

***Minutes of the AGM held on December 5th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.,***

***Mississauga Majors Clubhouse, Crookes Park, Lakefront Promenade***

**PRESENT:** See attached appendix (AGM Sign-in Sheet)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – meeting was called to order by the President, Tony Jasinski @ 7:38 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

***Motion: to accept the Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Membership Meeting***

***Bob Raymond / Moe Kapadia / Carried***

**2.1 CORRESPONDENCE – (filed with Secretary)**

* 2024 Financial Statements
* 2025 Mississauga Majors Baseball Association Constitution By-Laws
1. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**3.1 VICE-PRESIDENT BASEBALL – (Moe Kapadia)**

2024 baseball season was good overall

Some games were rescheduled due to rain, but we played all the games.

***House League***

HL playoffs went well with a delay due to rain.

Tyke-Cubs finished in first place in the regular season; Cubs also won the championship.

Pee Wee-Red Sox finished in first place in the regular season; Red Sox also won the championship.

***Baseball Rep***

U8 and U9 made the Provincials, but did not win.

U12 (T1) made the Provincials, finished in 4th place.

***MBLL***

MBLL season and playoffs went well.

Bantam-Erindale finished in first in the regular season. South Blue Jays won the championship.

Midget-South Cardinals finished in first place in the regular season and they won the championship.

The South Cardinals won the last game in 1 hour and 15 minutes with a score of 2 to 1. It was a battle between the pitchers; great pitching, no errors, best game ever!

***Tyke All-Star***

Played in the Oakville tournament and finished 2nd in their division. Only the 1st place team got to move on to the final.

Played in 3 exhibition games in August (Milton, Halton Hills x2).

The season wrapped up on Sunday, September 8th.

I want to thank Tony, Gord, Bob, Roger, and John for their help with convening the games in the playoffs.

**3.2 VICE-PRESIDENT SOFTBALL – (Mark Newman)**

Softball began 2024 with players practicing indoors at 643 Baseball. The indoor program along with our pitching and catching clinics continued to be popular with both programs filled to capacity. Special thanks to Steve Finan and his daughter Stephanie Finan for running our winter clinics as well as successful summer camps and free fall introduction to softball clinics. Registration has continued to grow in Majors softball. Player registrations were up about 25% over 2023.The Majors house league teams played in the Mississauga Etobicoke Girls Softball loop. We fielded teams in the U9 division, U11 U13, U15, U18 and U23. The Majors also fielded Rep teams at U11, U13 and U17.

***U9***

The Majors had two U9 teams in 2024. Both teams were competitive during the regular seasons with one of our teams winning the regular season pennant as well as the playoff championship. The two teams joined forces during the regular season to form a select team that entered tournaments for the first time. In their first tournament the Majors won gold.

***U11***

The Majors fielded one U11 house league teams in 2024. The team made up of primarily players new to U11 struggled for wins during the regular season, in fact, they didn’t get any. The players and coaches remained positive as many of their games were close. They were placed in the B division for the playoffs and surprised everyone but themselves by going on a winning streak and narrowly missing out on a B championship in the finals.

***U13***

In U13 the Majors had one team who finished strong in the regular season placing 2nd during the regular season behind an undefeated Etobicoke team. During the playoffs they turned up the gas going undefeated to win the championship.

***U15***

The Majors team at U15 was headed by long time coach but first-time head coach Doug West. The team consisting of primarily players from last year’s team who struggled most of the year, finished undefeated during the regular season winning the pennant. They continued their winning in the playoffs winning the championship.

***U18***

2024 was the first year for the newly adjusted U18 softball age group. The Majors fielded one team coached by Paul Petkovski and faired quite well in the regular season finishing 2nd just behind the undefeated Lady Jays. They met the same Lady Jays team in the final. The game was amazing to watch as the lead went back and forth. The Majors couldn’t quite hold on and lost on a walk off in the seventh inning.

***U23***

The Majors fielded 2 U23 teams. Both teams performed very well during the regular season finishing in 1st and 2nd place. Feilding teams at this age group is the most challenging with players having new responsibilities with school, jobs and boyfriends and concerts. This hindered the Majors teams in the playoffs. Steve Finans team made to the final but ultimately lost to streaking Lady Jays team.

***Rep Softball***

After being denied PWSA affiliation in 2022, 2023 and 2024 the Majors Rep teams remained loyal and stuck with the Majors. We fielded teams at U11, U13 and U17.

Our U11 team performed above expectations finishing with a winning record during their first year at rep even medalling in one tournament

Our junior U13 team had a tough go during the regular season but had positive results during tournaments medaling multiple times.

U17 had a tough go like our other rep teams had trouble attracting talent due to lack of PWSA affiliation. The team did improve over last year but dissolved after the end of the season.

***PWSA***

The Majors long legal battle with the PWSA finally came to an end in September with the Judge ruling in the Majors favour and ordering the PWSA to grant membership to the Majors. Unfortunately, the decision came about a week after tryouts and many of our rep players signed with PWSA affiliated associations for 2025 not knowing at the time that the Majors affiliation was just days away.

2024 can be considered a successful season for Mississauga Majors Softball. Our biggest win this year was the retention of our 2023 players. With the winter, summer and fall clinics being offered as well as the presence of Rep softball the Majors is becoming the place to play softball in Mississauga.

**3.3 V.P. ROOKIE BALL – (Lenny DiMarco)**

The 2024 Rookie Ball season quickly filled to 8 full teams, with players anxious to get on the ball field in early May when the weather was good.

Most of the season went swimmingly - will no major issues or problems of note.

The field of play was quite even, with most teams being quite competitive.  In the end – the 2nd year team going by the Rangers namesake took the championship finals to end off a rainy July / August season.

Many thanks to Jakub Zeniuk for his tireless efforts and commitment throughout the season and playoffs and also to Alfonso Marsiglia for his quick attention to equipment hiccups.

**3.4 V.P. T-BALL – (Amy Dano)**

***Junior T-Ball (2019-2020)***

Registration for the 2024 Junior T-Ball season opened on January 1, 2024, and officially closed on June 1, 2024. We filled 10 teams with 11 players each for a total of 110 registered players and 4 players remained on the waitlist.

A Junior T-Ball Coaches Orientation Meeting was held on April 14, 2024, and run by Tony Jasinski (President), Amy Dano (VP T-Ball) and Brenda Baird (Junior T-Ball Convenor). The season officially began on May 16, 2024, and concluded on July 24, 2024. Their playing fields rotated between Lyndwood North & South, Westacres East & West, and Petrescue South.

The 2024 Junior T-Ball demographic breakdown for gender and age is as follows:

The Junior T-Ball Fun Day was held on Thursday, August 1, 2024, at Crookes Park. Holding the Fun Day on Thursday increased the increased players and coach attendance which has been low in recent previous years.

Three of the 10 Junior T-Ball Coaches were returning Coaches.

***Senior T-Ball (2017-2018)***

Registration for the 2024 Senior T-Ball season opened on January 1, 2024, and officially closed on April 15, 2024. We filled 14 teams with 13 players each for a total of 182 registered players and 3 players remained on the waitlist.

A Senior T-Ball Draft was held on April 14, 2024, and run by Amy Dano (VP of T-Ball). The season officially began on May 7, 2024, and the regular season concluded on July 23, 2024. Playoffs began on July 30, 2024, and ended on August 11, 2024. A Coaches and Umpires meeting was held on July 25, 2023, at Crookes Park before playoffs. Their playing fields for the season rotated between Lyndwood North & South, Westacres East & West, AA Martin North & South, and Petrescue South.

The 2024 Senior T-Ball demographic breakdown for gender and age is as follows:

The League Champions for 2024 were the Senior T-Ball Astros, coached by Mohammad Kessentini. The Playoff Champions for 2024 were the Senior T-Ball Angels, coached by James Woods.

Tony Jasinski, Moe Kapadia and Amy Dano held a Coach disciplinary meeting on July 29th with Coach Mohammad Kessentini after a comprehensive review of complaints and feedback regarding Kessentini not providing a safe playing environment for players, coaches, officials and spectators. He was put on probation and allowed to participate in the upcoming playoffs. However, an unsafe incident occurred at the August 8th game whereby the Head Coach (Kessentini) threw a bat. After another comprehensive review, Amy Dano suspended him on August 9th from Coaching with the Majors for the duration of the season including the SR T-Ball House League playoffs, and the SR T-Ball All-Star team. Kessentini attended the playoffs on August 10th and continued to coach from behind the fence and was asked to move down the 3rd base line. Amy Dano further put the Astros Assistant Coaches on probation for duration of the playoffs as they continued to create a hostile and unsafe field of play.

Eight of the 14 Senior T-Ball Coaches were returning Coaches.

***Senior T-Ball All-Stars***

Tryouts for the Senior T-Ball All-Star Team were held on May 18th and 23rd, 2024, and were evaluated by Amy Dano (VP, T-Ball), Mohammad Kessentini (Head Coach), James Woods (Assistant Coach), Anthony Amantea (Assistant Coach). Thirty-eight players were evaluated, and 15 players were selected to make up the 2024 All-Star Team.

The All-Star team played in 3 tournaments: Dundas Little League (3rd place finish), Erindale Little League (3rd place finish), and Ancaster World T-Ball tournament (1st place finish). They also competed in 4 exhibition games throughout the season.

Coaching Rosters: Junior, Senior & All-Star Teams

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| **Division** | **Team** | **Head Coach** | **Returning Coach** |
| Senior T-Ball | Angels | **James Woods** | **Yes** |
| Senior T-Ball | Astros | **Mohamed Kessentini** | **Yes** |
| Senior T-Ball | Blue Jays | **Brendan Peel** | **Yes** |
| Senior T-Ball | Cubs | **Todd Davis** | **Yes** |
| Senior T-Ball | Dodgers | **Matthew McClure** | **Yes** |
| Senior T-Ball | Giants | **John Lambie** | **Yes** |
| Senior T-Ball | Mets | **Darryl Jinks** | **Yes** |
| Senior T-Ball | Pirates | **Erik Barbosa** | **Yes** |
| Senior T-Ball | Rangers | Angela Economopoulos | No |
| Senior T-Ball | Rays | Chelsey Harding | No |
| Senior T-Ball | Red Sox | Christine Awasthy | No |
| Senior T-Ball | Royals | Andrea Roth | No |
| Senior T-Ball | Tigers | Tyla Raso | No |
| Senior T-Ball | Yankees | Justin Rigney | No |
| Junior T-Ball | Astros | **Cory Hageman** | **Yes** |
| Junior T-Ball | Dodgers | Robert Bertolo | No |
| Junior T-Ball | Blue Jays | **Leo Ibazeta** | **Yes** |
| Junior T-Ball | Cubs | Ashley Campbell | No |
| Junior T-Ball | Yankees | Jason Pryszlak | No |
| Junior T-Ball | Giants | **Brandon Kaschak** | **Yes** |
| Junior T-Ball | Rangers | Carlos Canejo | No |
| Junior T-Ball | Red Sox | James Breur | No |
| Junior T-Ball | Tigers | Ian Mcilroy | No |
| Junior T-Ball | Angels | Anne Foam | No |

**3.5 REGISTRAR – (Tina Bishop)**

 We had 1,026 players registered in 2024; 962 players were registered in 2023 and 839 players were registered in 2022.

 All registration fees have been paid in full and there are no outstanding issues.

**3.6 TREASURER – (Bob Hacking)**

***Motion: to retain Capstick McCollum & Associates as the Auditors of record for 2025***

***Bob Hacking / Lenny DiMarco / Carried***

 ***Motion: to accept the Audit Report at the AGM***

 ***Bob Hacking / Moe Kapadia / Carried***

1. **PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – (Tony Jasinski)**

First, I would like to thank the Executive for their very generous ‘good-bye’ gift.

As many of you already know, I will be stepping down as President this year. I’ve been pleased and really quite honoured to serve as President for this Association. I’ve gone through amalgamation with Applewood Baseball, amalgamation in 2000 with Bloor, Forest Glenn and Cawthra, when we amalgamated our rep division and then again in 2005, when we amalgamated both Bloor and Cawthra completely and it’s been a tremendous success. We didn’t get a lot of influx of Bloor Executive but we had a very strong Cawthra Executive over the years.

We spent many years dealing with association business and the way we run business, and one of the things I am really pleased with, is the change in culture. When I started there was a completely different culture. One of the difficulties was to change the culture from a budgeting-financial point of view, but also from a management point of view. Back then it was basically, who you knew and whether you could buy your way onto a team, and it wasn’t fair to the kids that had the talent. They were overlooked if they couldn’t afford to play. We have changed that whole culture and I’m personally proud of this association. We have the credibility, the integrity and the financial support and I think from an association point of view, we are one of the best associations, not just in Mississauga but in this whole province. We’re know for the stability that we have. We have a wonderful working relationship with the City of Mississauga because the City knows they can trust us. When we say we’re going to do something, we do it.

As you know, we’ve gone through a legal battle with the Provincial Women’s Softball Association (PWSA). Not many associations have the courage to take on a provincial sport organization when they’re not being fair and they’re not looking after our participants. This Executive that we’ve had, is top notch. They’ve got the courage to do the right thing and yes, it cost us money and yes, it was a tough battle and kudos to Mark Newman, who was always patient and stayed the course, making sure we did the right thing. I’m so proud of this Executive that has the courage to do the right thing.

When I step down, I’m pretty confident that the new Board of Directors that will be elected, will play fair, they’ll follow the constitution and the by-laws. One thing I learned through the legal system is, that you have to follow your by-laws and whatever you pass during the regular season, you have to reiterate at your AGM to approve those by-laws and we also have rules that have held us in good standing over the years. We don’t make exceptions unless we decide to bring it to the Board, make the case for exception and get Board approval. The Majors operate with transparency and that has kept us out of trouble. It doesn’t matter whether you’re a girl, boy, coach, umpire, or parent, we do what we think is right for the association. Coaches don’t make decisions, umpires don’t, parents don’t, the Executive do what’s good for the Association.

I’m really proud to leave the association in good standing. We have a lot of good, young people on the Board that have agreed to stand up and serve as Board of Directors.

Thank you very much for all the support you have given me over the years, it’s been a great ride!

1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**
* New Copy of Constitution By-Laws, attached

***Motion: to accept the new Mississauga Majors Baseball Association Constitution By-Laws as submitted***

***Mark Newman / Eva Sawoszczuk / Carried***

1. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
* Delta Bingo moved to their new location at Rockwood Mall (Dixie Rd. & Burnhamthorpe Rd.) and have just celebrated their one-year anniversary in that location. Since re-locating to the new bingo hall, Majors have not gained back all the shares they held at the previous location (Dixie Rd. & Dundas St.). Delta Bingo’s St. Clair Ave. West location is moving to Etobicoke (Kipling Ave. & Evans Ave.). Not sure how this Etobicoke location will impact attendance at the Rockwood Mall site so stay tuned for further developments.
1. **Election of 2025 Board of Directors**

2025 Elections were run by Tony Jasinski to bring forth the following members / candidates for election to the Board of Directors:

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| 1 | Tony Jasinski |
| 2 | Moe Kapadia |
| 3 | Mark Newman |
| 4 | Lenny DiMarco |
| 5 | Amy Dano |
| 6 | Helen Norris |
| 7 | Bob Hacking |
| 8 | Tina Bishop |
| 9 | Alfonso Marsiglia |
| 10 | Dianne Zeniuk |
| 11 | Tom Moy |
| 12 | Bob Raymond |
| 13 | Steve Finan |
| 14 | Mario Vercillo |
| 15 | Brenda Baird |
| 16 | Jakub Zeniuk |
| 17 | Gord Lawlor |
| 18 | Paul Petkovski |
| 19 | Eva Sawoszczuk |
| 20 | Roman Sawoszczuk |
| 21 | Jennifer Delivuk |
| 22 | Amber Thornton |
| 23 | Roger Wang |

 ***Motion: to accept the 2025 Board of Directors***

 ***Lenny DiMarco / Moe Kapadia / Carried***

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