



Mississippi Little League

2023 Annual General Meeting



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Date:	September 13 2023
Time:	7:00 pm
Place:	CP Arena Upstairs Small Hall

Item	Description	Responsible
1	Welcome and introductions	Stu Robinson
2	President/Chairperson's report	Stu Robinson
3	Treasurer's report	Allison Gervais
4	Registrar/Programs Report	Amanda Wagorn
5	Equipment Manager Report	Jordan Drynan
6	Fields, Umpires, Concessions, VP	Derek Lee
7	Division Conveners	Conveners
8	Open Floor for Questions	2023 Board Members
9	Call for Nominations for 2023 Board	
10	Election of Executive	
11	Meeting close	Stu Robinson



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President's Report

Coming off a very successful 2022 season we were looking to build on the momentum we created. We also had a goal to grow the volunteers within the Board and within the association.

Our Spring numbers increased in registrants, and we had many volunteers to assist with the growth. We were able to grow our Tournament offerings and hosted a Major and Minor House tournament in the Spring. Our Junior and Senior teams had a successful time returning to the D2 Interlock after a year's hiatus.

Our Summer season was also filled with success. We went from 4 teams to 9 teams playing in the D2 Interlock. We started with 3 Rookie, 2 Minor, 2 Major, 1 Junior and 1 Senior team participating in the summer program. The Rookie Canadian team participated in the Scott Tokessy Tournament, Minor Dark Grey A side National D2 Champions, Major Red A side National D2 Champions, Major Blue B side National D2 Champions, and Junior A Side National D2 Champions.

We had many volunteers at each level last season. There were a lot of new people to the area and new people with the willingness to volunteer and help wherever they could. As always, a successful association is only as good as their volunteers, and I believe we had a lot of people step up for the MLL and the kids. We are always looking for volunteers in any capacity, from working on the Board, to coaching to even assisting during MLL events (BBQ, Tournaments). I'd like to make a special Thank you to Mrs. Lee for volunteering so much of her time and working the canteen. It was great having it open this season and maintained as well as it was. This is all owed to her and her love for the league and the kids. By far she is the kid's favourite person during the ball season.

The Board was busy all season in the preparation for the season, tournaments, registration, and everything else that goes with running a reputable association. We are making a few adjustments to the Constitution regarding titles and positions that will be deemed as voting Board members. We will be voting on this later tonight. I want to make sure they are all recognized for their hard work and commitment to the MLL and the kids. We added 4 new members to the Board last AGM, and they all had an immediate impact on how well the league ran this past season.

The other group that deserves a big Thank You are all the umpires in the area. Our Umpire-In-Chief, Bill, did an amazing job with the kids that came out to be an umpire. And we all want to thank Derek and Amanda for stepping up with Scheduling and taking the reign on this group while Bill was away on holidays.

The league has been able to maintain affordable pricing during a large increase in costs for the past few seasons. Obviously with inflation and the supply chain for products and equipment, the Board is always trying to make it so that the cost is reasonable to the



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amount of work that is put in by the Board and costs associated with running the association.

Lastly, we look forward to another wonderful and fun season for 2024. We are a volunteer organization that works for the kids, but we always welcome feedback and suggestions from the parents. So, if you ever have anything to add, please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the board, we all share ideas and the feedback. And from last season, we will look to improve on some of the items that were brought to our attention, but all in all I did not hear any negative comments about the return of regular play for the MLL last year.

Thank you.

Stuart Robinson



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Treasurer's Report

- No increase to registration fees from previous year
- Hosted 2 tournaments, attended 3 tournaments, with 6 teams participating.
- Investments were made in new equipment to support all divisions

REVENUE

Registration Fees	\$65,260
Tournament Registration	\$5,250
Tournament bat raffles.	\$800.00
Canteen	\$3124.96
Sponsorship	\$200.00
Total Revenue	\$74,634.96

EXPENSES

Equipment/Uniforms	\$29,565.36
Facilities Rental	\$14,209.73
Facilities Maintenance/Storage	\$413.38
Insurance	\$2,244.24
Umpires	\$8,584.00
Umpire Gear.	\$242.93
Little League Can(patchess/training)	\$385.81
Meetings/Clinics	\$273.83
Postage	\$232.43
End of Year BBQ/Pizza Party	\$668.20
Charter/Interlock Fees	\$1,299.00
Tournament Fees	\$1,750.00
Stack Sports	\$1,354.00
Medals	\$1,136.55
Canteen	\$1,248.69
Minor Tournament	\$2,270.42
Major Tournament.	\$2,092.89
Misc	\$166.18
Total Expenses	\$68,137.64

2023 Net Revenue **\$6,497.32**

- Upcoming investments include:
 - Retractable security window for canteen (approx \$2000.00)
 - Travel canopies and MLL branded canopy (approx \$1500.00)
 - Jersey replacement as required, price is approx \$65ea



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Registrar/Programs Report

	Date Of Birth	Programs Offered 2023					
		Spring Conditioning	Spring House	Summer Interlock 'A' and 'B' level	Fall Development	Tournament Team	All-Star
Kinder	Sept 2018 - Aug 2020		✓				
Tball	Sept 2016 - Aug 2018		✓				
Rookie	Sept 2014 - Aug 2016	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Minor	Sept 2012 - Aug 2014	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Major	Sept 2010 - Aug 2012	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Intermediate	Sept 2008 - Aug 2011						✓
Junior	Sept 2008 - Aug 2010	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Senior	Sept 2006 - Aug 2008		✓	✓			
Total Registrants per Program:		123	364	108	84		


Very strong registration in 2023, with Summer registration growing by 70% from 2022.

Volunteerism was stronger this year than in previous years, with every team having at least 2 coaches and several on-field helper volunteers.



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Equipment

					
Team bag inventory totals					
KINDER	pending				
TBALL	\$3,758.88				
ROOKIE	\$6,275.88				
MINOR	\$4,139.90				
MAJOR	\$4,163.91				
JUNIOR	\$3,451.90				
SENIOR	\$1,909.68				
BAGS (24*140.00)	\$3,360.00				
Coach Bag Inventory	\$27,060.15				
BUTTON UP JERSEYS 2023					
SIZE	LIGHT GREY	DARK GREY	BLUE	RED	Totals
YOUTH XS	1	0	0	0	1
YOUTH SMALL	11	11	7	8	37
YOUTH MED	10	8	4	7	29
YOUTH LARGE	5	4	4	2	15
YOUTH XL	5	6	5	4	20
MEN SMALL	8	9	4	4	25
MEN MED	3	12	6	5	26
MEN LARGE	1	10	3	2	16
MEN XL	0	2	0	0	2
Total Jerseys					171
Cost (Approx)					\$65.00
Total Jersey Inventory					\$11,115.00



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Tournaments

- In 2023 Mississippi Little League hosted two Spring tournaments. The Major House Tournament was held June 16-17 and the Minor House Tournament was held June 23-24. Each Tournament had 12 teams participating from all over the Ottawa Valley, Kanata and Lanark. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make these tournaments possible. With a special thank you to Barb Lee who ran our busy canteen. We would also like to thank Sam Bat for the generous donation of 2 "Sam Bats" that were raffled off, Tim Hortons for providing us with coffee, and a few other local businesses for providing the players with coupons.
- Mississippi Whitecaps also participated in a variety of tournaments hosted by other organizations. We had 3 teams participate in the Scott Tokessy Memorial Tournament, our Junior team, our Major Blue team and our Rookie Canadian team.
- We plan on organizing Major and Minor spring tournaments again in 2024, and possibly adding another tournament.



Major Blue and Rookie Canadian at the Scott Tokessy Tournament, August 2023



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Kinder Division

Kinder runs May-June for 3-5 year olds.

The Kinder division at MLL is back up to pre-pandemic registration numbers.

58 players

16 volunteer leaders

Kinderball teaches young players the value of sport, team work, attendance and fun. Baseball-related basics are taught, such as throwing, catching (not usually with an actual baseball).





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Tball/Rookie Division

Spring

Our Tball division (5-6 year olds) is designed to teach basic skills such as throwing, catching and contact off a tee. Teams practice for the first 2 weeks of the season, transition into 1 practice 1 game per week and end the season with 2 games a week.

The Tball division had 81 registrants, which accounted for 6 teams. These teams practiced and played across all local fields in Carleton Place, Beckwith and Almonte.

Our Rookie division (7-8 year olds) is designed to further develop basic baseball skills (catching, throwing), further develop batting to coach pitch based hitting, teach base running, outs and encourage forward thinking game play. Our Rookie division is set up similar to Tball in that teams practice for the first 2 weeks, move into 1 game a week, and then 2 games a week at the end of the season.

The Rookie division had 78 registrants, which made up for 6 teams. The same field locations were utilized as Tball.





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Summer

MLL entered 2 Rookie teams, one Canadian (A) level and one National (B) level for Summer Ball. For the summer time period our teams interlock with D2.

Games were against teams from Orleans, Ottawa West, South Ottawa, and East Nepean.

Both teams played well against the other skilled and competitive teams in D2.

Our Canadian level team participated in the Scott Tokessy Tournament (Kanata) and had one of their best games against the top team in the D2 Canadian division.

Sadly, the Canadian team lost in the first round of the playoffs and the National team lost in the Semi-finals.



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Minor/Major Division

Spring

MLL's Spring program is for development and fun. All games are against other MLL teams, it is an in-house program.

The Minor group (8-10 year olds) saw 62 Spring registrants divided into 5 teams play 8 games each on Carleton Place, Beckwith and Almonte fields. All Minor teams participated in a Spring Minor Tournament hosted by MLL in CP.

The Major group (10-12 year olds) saw 38 Spring registrants divided into 3 teams play 8 games each on Carleton Place, Beckwith and Almonte fields. All Major teams participated in a Spring Major Tournament hosted by MLL in CP.

Summer

MLL entered 2 Minor and 2 Major teams in the National ('B') Level for Summer Ball (D2 Interlock).

Games were against teams from Ottawa West, East Nepean, Kanata. All of the MLL teams did extremely well over the Summer.

Both Major teams participated in the Upper Ottawa Valley Little League tournament (Pembroke/Petawawa).

A Major tournament team was compiled to participate in the Scott Tokessy Tournament (Kanata).

Both Major teams won their D2 division Playoff Finals (A-side and B-side).



Major Red, D2 Major A-Side Champions



Major Blue, D2 Major B-Side Champions



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The Minor teams took 1st and 2nd place (out of 17) in the D2 standings. One of the Minor teams won the D2 playoffs and took home the A-side Championship title.



Minor Dark Gray, D2 Minor A-Side Champions

Intermediate Division

MLL put together an Intermediate team that competed in the District 8 Play Downs this past season. They played a best of three game series with the winner advancing to the Provincial Championships held in Ottawa. This was the first time MLL had offered an Intermediate (11-13 year olds) program at this level. We held tryouts and entered a team of 13 players from the Major and first year Junior division. Unfortunately our Whitecaps ended up losing two games in a row to the UOVLL team. We learned a lot from the whole experience and most importantly there were still lots of smiles after we were eliminated from competing at the Provincials.





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Junior/Senior Division

Spring

MLL entered 2 Junior teams in the National (B) Level for Spring Ball (D2 Interlock). Both teams played associations from the Ottawa area (Kanata, East Nepean, Ottawa West, Perth/Lanark). The Junior group (13-14) year olds saw 27 Spring registrants divided into 2 teams with a 12 game schedule. Our Junior National Blue Whitecaps finished the regular season in 5th place, but came up a little short in the quarter finals. Our Junior National Grey Whitecaps (photo below) finished 6th place in regular season and won the "B" Side Playoffs Spring D2 Interlock.



MLL entered 1 Senior team in the National (B) Level for Spring Ball (D2 Interlock) playing teams in and around the Ottawa area (East Nepean, Kanata, Ottawa West). The Senior group (15-16 year olds) saw 17 Spring registrants and all registrants were able to participate on the Spring team. The players had a great developmental spring season and the team worked hard to win their way to the playoff final game in East Nepean. The Senior team ended up with "A" Side Finalist medals which was still a huge accomplishment for this group considering we were the underdogs in the division



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Summer

MLL entered 1 Junior team in the Canadian (A) Level for Summer Ball (D2 Interlock - Ottawa area). The Junior group (13-14) year olds saw 17 Summer registrants for 13 roster spots. Not long into the Summer Season it was apparent our Junior team wasn't prepared to compete at the Canadian level. After discussions with both the Head Coach of our Junior team and the Ottawa D2 Board Members we made the decision to relevel (transition to National (B) Level) in order to give our team a chance to compete. After a few games into the Junior National Level schedule our team had regained their confidence, were more focused, not intimidated by the opposing team and most importantly they were all smiling. The Junior team also played in the annual Scott Tokessy tournament during the Summer season and had a strong showing. Our Junior National team won the "A" Side with a huge last inning comeback (photo below).





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MLL entered 1 Senior team in the National (B) Level for Summer Ball (D2 Interlock) playing teams in and around the Ottawa area much like the Spring program. The Senior group (15-16 year olds) saw 14 Summer registrants and all registrants were able to participate on the Summer team. The Senior team played in the UOVLL Jr/Sr end of season tournament held at the end of July and made it to the semi-finals. The team finished 5th in regular season play and came up short in the quarter finals, losing to Prescott-Russell. Regardless of the season outcome, I feel the highlight of the Summer season was when we were invited to play at the RCGT Park (Home of the Ottawa Titans - Ottawa Stadium) to play an exhibition game vs the South Ottawa National team. Most of our players were able to attend and enjoy the experience. Best of all we won 21-15 after 6-½ innings!
See photo below from the RCGT Park game.



Huge THANK YOU to Scott and Thomas Drummond for their time and coaching commitment for the Senior Spring and Summer team!



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2023 AGM VOTING ITEMS

1. Revising Titles/Roles of Board of Directors

Being proposed we move away from the following titles and edit them with the following changes

Current Roles as in the Constitution

- a. President
- b. VP
- c. Treasurer
- d. Secretary
- e. Player Agent (Registrar)
- f. League Information Officer
- g. Public Relations/Media Manager
- h. Concession Manager
- i. Coaching Coordinator
- j. Safety Officer
- k. Umpire In Chief

PROPOSED CHANGES :

- a. President (Stuart Robinson)
- b. VP (Derek Lee)
- c. Treasurer (Allison Gervais)
- d. **Secretary - OPEN**
- e. Player Agent / Registrar (Amanda Wagorn)
- f. Convenors - Kinder (Randy Kelly)
- g. Convenor - T Ball/ Rookie (Candace Murray)
- h. Convenor - Minor / Major (Amanda Wagorn)
- i. Convenor - Junior/Senior (Derek Lee)
- j. **Webmaster / League Information Officer - OPEN**
- k. Public Relations/Media Manager (Allison Gervais)
- l. Concession Manager (Derek Lee)
- m. Coaching Coordinator (Scott Drummond)
- n. **Safety Officer - OPEN**
- o. Tournament Coordinator (Eric Armstrong)
- p. Equipment Manager (Jordan Drynan)
- q. **Scheduler - OPEN**
- r. Umpire In Chief (Bill Jackson)



2. Open Positions

- 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. (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 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.
- League Information Officer - The League Information Officer shall: (a) Set up and manage the league's official website (site authorized by Little League International); (b) Set up online registration and ensure player, manager, and coach data is uploaded to the Little League Data Center; (c) Assign online administrative rights to other local volunteers; (d) Encourage creation of team web sites to managers, coaches, and parents; (e) Ensure that league news and scores are updated online on a regular basis; (f) 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; (g) Serves as primary contact person for Little League regarding optimizing use of the Internet for league administration and for distributing information to league members and to Little League Baseball, Incorporated.
- 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. NOTE: In order to implement a safety plan using education, compliance and reporting, the following suggestions may be utilized by the Safety Officer: (1) Education - Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers. (2) Compliance - Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities. (3) Reporting - Define a process to assure that incidents are recorded, information is sent to league/district and national offices, and follow-up information on medical and other data is forwarded as available. (4) Background Checks - If the League President so designates, the safety officer will complete the required background checks per Little League Regulation I (b) and I (c) 8 & 9.
- Scheduler - The Scheduler shall: (a) Be responsible to maintain accurate counts of teams and groups using input from directors and conveners; (b) create game and practice house league schedule in electronic format, working with field manager, umpires; (c) upload and maintain house league schedule accessible by all members on MLL website; (d) communicate schedule changes to conveners or other designate to inform membership as required; (e) receive reschedule requests and information and action in a timely fashion to provide reschedule date opportunities and implement on the website; (f) copy and reformat as necessary any interlock schedules to upload and maintain accessible by all members on MLL website; (g) serve as primary point of contact for all conveners with schedule inquiries or concerns.



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Applicant Nominations:

From the following applicants, vote for the MLL Executive members for the 2023 season.

- Add names accepted from the floor.

Kyla Kirkham for Safety Officer	
Brooke Kelford for Safety Officer	
Candice Joy for Scheduler	