E. No debate shall be had until a motion is seconded and stated by the chair.
- F. Any motion to become effective must receive a majority vote of the present members.
- G. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except that for which such meeting is called and for which members have been duly notified.
- H. It shall be the duty of the organization to approve or disapprove of all managers of any sponsored teams. If there is more than one candidate for any team, the Boosters, organization shall vote on candidates.
- I. Any motion voted on by the membership of the organization cannot be brought to the floor again within one year for the reconsideration of the organization.
- J. All officers of Little, Farm, Tee Ball, Pony, Mid-County and Legion League shall be appointed by the Meridian Boosters Organization.
- K. No motion to adjourn shall be in order while any necessary business is before the organization, to be decided by a majority vote.

Article VIII
Order of Business

The Order of Business shall be as follows, except at special meetings when the business for which the meeting was called, shall only be transacted:

- A. Attendance register will be signed by members and recorded by the Secretary.
- B. Reading of minutes of previous meetings.
- C. Reading of Communications.
- D. Presentation of bills and Treasurer's Report.
- E. Report of Committees.
- F. Deferred Business
- G. Nomination of officers.
- H. Election of officers.
- I. General Discussion.
- J. Adjournment.

Article IX
Amendments

All amendments to the By-Laws must be approved by two thirds of the members present. An amendment must be read at three meetings before going into effect.

Article X
Amendments

- A. Insurance coverage shall be provided for all organization activities as deemed necessary by the Meridian Booster Organization on a year to year basis.
- B. Any voting member must attend 50% of all scheduled meetings from previous election to be eligible to cast a vote for officers. (Bylaw Amendment from October 6, 2003 meeting)

Article XI
Awards

- A. Winning team members in Farm League shall receive a small recognition trophy.
- B. Winning team members in Little League shall receive a small recognition trophy.
- C. Winning team in Pony League shall receive a small recognition trophy. The cost to be shared by all organizations in said Pony League.
- D. Winning team members in Mid-County Jr. League (regular season championship) shall receive an award suggested by the Awards Committee, to be approved by the Boosters organization.
- E. Wining team members in legion League (regular season championship) shall receive an award suggested by the Awards Committee, to be approved by the Boosters organization.
- F. Winning teams in organized basketball leagues shall receive trophies.
- G. Meridian Football team in Midget League shall receive a monetary presentation; the amount shall be decided upon each year by the Boosters organization.

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