



# Little League Southeast Region

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Chris Dufort:

We are pleased to inform you that we have reviewed a copy of the Constitution for GREATER WEST MELBOURNE LITTLE LEAGUE and determined it is acceptable. It will be placed in the league's file here at the Southeast Region Headquarters as the most current one of record.

This document is now the official Constitution for your league and will be such until a new document is submitted and accepted by the Region office. However, if changes were made to this document that did not have the required approval of the league's regular membership, the official Constitution will revert to the previous version.

The league's Constitution is ONLY valid if NO part of it violates any Little League Rules, Regulations and Policies, or any applicable laws and/or ordinances. In addition, please be advised that the league may not deviate from clauses, phrases, and statements made in the league's governing constitution.

Your league's Constitution may be amended, repealed, or altered by a majority of the league's regular membership. The change(s) must be reviewed at a duly organized meeting of the members, with the proposals provided in the appropriate notice of the meeting. Drafts of proposed changes can be submitted to the Region office prior to review with the membership.

You must make the league's Constitution available to any member of your league upon request.

Best regards to you, your league and the league's membership for a safe and successful season.

Sincerely,



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**ELYSSA MELTON**  
Southeast Region Assistant Director



CC: Ken O'Neill– DA, Florida 2

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## Greater West Melbourne Little League Constitution

Revised/Adopted December 9, 2022

### ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the GREATER WEST MELBOURNE LITTLE LEAGUE, hereinafter referred to as "GWMLL".

### ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

#### SECTION 1

The objective of GWMLL shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens.

#### SECTION 2

To achieve this objective, GWMLL will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All Directors, Officers and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, GWMLL shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

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### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

#### SECTION 1

**Eligibility.** Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of GWMLL may apply to become a member.

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## SECTION 2

**Classes.** There shall be the following classes of Members:

- (a) **Player Members.** Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation V shall be eligible to compete for participation. Player Members shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of GWMLL.
- (b) **Regular Members.** Any adult person active interested in furthering the objectives of GWMLL may become a Regular Member upon election and payment of dues as hereinafter provided. Regular members may be issued a card numbered in sequential order annually. The Secretary shall maintain a roll of membership to qualify voting members. Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings. All Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Umpires, Parents or other elected or appointed officials and any other person who is recognized by the Board of Directors as a volunteer with GWMLL must be active Regular Members in good standing.
- (c) **Honorary Members.** Any person may be elected as Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all Directors and any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management property of the GWMLL.
- (d) **Sustaining Members.** Any person not a Regular Member who makes a financial or other contribution to GWMLL may, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, become a Sustaining Member, but such a person shall have no right, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of GWMLL.
- (e) As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

## SECTION 3

**Other Affiliations.**

- (a) Members, whether regular or participating, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of GWMLL.
- (b) Regular Members should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball/softball program.

## SECTION 4

**Suspension or Termination.** Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors as follows.

- (a) The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend or terminate the membership of any Member or any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of GWMLL and/or Little League Baseball. The Member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall, in the case of a Participating Member, give notice to the manager of the team for which the player is a Participating Member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an adviser, with the player before the Board of Directors or a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. The player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may also be present. The Board of Directors shall

have full power to suspend or revoke such player's rights to future participation by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting (quorum is required).

## **ARTICLE IV - DUES FOR REGULAR MEMBERS (NOT PLAYERS)**

### **SECTION 1**

Dues for Regular Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine for a particular fiscal year. (See Article XI, Section 7 for fiscal year of GWMLL). *Note: Dues for Regular Members are separate from registration fees for Player Members, which are determined annually by the Board of Directors in accordance with Regulation XIII (c). If no dues for Regular Membership are collected, Section 2 below does not apply.*

### **SECTION 2**

Regular Members who fail to pay their fixed dues within thirty (30) days of application to become a Member may, by a majority vote of the Board present at a Board meeting, be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.

## **ARTICLE V-GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

### **SECTION 1**

**Definition.** A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the membership of the league (including Special General Membership Meetings, Section 7). A minimum of one per year (Annual meeting, see Section 6) is required.

### **SECTION 2**

**Notice of Meeting.** Notice of each General Membership Meeting shall be delivered personally, electronically or by mail to each Member at the last recorded address at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time, and purpose of the meeting. In lieu of the above methods, notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the Members, from time to time, at a regularly convened General Membership Meeting.

### **SECTION 3**

**Quorum.** At any General Membership Meeting the presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of one fifth (20 percent) of the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

### **SECTION 4**

**Voting.** Only Regular Members in good standing shall be entitled to make motions and vote at General Membership Meetings. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during General Membership Meetings. ~~{Those eligible to take part at meetings of the Board of Directors are described in Article VI, Section 4.}~~

### **SECTION 5**

**Absentee Ballot.** For the expressed purpose of accommodating a Regular Member in good standing who cannot be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, or any General Membership Meeting at which new Board members will be elected, an absentee ballot may be requested and obtained from the Secretary of GWMLL. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the date of the election. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the

Election Chairman (appointed at the meeting) on the date of the meeting, prior to the voting portion of the election process.

## **SECTION 6**

**Annual Meeting of the Members.** The Annual Meeting of the Member(s) of GWMLL shall be held on the Second Thursday of August at 7:00 p.m. each year for the purpose of electing new Members, electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports, reviewing the Constitution, appointing committees, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

(a) The Membership shall receive at the Annual Meeting of the Members of GWMLL a report, verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing:

(1) The condition of GWMLL, to be presented by the President or his/her designate;

(2) A general summary of funds received and expended by GWMLL for the previous year, the amount of funds currently in possession of GWMLL, and the name of the financial institution in which such funds are maintained;

(3) The whole amount of real and personal property owned by GWMLL, where located, and where and how invested;

(4) For the year immediately preceding, the amount and nature of the property acquired, with the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition, the amount applied, appropriated or expended, and the purposes, objects of persons to or for which such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made;

(5) The names of persons who have admitted to Regular Membership in GWMLL during such year. This report shall be filed with the records of GWMLL and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting. A copy of such report shall be forwarded to Little League Headquarters.

(b) At the Annual Meeting, the Members shall determine the number of Directors to be elected for the ensuing year and shall elect such number of Directors. The number of Directors elected shall not be less than seven (7).

(c) After the election, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties immediately after the close of the Regular Membership Meeting. The Board's term office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section.

(d) The Officers of the Board of Directors shall include, at a minimum, the President, one or more Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Coaches Coordinator, one or more Player Agents and a Safety Officer. The Board may also include an Umpire in Chief, Concession Manager, Equipment Manager and Information Officer. The Board shall also include a minimum of one manager and one volunteer umpire. Only volunteer umpires may be elected to the Board.

## **SECTION 7**

**Special General Membership Meetings.** Special General Membership Meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon the written request of ten (10) Members, the President or Secretary shall call a Special General Membership Meeting to consider the subject specified in the request. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any Special General Membership Meeting. Such Special General Membership Meeting shall be scheduled to take place not less than (14) days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

## SECTION 8

**Rules of Order for General Membership Meetings.** Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceeding of all General Membership meetings, except where same conflicts with this Constitution of GWMLL.

## ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### SECTION 1

**Authority.** The management of the property and affairs of GWMLL shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

### SECTION 2

**Increase in Number.** The number of Board of Directors so fixed at the Annual Meeting may be increased at any General Membership Meeting or Special Meeting of the Members. If the number is increased, the additional Directors may be elected at the meeting at which the increase is voted, or at any subsequent General Membership Meeting. All elections of additional Directors shall be by majority vote of all Regular Members present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the secretary prior to the election meeting.

### SECTION 3

**Vacancies.** If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death resignation, or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular Board meeting or at any Special Board Meeting called for the purpose.

### SECTION 4

**Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum.** Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board.

- (a) The President or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of two (2) Directors, issue a call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of Special Board Meeting, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and only matters so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.
- (b) Notice of each Board meeting shall be given by the Secretary personally, electronically or by mail to each Director at least three (3) days before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director.
- (c) Six (6) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

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~~(d) Only members of the Board of Directors may make motions and vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during Board meetings.~~

### SECTION 5

**Duties and Powers.** The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may be properly delegate. The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct

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of its meetings and management of GWMLL as it may deem proper, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with this Constitution. The Board shall have the power by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any regular Board or Special Board Meeting to discipline, suspend, or remove any Director or Officer or Committee Member of GWMLL in accordance with the procedure set for in Article III, Section 4 (a, b).

#### **SECTION 6**

**Rules of Order for Board Meetings.** Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all Board of Directors meetings, except where same conflicts with this Constitution of GWMLL.

### **ARTICLE VII - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD**

#### **SECTION 1**

**Appointments.** The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem necessary or desirable and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. Appointed officers or agents shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors unless such individuals have been elected to the Board by the membership or have been elected to fill a vacancy on the Board.

#### **SECTION 2**

**President.** The President shall:

- (a) Conduct the affairs of GWMLL and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the Annual Meeting of GWMLL.
- (c) Communicate to the Board of Directors such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of GWMLL.
- (d) Be responsible for the conduct of GWMLL in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to GWMLL by that organization.
- (e) Designate in writing other officers, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of GWMLL such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board.
- (f) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to GWMLL and report thereon to the Board as circumstances warrant.
- (g) Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
- (h) With the assistance of the Player Agent(s), examine the application and support proof-of-age documents of every player candidate and certify to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.

#### **SECTION 3**

**Vice President (Baseball Operations).** The Vice President shall:

- (a) Perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, provided he or she ~~is authorized by the President or Board to so act. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the~~ powers of that office.
- (b) Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.

**Vice President (Softball Operations).** The Vice President shall:

- (a) Perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, provided he or she is authorized by the President or Board to so act. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of that office.
- (b) Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.

*Each Vice President shall have independent duties as assigned specific to Baseball/Softball Operations. In the event a Vice President is needed to fulfill the duties of the President on a temporary basis, the President shall make the appointment based upon task and availability. In the event a Vice President is needed to fulfill the duties of the President on a permanent basis, the Board of Directors shall nominate and elect the new President from the two (2) available candidates according to the GWMLL Constitution Article VJ. Section 3.*

#### **SECTION 4**

**Secretary.** The Secretary shall:

- (a) Be responsible for recording the activities of GWMLL 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 GWMLL, 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 and Board of Directors 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.

#### **SECTION 5**

**Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Perform such duties as are herein set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Treasurer and may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Receive all moneys and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all moneys and securities of GWMLL, including the Auxiliary, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefore in agreement with policies established in advanced of such actions by the Board of Directors.
- (d) Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
- (e) Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Membership and Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, and to Little League Headquarters.

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#### **SECTION 6**

**Player Agent.** The Player Agent shall:

- (a) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
- (b) Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence and age eligibility.
- (c) Conduct the tryouts, the player draft and all other player transaction or selection meetings.

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- (d) Prepare the Player Agent's list.
- (e) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Headquarters, team rosters, including players claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- (f) Notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements or trades. (g) Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

## SECTION 7

**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 Baseball.
- (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.

## SECTION 8

**League Information Officer.** The League Information Officer shall:

- (a) Assist the GWMAA Webmaster to maintain the league's official home page at: gwml.com
- (b) Ensure that league news and scores are updated on a regular basis.
- (c) Collect, post, and distribute important information on League activities including direct dissemination of fund-raising and sponsor activities to Little League Baseball, district, public, league members, and media.
- (d) Serve as primary contact person for the league regarding optimizing use of the Internet for league administration and for distributing information to league members and to Little League Baseball.

## SECTION 9

**Managers and Coaches Coordinator.** The Managers and Coaches Coordinator shall:

- (a) Represent Managers/Coaches in GWMLL.
- (b) Present a Manager/Coach training budget to the Board.
- (c) Gain the support and funds necessary to implement a GWMLL-wide training program.
- (d) Order and distribute training materials to players, managers and coaches.
- (e) Coordinate mini-clinics as necessary.
- (f) Serve as the contact person for Little League and its manager-coach education program for GWMLL.

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## ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### SECTION 1

The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Committee which shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Directors, one of whom shall be the President of GWMLL. If requested and approved by the Board of Directors, a Past President of GWMLL may sit on the Executive Committee. This Past President shall act only in an advisory role and shall not serve as a voting member in lieu of the current elected President.

### SECTION 2

The Executive Committee shall advise with and assist the Officers of GWMLL in all matters concerning its interests and the management of its affairs, and shall have such other powers as may be delegated to it by the Board, but in no event will the Executive Committee have authority over the Board of Directors.

### SECTION 3

At any meeting of the Executive committee, a majority of the total number then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Committee.

## ARTICLE IX- MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES

### SECTION 1

**Manager and Coach Appointment.** Team Managers and Coaches shall be appointed annually by the President and be approved by the Board of Directors. Managers shall be responsible for the selection of their teams and for the team's actions on the field, as per Regulation (b).

**Umpire Appointment.** Umpires and Umpire-in-Chief shall be appointed annually by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. Umpire-in-Chief shall be responsible for their assignments and for their actions on the field, as per Regulation (b), and shall report directly to the President.

**Non-Concurrent Offices.** While holding such office, the President shall not manage or coach. The President should not umpire, as per Regulation (b). Player Agents shall not manage or coach in their respective division.

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## ARTICLE X - OTHER COMMITTEES

### SECTION 1

**Nominating Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall investigate and consider eligible candidates and submit at the Annual Meeting a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. The Committee shall also submit for consideration by the board of Directors a slate of Officers and Committee Members.

### SECTION 2

**Membership Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Membership Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall receive the names of prospective Honorary, Sustaining and Regular Members, investigate for eligibility and recommend those qualified for election at the annual, regular or any special meeting of the Members or the Board of Directors as the case may be.

### SECTION 3

**Finance Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Finance Committee consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Directors. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Committee shall investigate ways and means of financing the GWMLL including team sponsorships and submit recommendations. It shall be responsible for taking up collections at games, if such collections are authorized by the GWMLL, and shall turnover said collections to the Treasurer immediately after each game.

### SECTION 4

**Building and Property Committee.** (May be combined with the Grounds Committee) The Board of Directors may appoint a Building and Property Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall investigate and recommend available, suitable sites and plans for development, including ways and means, the latter in cooperation with the Finance Committee. It shall be responsible for repair and improvement recommendations, other than normal maintenance, and supervise the performance of approved projects. All work performed by the Building and Property Committee shall be in cooperation with Brevard County Parks and Recreation Staff and the Greater West Melbourne Athletic Association (GWMAA).

### SECTION 5

**Grounds Committee.** (May be combined with the Building and Property Committee) The Board of Directors may appoint a Grounds Committee which shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing field(s), buildings and grounds. All work performed by the Grounds Committee shall be in cooperation with Brevard County Parks and Recreation Staff and the Greater West Melbourne Athletic Association (GWMAA).

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## SECTION 6

**Playing Equipment Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Playing Equipment Committee (the GWMLL Equipment Manager shall serve as Committee Chair) which shall secure bids on needed supplies and equipment and make recommendations for their purchase to the Board. The Committee shall be responsible for the proper issuance of such supplies and equipment and for the repair, cleaning and storage thereof at the close of the season.

## SECTION 7

**Managers Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Managers Committee consisting of (3) Directors. The Committee shall interview and investigate prospective managers and Coaches for all Divisions of GWMLL play and recommend acceptable candidates to the President for appointment and subsequent approval by the Board of Directors. It shall, during the playing season, observe the conduct of the managers and coaches and report its findings to the President of the GWMLL. It shall, at the request of the President or Board of Directors, investigate complaints concerning managers and coaches and make a report thereof to the President or Board of Directors as the case may be.

## SECTION 8

**Umpire Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint an Umpire Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The GWMLL President shall be the Chairman of any such Committee. The Committee shall recruit, interview and recommend to the President for appointment a staff of umpires, including a Chief Umpire and replacements. When appointed, the staff of umpires shall be under the personal direction of the GWMLL President, assisted by the Chief Umpire who shall train, observe and schedule the staff.

## SECTION 9

**District Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a District Committee consisting of the GWMLL President as chairman and two (2) other Directors. The Committee shall assist the District Administrator in interleague district function including selection of members of the District Administrator's Advisory Committee and the selection of tournament sites and area tournament directors.

## SECTION 10

**Auxiliary Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint an Auxiliary Committee consisting of the GWMLL Treasurer and two (2) other Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall coordinate the activities of the Auxiliary. It shall review and evaluate auxiliary projects for raising money and disposition of profits and make recommendations to the Board. The Board of Directors shall approve in advance all projects and actions of the Auxiliary; these projects may include, but are not limited to Concessions, Team Sponsors, ~~Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and Team Picture Day.~~

## SECTION 11

**Auditing Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint an Auditing Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The President, Treasurer or signatories of checks are not eligible. The Committee will review the GWMLL books and records annually prior to the Annual Meeting and attach a statement of its findings to the annual financial statement of the President or Treasurer; or may, if directed by the Board of Directors or Membership, secure the services of a Certified Public Accountant to accomplish such review.

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## **SECTION 12**

**Tournament Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Tournament Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall coordinate all aspects of GWMLL hosting County, All-Star or any other District Tournaments.

## **ARTICLE XI- AFFILIATION**

### **SECTION 1**

**Charter.** GWMLL shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball, Incorporated, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. GWMLL shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such charter and it will not be affiliated with any other program or organization or operate any other program.

### **SECTION 2**

**Rules and Regulations.** The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on GWMLL.

### **SECTION 3**

**Local Rules, Ground Rules and/or Bylaws.** The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of GWMLL shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one (1) month previous to the first scheduled game of the season, but shall be in no way conflict with the Rules, Regulations and Policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, nor shall they conflict with this Constitution. The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of GWMLL shall expire at the end of each fiscal year, and are not considered part of this Constitution. (See Article XI, Section 7 for fiscal year of GWMLL.)

## **ARTICLE XII - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING**

### **SECTION 1**

**Authority.** The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of GWMLL and it shall place all income including Auxiliary funds, in a common league treasury, directing the expenditure of funds in such a manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

### **SECTION 2**

**Contributions.** The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit funds for the common treasury of GWMLL, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of GWMLL.

### **SECTION 3**

**Solicitations.** The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball unless all of the funds so raised be placed in the GWMLL treasury.

### **SECTION 4**

**Disbursement of Funds.** The Board shall not permit the disbursement of funds of GWMLL for other than the conduct of Little League activities in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All disbursements shall be made by a one-signature check (Treasurer or President), unless the amount exceeds \$2500, which will require two signatures, (Treasurer and President) or bank- issued

debit card (debit cards with separate pin numbers shall be issued to the President, Treasurer, Concession Manager(s) and Equipment Manager). All checks shall be signed by GWMLL Treasurer and such other officers or person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

**SECTION 5**

**Compensation.** No Director, Officer or Member of GWMLL shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary, compensation or emolument from GWMLL for services rendered as Director, Officer, or Member.

**SECTION 6**

**Deposits.** All monies received, including Auxiliary funds, shall be deposited to the credit of GWMLL in/at TD Bank.

**SECTION 7**

**Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of GWMLL shall begin on October 1 and shall end on September 30.

**SECTION 8**

**Distribution of Property upon Dissolution.** Upon dissolution of GWMLL and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall direct the remaining property of GWMLL to another Federally Incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as set forth in Article II of this Constitution, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

**ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Members provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting. Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, for approval before implementation.

This Constitution was approved by the Greater West Melbourne Little League Membership on December, 9, 2022.

*Chris Dufort*

12/9/2022

Little League ID Number: 03090211

Date

***Little League Baseball and the Greater West Melbourne Little League does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual preference or religious preference.***

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