



# Mount Seymour Little League AGM

October 24, 2016

# Meeting Agenda

- Welcome to MSLL AGM
- Presidents 2016 Report
- Financial Report
- Plans for 2017
- Nominate and Vote for Board Members
- Open Q&A
- Meeting Close



# Welcome

- Thank you for coming to the MSSL 2016 AGM
- Please ensure that you have signed in and have a door prize ticket
- Draw at end of the meeting for 1 free 2017 registration



# Presidents 2016 Report

- MSLL Goals
- Survey Results
- Registration Summary
- Department Updates
- Spring Teams
- Summer Teams
- Fall Teams and Training





# MSLL Goals

*“We strive to create the most memorable baseball experience(s) for players of all levels. We want nothing less than lifelong baseball fans.” — MSLL Mission Statement*

## Measures of success:

- Satisfaction scores
- Returning registration numbers
- New registrations



# 2016 Survey Results

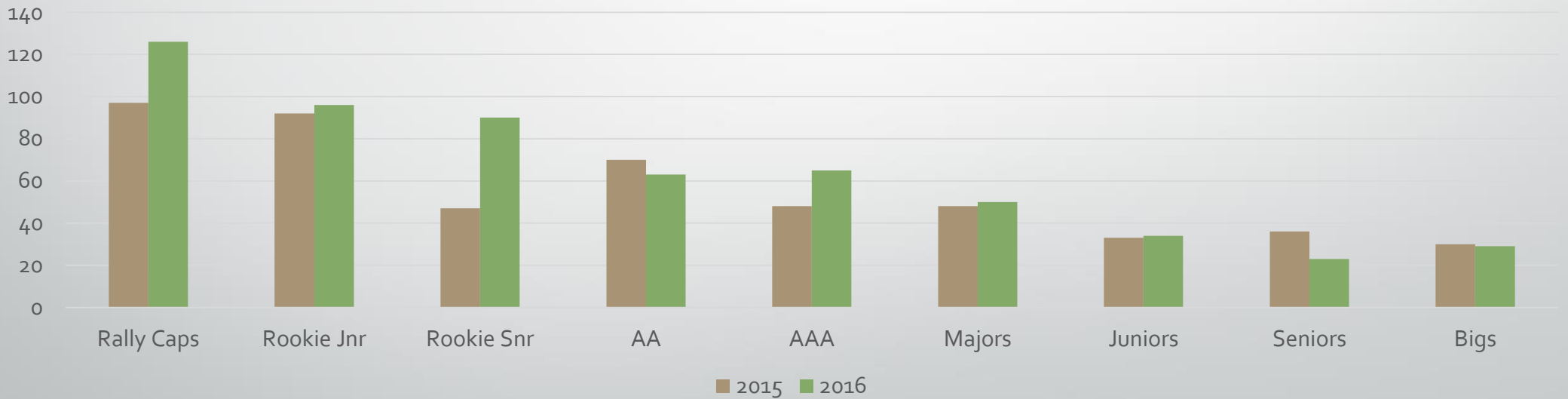
- End of season surveys
  - (162 responses ~28% response rate)
  - Need to try and improve survey engagement
- 77% **Very Satisfied** with overall MSLL season (+9% from 2015)
- 95% **Happy with Coaching** their child received (+1% from 2015)
- 97% **Cost is About Right** (-1% from 2015)
- 81% **Very Likely** to register with MSLL next season (-2% from 2015)
- Survey results will be available on [www.msll.ca](http://www.msll.ca) website soon



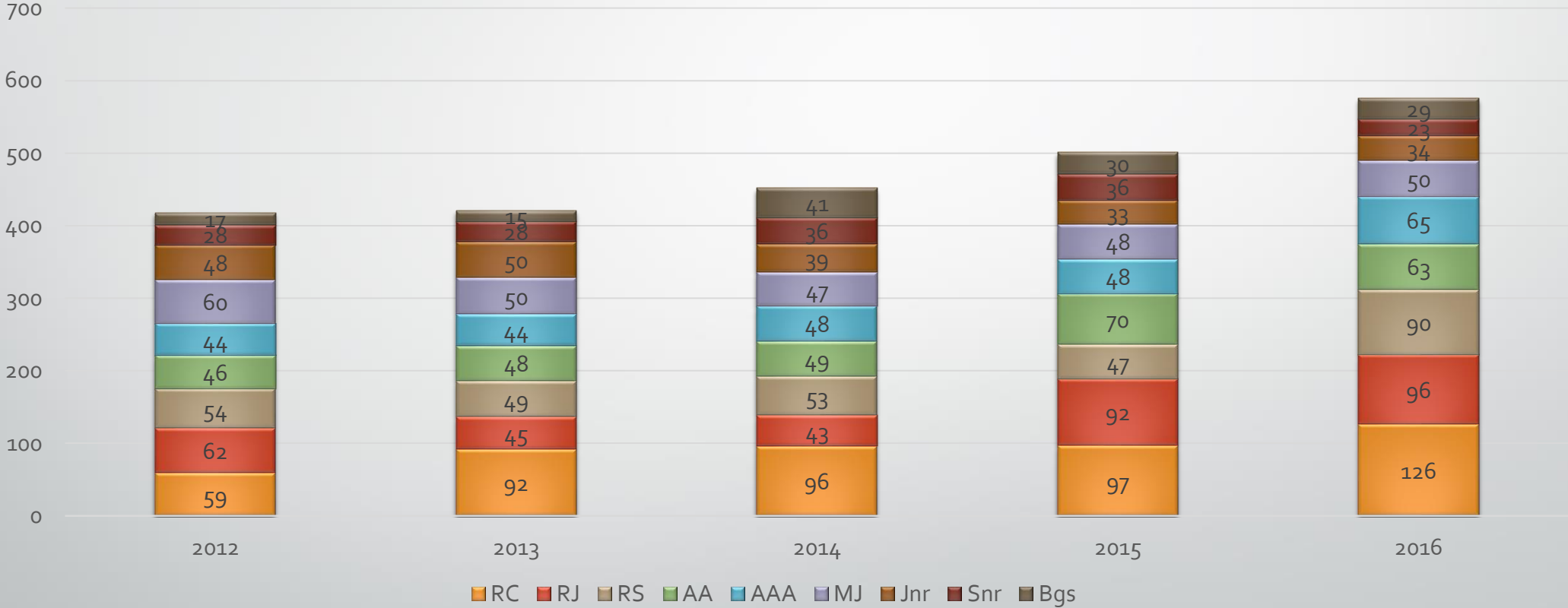
# Registration 2016

- 576 players (75 player increase from 2015)
- 52 teams (11 more than in 2015)

Registration by Division



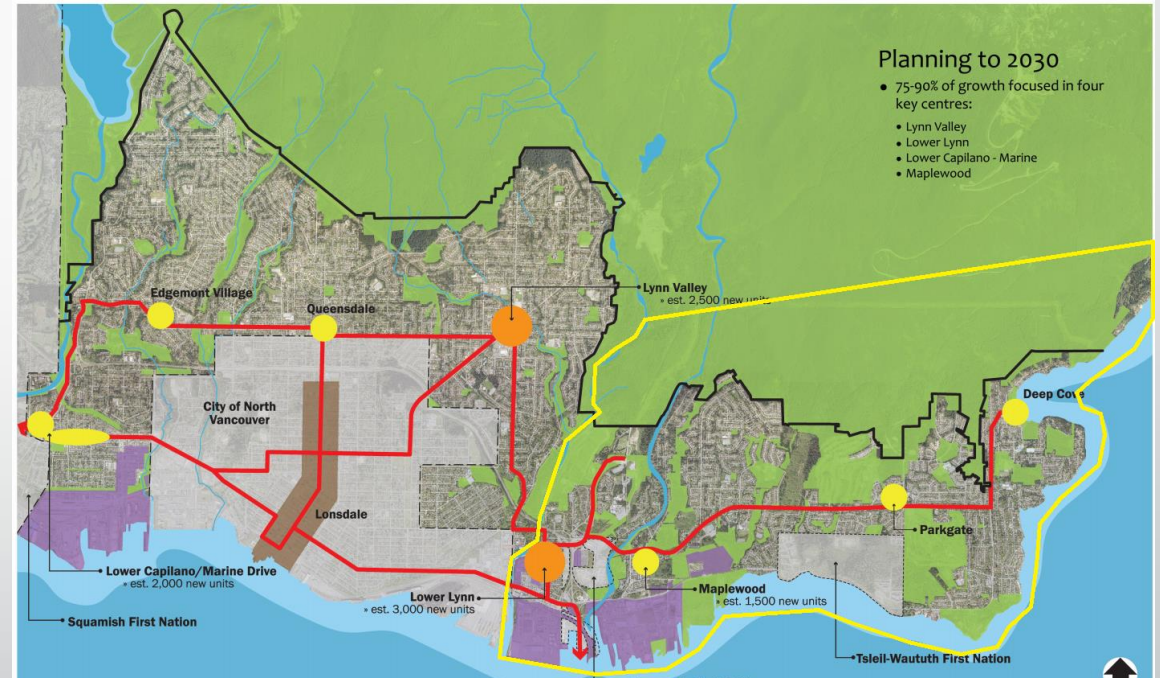
# Registration Last 5 Years





# MSSL Continues to Grow

- Registration increased by over 10% again this year
- Most of the increase is in the youngest age groups (RC, RJ, RS)
- Registration in teenage divisions remains consistent
- DNV Official Community Plan includes significant growth in Seymour area



# Department Updates

- Coaching
- Fields
- Equipment
- Safety
- Umpires
- Communications



# Coaching: Player Development

## Pre-Season

- Parkgate Winter training for RJ and RS players
- Inside Performance Fall/Winter training sessions AA/AAA/Majors players

## In-Season

- Majors players used as Mentor Coaches for the Rally Caps teams
- AA player skills and coach development clinics run by Warren Wightman
- AAA/Majors Friday skills clinics
  - Field and time commitment issues limited this to only one session
  - Will start earlier in 2017 with aim to provide at least 4 skills clinics



# Coach Development

## New Coaching Director – Steve Armistead

- Goal is to provide a coaching framework to be consistently applied by all MSLL teams

## Pre-Season

- MSLL Hosted AI Herback Teaching for Tomorrow clinics
- Attended by MSLL coaches and many other local Little Leagues

## In Season

- Provided Coach and Manager information binders to all Rally Caps teams
- New coaching binders produced for all Rookie Junior and Rookie Senior teams
- Information session for all RJ/RS teams to explain the information in the binder
- Produced videos highlighting key skills that are now available on the MSLL website



# Fields

- 3 new larger equipment lockers installed in Myrtle Park
- Existing Majors box moved to Blueridge Park
- All other equipment boxes removed and recycled
- Fields Manager Darren built shelving and helped ensure new boxes are organized and easy to use
- DNV installed new backstop and higher safety netting on Majors diamond



# New Signs

- Installed at all diamonds in Myrtle and at Blueridge Park
- Gentle reminders to spectators
- Good advertising of league contact information



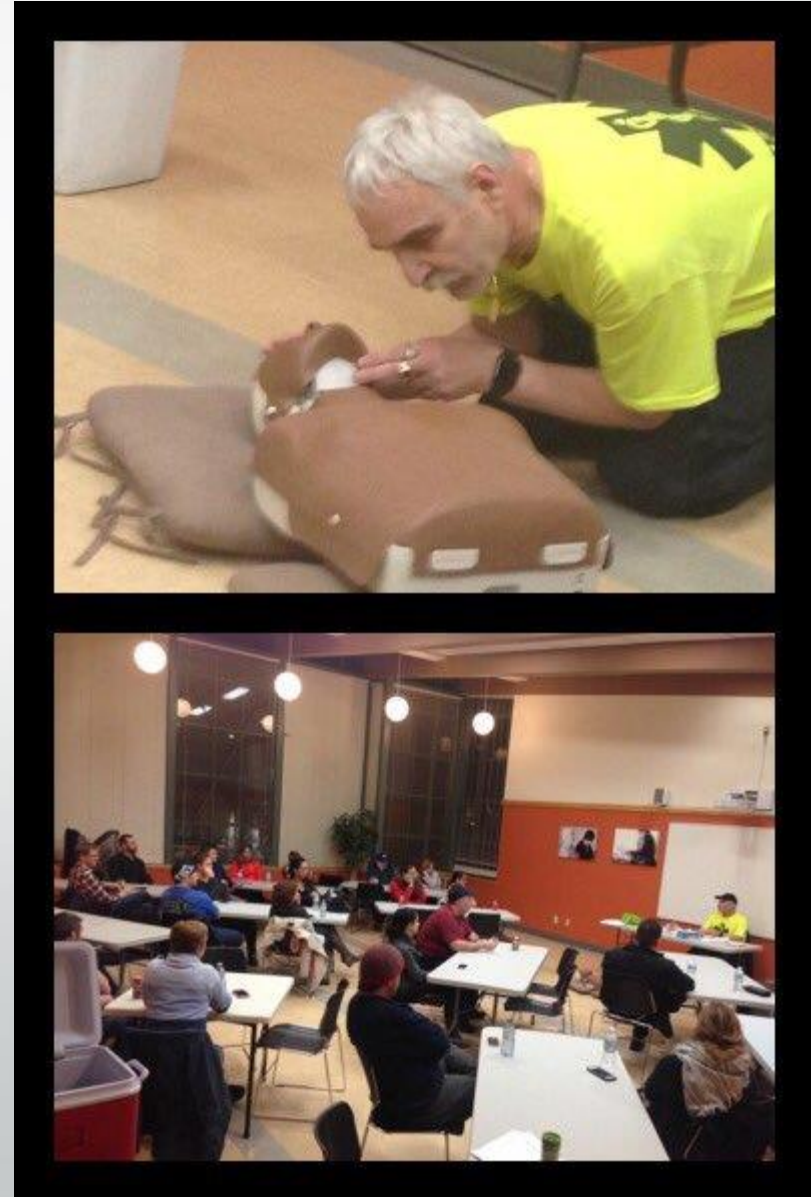
# New Pins and Tattoos

- Ordered temporary tattoos with MSLL logo
  - Use for league promotion
  - MSLL Rally Caps skills days
  - Closing Ceremonies
  - In Person Registration
- Ordered new set of MSLL post season pins



# Safety

- MSLL using the online CRC process
  - <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm>  
(Access code LWUELZ7WVG)
- St Johns First Aid course attended by ~50 coaches
- Goal is to offer First Aid course annually in March







# Equipment

- Introduced a “Gently-Used” Equipment Exchange
  - Did not receive a huge amount of donations but all donated items were redistributed
- Equipment portfolio is in good shape
- New equipment was cycled in with existing inventory to meet all needs
- May need to consider storage options for equipment as league grows
- Warren Wightman is stepping down – thanks for his years of service
- Will work with the new volunteer to ensure a smooth transition

# Umpires



Thanks to Todd for managing the 2016 MSLLE Umpire Crew

# Communications



- New MSLL website launched in Mar 2015, has proved much easier to maintain than previous site
- MSLL on Twitter and Facebook
  - Twitter stream shown on [www.msll.ca](http://www.msll.ca) website so no twitter account required
  - Updated regularly with important news, updates, photos, baseball tips etc
  - @MSLL\_Baseball and [www.facebook.com/MSLLBaseball](http://www.facebook.com/MSLLBaseball)
  - Commenting/liking MSLL Facebook posts will help us reach a wider audience
  - Twitter feed is monitored regularly and can be used to send questions/feedback
- Continued increase in 2016 of parents engaging with MSLL on social media
  - Most popular posts are regularly reaching over 1000 people on Facebook/Twitter
  - Facebook page likes 172 (up from 109 in 2015)
  - Twitter followers 206 (up from 126 in 2015)



# Spring Teams

- 52 MSLL regular season teams from Rally Caps to Bigs
- Congrats to the following MSLL Championship teams
  - AA Astros
  - AAA Rangers
  - Majors Red Sox
- Congrats to D5 teams:
  - Juniors Athletics – Runner Up
  - Seniors Pirates – Champions
  - Seniors Red Sox – Runner Up
  - Bigs Angels – Runner Up



# A Special Moment at Myrtle

- First year player with no experience
- Placed in Majors division as baseball age 12
- Hit a home run near the end of the season
- CTV did a feature on Manny and MSLL
- Watch the video here:

<http://ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=891975>



# Coaches Game

- More than 40 MSSL coaches, managers and parents got together to showcase their talents on the diamond
- An opportunity for fun, mingling, and a reminder of how difficult the game is to play
- The games had it all – real pitches for strikes; balls that didn't get dropped; and hits that went past the infield!
- With a BBQ of the finest frozen burgers afterwards, all revelled in their amazing baseball accomplishment – that no one was injured, too badly
- It was unanimously decided that almost everyone's ego should be sufficiently recovered by next year; and that the game should be an annual event



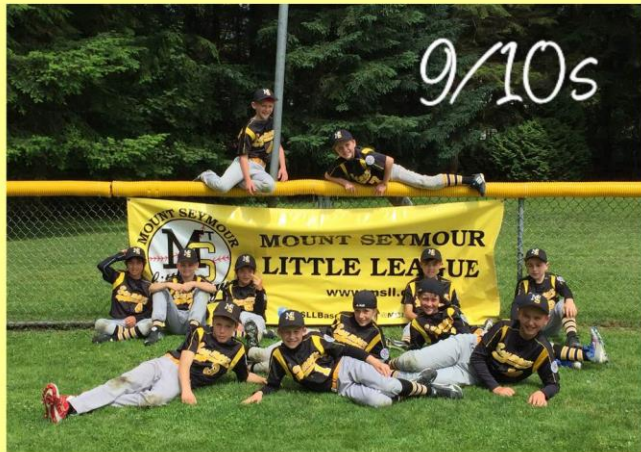
# Summer Teams



Super 8s



9s Select



9/10s



Majors



# 2016 Sanctioned All Star Teams

- 9/10s – reached semi final in district tournament
- Majors – reached semi final in district tournament
- Juniors – won provincial tournament and reached the semi final at Nationals
- Seniors – no MSLL team this year
- Bigs – D5 combined team won provincial tournament and reached semi final at Nationals





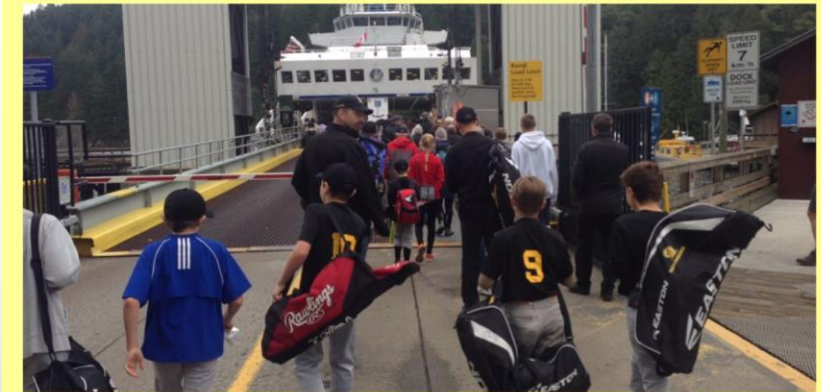
# Other Post Season Teams

- Super 8s played several tournaments
- 9 All Stars
  - Semi final in Lynn Valley Invitational
  - Played Sea to Sky tournament in Whistler
  - Runner up in the Abercromby Cup in Burnaby
- 11S
  - Played Eldon and Whalley tournaments
  - Combined with 9/10s and Majors players to send a U12 team to Lyndon, WA
- Rookie Senior Summer Ball (~35 players, 6 weeks of 1 game and 1 practice per week)



# Fall Teams and Training

- Joined new Fall Ball league to replace the uncertainty of IP league
- One 9/10s (2016 age) Fall Ball team
- Two 11/12s teams due to overwhelming demand
- Games have been played throughout lower mainland including a fun road trip to Bowen Island
- Fall skills training at IP started last week



# Financial Summary

- Presented by Treasurer



# Plans for 2017



- Registration for Spring 2017 will open on December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Expect league to grow to 55+ teams
- Winter skills training at IP Jan-Mar for AA-Majors players
- Parkgate skills training Jan-Mar for RJ-RS players
- Player assessments for AA, AAA and Majors
  - Early February – likely at Seycove Gym, exact date/location TBD

# Little League Age Determination



- In 2018 all players\* will change to using August 31<sup>st</sup> date for baseball age
  - \*Players born between 1 May 2005-31 August 2005 will not change until 2019 season
- This date is already implemented for all players born after Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2005
- MSLC will continue to place players in Rally Caps, Rookie Junior and Rookie Senior by school grade not by baseball age:
  - Rally Caps (Pre-K and Kindergarten)
  - Rookie Junior (Grade 1)
  - Rookie Senior (Grade 2)
- Baseball age and skills assessment will be used to place players in AA and higher divisions
- Use this link to verify your player's baseball age:  
[http://www.littleleague.org/leagueofficers/determine\\_league\\_age/league\\_age\\_calculator.htm](http://www.littleleague.org/leagueofficers/determine_league_age/league_age_calculator.htm)

# Equipment Changes

- **Baseball pants:**
  - MSLL will no longer be providing baseball pants for players in AA and higher divisions
  - Change is due to issues with storage, maintenance, hygiene etc
  - Will provide opportunity for parents to purchase pants at wholesale prices at the assessments weekend and hopefully also via the concession
  - Rookie Junior and Rookie Senior teams will still receive pants
- **Baseball bats:**
  - Little League is adopting a new bat standard in 2018
  - We would advice parents not to purchase new bats this year until details of new standard are released

# Former Bigs Division

- Little League International discontinued Bigs division effective immediately
- Goal to offer baseball for players aged 17-19 through an alternative program
  - New program will operate outside of Little League
- MSLL will provide more details as they become available
- Will be registering players aged 17/18/19 as usual from December

# Ideas for 2017

- Outfield bleachers at Myrtle
- Portable scoreboard for Seycove
- More in-season skills clinics
- Other suggestions welcome



# Board Positions

- MSLL has a 5 member board
- Board responsible for approving the volunteers for the executive committee
- Board acts as an oversight group to the actions of the executive committee
- Time commitment: approximately 3 board meetings per year
- Nominate board candidates
- Vote for board members





# Nominations

- Martin Leonard
- Gregg Marshall
- Lee Weitman
- Tom Murphy
- John Edmonds

Questions?

