

Mount Seymour Little League AGM

October 23, 2017



Meeting Agenda

- Welcome to MSLL AGM
- Presidents 2017 Report
- Financial Report
- Plans for 2018
- Nominate and Vote for Board Members
- Open Q&A
- Meeting Close



Welcome

- Thank you for coming to the MSLL 2017 AGM
- Please ensure that you have signed in and have a door prize ticket
- Draw at end of the meeting for 1 free 2018 registration

Presidents 2017 Report

- MSLL Goals
- Highlights of 2017
- Challenges of 2017
- 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





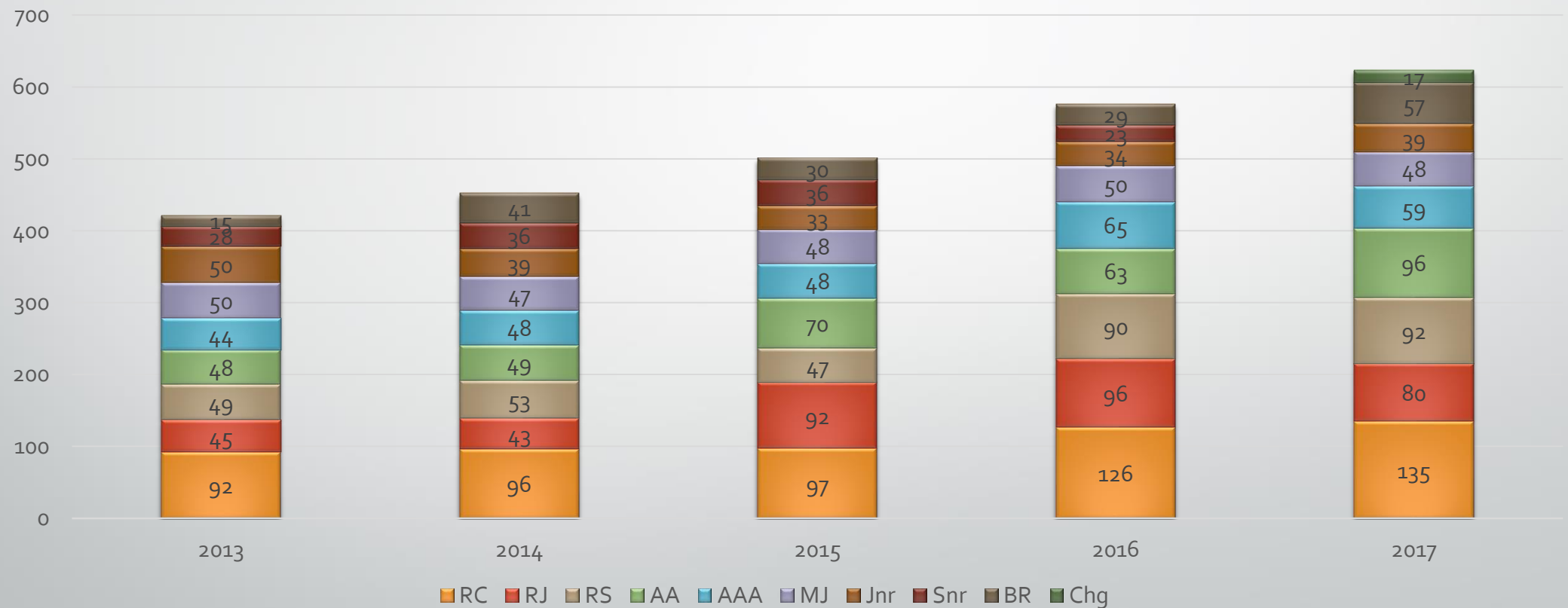


Highlights of 2017 Season

- More players joined MSLL as the league continued to grow
- Hosted the new North Shore Adults Challenger Baseball program
- MSLL held a tournament for first time in 6 years – The Candy Cup!
- Worked with other D5 leagues to create Summer Ball program
- Invested in new jerseys and equipment
- Increased roll-out of Coach development program
- Offered increased amount of player development sessions
- Set up Babe Ruth program as a replacement for eliminated LL Bigs division

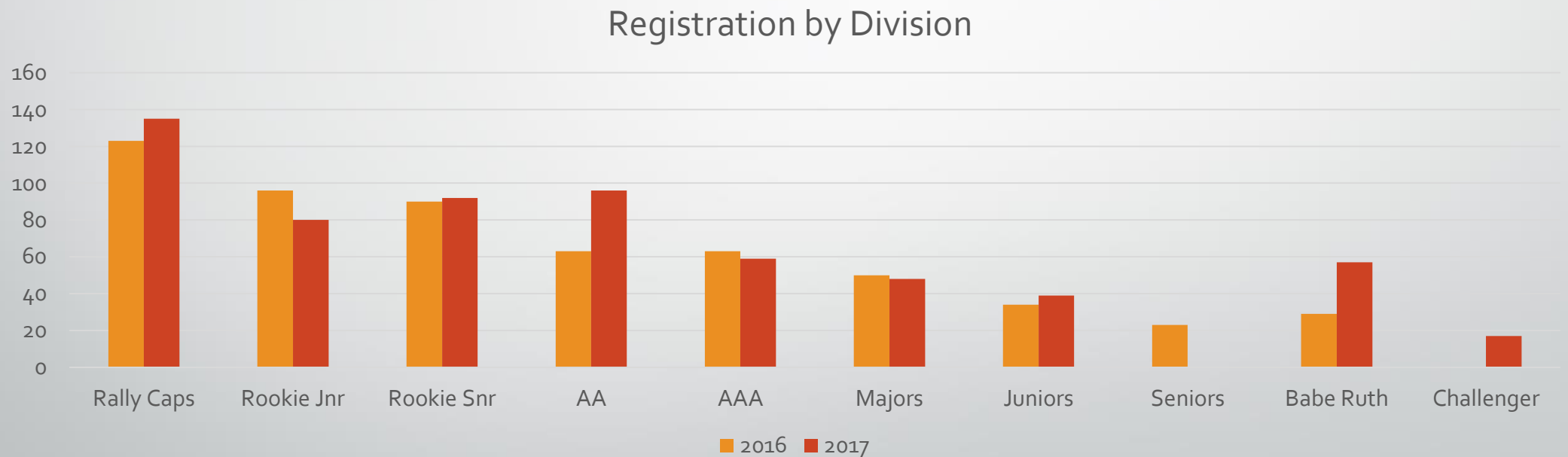
MSLL Continued to Grow in 2017

- 623 players (37 player increase from 2016)
- 56 teams (4 more than in 2016)



Registration by Division

- Increase is mostly in younger age groups
- Teenage divisions remain stable



North Shore Adults Challenger Baseball

- New in 2017
- Program for players aged 19+ living with cognitive or physical disabilities on the North Shore who would like to play baseball
- One game/week on Saturday afternoon at Myrtle Park
- Program is offered at no cost to participants
- Two teams and 17 players in the inaugural season
- MSLL worked as a partner to charter and support the program
- <https://www.msll.ca/divisions/challenger-baseball/>





MSLL Candy Cup Tournament

- Hosted the first annual Candy Cup tournament for Super 8s and 11s
- 11s: MSLL, Lynn Valley, West Van, Highlands, Whalley, Jericho
- Super 8s: MSLL, Lynn Valley, Highlands, West Van, Trout Lake, Dunbar, Jericho and Kerrisdale
- Tournament was very successful:
 - Candy theme was extremely popular with the kids
 - Lots of competitive games, great weather and positive feedback from visiting teams
 - Great volunteer support from MSLL parents (including those who kids were not playing)
 - Some challenges scheduling umpires due to clash with Juniors/All Star schedules
- Next year looking to move tournament to second week of July



D5 Summer Ball

- Introduced as a program to offer Summer baseball to more players
- MSLL had 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12 Summer Ball teams
- One game and one practice per week
- Summer ball program ran from early July to late August
- Games played at Myrtle and other parks across the North Shore
- League included Lynn Valley, Highlands and West Van

New Investments

- Portable scoreboard for Seycove diamond
 - Used by AA, AAA and for Super 8s during Candy Cup tournament
 - Plan to purchase a second portable scoreboard for Blueridge for 2018 season
- Added a new equipment locker for RJ/RS diamonds
- 6 dry-fit jersey sets for AAA division
- New jersey set for 9/10 All Star team
- New custom-designed MSLL Rally Caps t-shirts
- Replenished equipment stock as needed and purchased bow-nets



Coach Development Program

Coaching Director – Steve Armistead

- Goal is to provide a standard MSLL coaching framework
- Should be consistently applied by all MSLL coaches

Pre-Season

- New Little League Teaching for Tomorrow clinics
- Well attended by MSLL coaches

In Season

- Coach and Manager information binders for all Rally Caps teams
- Coaching binders provided for all RJ/RS/AA/AAA teams
- Binders updated to include more graphics based on coach feedback



Player Development Programs

Pre-Season

- Parkgate Winter training for RJ and RS players
- Inside Performance Fall/Winter training sessions AA/AAA/Majors players
- Spring drop-in skills clinics with Tyson Gillies

In-Season

- Majors players used as Mentor Coaches for the RC teams
- AA player skills and coach development clinics run by Warren Wightman and Babe Ruth players
- AAA/Majors Friday skills clinics
 - Pitching/Catching clinics were especially popular

Babe Ruth Program

- Little League announced discontinuation of Bigs program in Sept 2016
- MSLL wanted to find a place for these players to continue to play
- Combined Seniors/Bigs players to form 4 Babe Ruth teams
- Joined Babe Ruth D1 league with Coquitlam, Whalley, New West
- 80% of games played at Inter-River with only limited travel required
- Babe Ruth All Star team included 7 MSLL players and MSLL coaches
 - Advanced to Pacific North West Regionals
 - Placed 3rd in the tournament

Challenges of the 2017 Season





Challenges

- Terrible weather in April and May resulted in many cancelled games
- Rescheduling rain-outs in AA-MJ tricky due to limited field space
- Concession revenue lower due to rain-outs (especially Saturdays)
- Complicated off season for the teenage divisions:
 - LL elimination of Bigs division
 - Low numbers in Seniors division
 - Competition from NSBA programs
 - Drafts delayed to try and accommodate as many MSLL players as possible

Spring Teams

- 56 regular season teams from RCs to Babe Ruth
- Congrats to MSLL Championship teams
 - AA Pirates
 - AAA Dodgers
 - Majors Royals
- Congrats to:
 - Juniors Athletics – Final 3
 - BR Giants – Champions



2017 Sanctioned All Star Teams

- 9/10s
 - Semi final in district tournament
 - Won Burnaby Minor Summer Fun tournament
 - Won Whistler Sea to Sky Invitational
- Majors
 - Semi final in district tournament
 - Won Burnaby Minor Summer Fun tournament
 - Placed 3rd in Whistler Sea to Sky Invitational
- Juniors
 - Combined with Lynn Valley
 - 4th in provincial tournament
- Seniors
 - No MSLL team this year
- Babe Ruth
 - Combined team from all Babe Ruth D1 teams
 - Placed 3rd at Pacific Northwest Regionals

Other 2017 Summer Teams

- **Super 8s**

- Played 3 tournaments
- MSLL Candy Cup
- White Rock Invitational
- Whalley Super 8s

- **8/9s**

- Played in Lynn Valley Canada Day Invitational
- Won Burnaby Minor Abercromby Cup
- Placed 4th in Whistler Sea to Sky Invitational

- **11s**

- Participated in MSLL Candy Cup
- Withdrew from Whalley due to player availability
- Players joined Summer Ball program instead

- **Summer Ball**

- Played from July 10 to Aug 26
- 7/8s
- 9/10s
- 11/12s

Fall Teams and Training

- MSLL teams playing in Lower Mainland league
 - One 9/10s team (2018 age)
 - One 11/12s team (2018 age)
- Fall training at IP starting soon



Financial Summary

- Presented by Treasurer



Plans for 2018

- Registration for Spring 2018 will open on December 1st
- Expect league to grow to ~60 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 Windsor Gym, exact date/location TBD
- Season will start ~2nd April 2018

Increase in 2018 Registration Fees

- MSLL registration fees have not increased since 2011
- Rally Caps fee was reduced in 2014 to boost registration numbers in younger age groups
- Operating costs have increased in last few years including:
 - Sport Levy fee
 - Insurance
 - Equipment
 - Umpire fees
- League has been operating at a loss for past 5 years
- Registration fees for 2018 to increase by \$15/player across all divisions
- Early-bird discount and sibling bonus still apply

Little League Age Determination



- **For 2018 all players* will change to using August 31st 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 1st 2005
- MSLL 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

New Bat Standard

- Little League has implemented a new bat standard for 2018
- All bats must have USA Baseball sticker
- MSLL currently determining a plan for replacing existing bat stock
 - New bats will be provided from Minors divisions and above
 - May adopt a phased implementation approach for younger divisions
- Please ensure you check the rules before purchasing your child a bat:
 - <http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/baseballbatinfo.htm>



Ideas for 2018

- Add portable scoreboard for Blueridge
- Continued roll-out of skills clinics
- Upgrade bleachers at Myrtle – potentially add outfield bleachers
- Implement travel team program for Majors, 9/10s age groups
- Apply for gaming grant funds
- 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

2018 MSLL Executive Committee Volunteers*

- President: Jasmine Barry
- Vice President: Yvonne Leonard
- Past President: Tom Murphy
- Registrar: Connie Cunningham
- Player Agent: Fiona Rouillard
- Treasurer: Jennifer Dickson
- UIC: Todd Dea
- Secretary: Cathy Brydon
- Equipment: Pierre Pluff
- Coaching: Steve Armistead
- Safety: Bruce Davis
- Fields Manager: Open

*Executive Committee volunteers subject to approval by 2018 MSLL board

Questions?

