

# **MISSISSAUGA TOUCH FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

## **2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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**Date:** Thursday, March 26, 2009

**Time:** Registration ..... 6:30 pm  
Meeting ..... 7:00 pm

**Location:** Mississauga Valley Community Centre  
1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd.  
(Program Room 1)

### **Agenda:**

1. Introduction.....**Tom Mulford**
2. MTFL 2009 Executive Committee .....**John Schiebel**
3. 2008 Season in Review .....**Bill Chan**
4. Team Registration.....**John Schiebel**
5. Team Rosters & Player Registration .....**John Schiebel**
6. Mississauga Officials Association (MOA) .....**John Schiebel**
7. League Discipline.....**Glenn Stevenson**
8. Divisional Alignment & Scheduling.....**Jeff Ingram**
9. Score & Standings.....**Bill Chan**
10. Game Sheets.....**John Schiebel**
11. Game Equipment .....**John Schiebel**
12. City & Fields .....**Jeff Ingram**
13. Prizing .....**Bill Chan**
14. Financials .....**Bill Chan**
15. Web Site.....**Bill Chan**
16. Conclusion & Other Business.....**John Schiebel**

### **Appendix:**

Appendix A..... Closing 2008 MTFL Financial Statements



# 1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome back to all returning veteran teams, along with any new candidate teams looking to become Members of the MTFL, attending the 2009 MTFL Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The MTFL is Ontario’s most successful and longest established adult men’s touch football league that dates back to 1972 with the merger of two leagues.

We are embarking on our 38<sup>th</sup> season and the Executive Committee wishes to thank its Members, past and present for helping to make this League as successful as it is. It is our hope to have your continued support and cooperation going into 2009 and beyond.

# 2. 2009 MTFL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tom Mulford, our League President has chosen to step down beginning in 2009. The 2008 Executive Committee would like to propose the following individuals to fulfill the 2009 executive roles:

- League President & Player Registrar* ..... **John Schiebel**
- Vice-President, Web Site Administrator, Finances & Sponsorship* ..... **Bill Chan**
- Vice President, City Contact, Division Alignment & Scheduling* ..... **Jeff Ingram**
- Vice-President, Discipline Chairman* ..... **Glenn Stevenson**
- Past President* ..... **Tom Mulford**

# 3. 2008 SEASON IN REVIEW

The 2008 season saw the return of *Axemen* after a one-year hiatus. In addition, two new teams, *The Gators* and *New World Order* were comprised of former MTFL players from previous seasons along with a completely brand new team, *Wrecked* for a total of four new teams. We said goodbye to three teams, *Steam*, *Cobra Kai* & *Blitz*. With the addition of four teams and the loss of three, the League grew from 28 to 29 teams.

Congratulations to The Gators (‘A’), Axemen (‘B’), Meadowvale’s Finest (‘C’) and Greatest Show on Turf (‘D’) for winning their respective divisions.

New for 2008 was sponsorship and public relations. Boston Pizza became the official sponsor of the MTFL. With that, they awarded the Most Valuable Player from each Division Champion, Pizza for a Year. Along with gaining a sponsor, The Mississauga News also got involved by publishing stories and photos from some of our games.

The League also honoured and paid tribute to Dave Beatty, former long-time President of the MTFL before the ‘A’ Division Championship Game last season. Beatty was present at the game to accept the honour.

**2008 FINAL STANDINGS**

DIVISION 'A'	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	PF	PA	Diff
The Gators	8	2	0	0.800	16	258	132	126
Hawks	7	3	0	0.700	14	215	131	84
Rebels	6	4	0	0.600	12	196	168	28
Bomb Squad	6	4	0	0.600	12	238	222	16
Gamecocks	4	6	0	0.400	8	203	217	-14
Angels	3	7	0	0.300	6	198	243	-45
Saints	3	7	0	0.300	6	133	212	-79
Mean Machine	3	7	0	0.300	6	204	320	-116

**TIE BREAKERS:**

**Rebels vs. Bomb Squad**

- *Rebels won season series (1-0-0)*
- *Head-to-Head, Point Differential, Rebels win; Rebels 35, Hawks 34*

**Angels, Saints & Mean Machine**

- *Point Differential (Divisional), Angels -45, Saints (-79), & Mean Machine (-116)*

DIVISION 'B'	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	PF	PA	Diff
Bears	6	3	1	0.650	13	189	148	41
Jaguars	5	2	3	0.650	13	283	196	87
Axemen	6	4	0	0.600	12	225	189	36
Hustlin' Owls	5	3	2	0.600	12	164	149	15
Razorbacks	5	4	1	0.550	11	198	156	42
Gridiron	5	5	0	0.500	10	164	180	-16
King Gators	4	5	1	0.450	9	132	157	-25
Chargers	0	10	0	0.000	0	96	276	-180

**TIE BREAKERS:**

**Hustlin' Owls vs. Razorbacks**

- *Split season series (1-1-0)*
- *Head-to-Head, Point Differential, Hustlin' Owls win; Hustlin' Owls 32, Razorbacks 29*

DIVISION 'C'	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	PF	PA	Diff
Reapers	8	1	1	0.850	17	184	77	107
Meadowvale's Finest	6	3	1	0.650	13	176	139	37
Steelers	5	4	1	0.550	11	127	130	-3
Trailer Park Boyz	5	5	0	0.500	10	157	144	13
Ghosts	3	6	1	0.350	7	120	179	-59
Reggae Boyz	3	7	0	0.300	6	125	144	-19
Wolverines	3	7	0	0.300	6	140	216	-76

**TIE BREAKERS:**

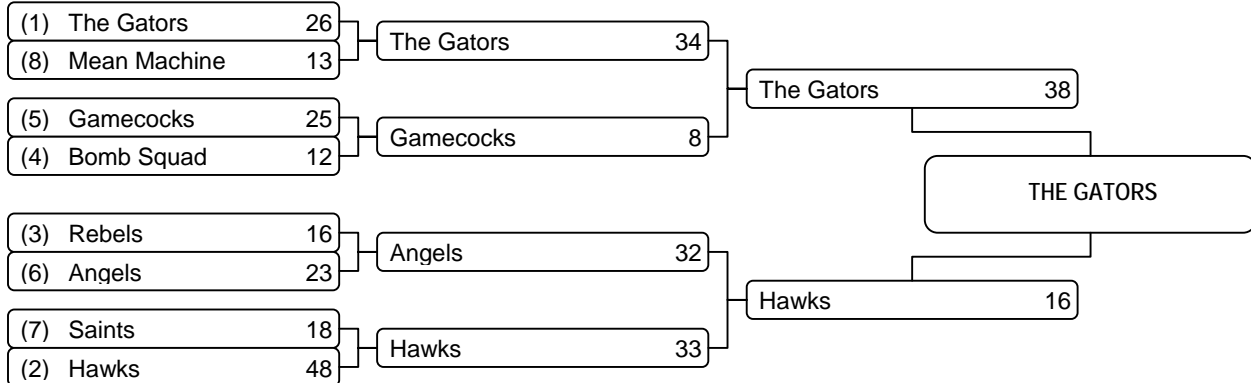
**Reggae Boyz vs. Wolverines**

- *Reggae Boyz win season series (2-0-0)*

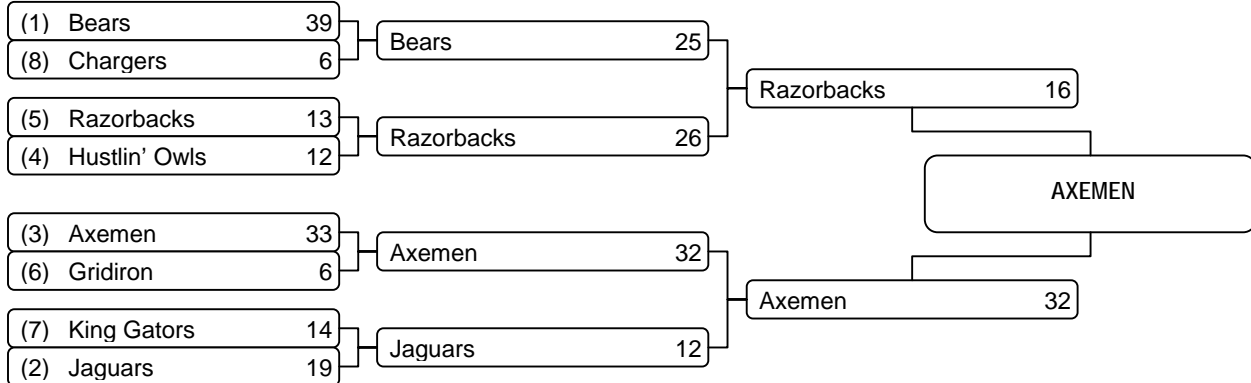
DIVISION 'D'	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	PF	PA	Diff
Greatest Show on Turf	8	1	1	0.850	17	180	107	73
Hurricanes	8	2	0	0.800	16	201	107	94
Kings	6	4	0	0.600	12	215	106	109
New World Order	5	5	0	0.500	10	146	150	-4
Gang Green	2	7	1	0.250	5	133	216	-83
Wrecked	0	10	0	0.000	0	46	291	-245

### 2008 MTFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

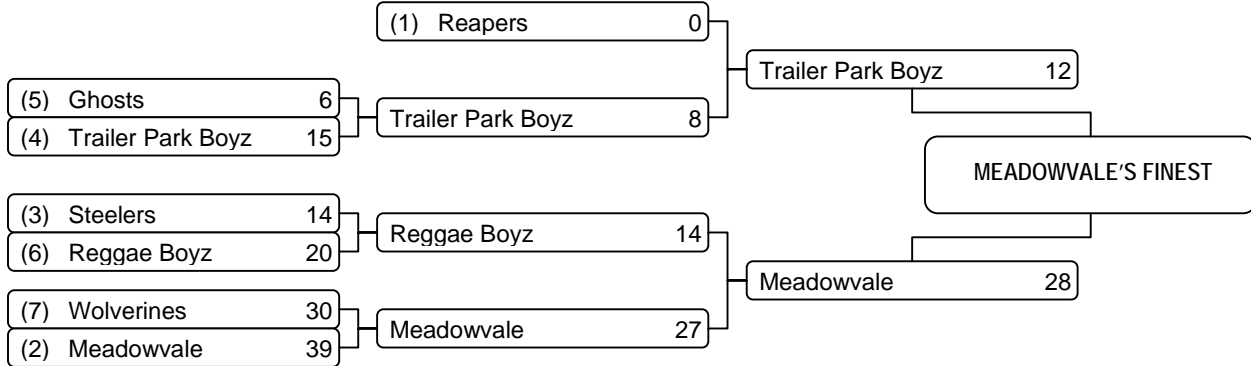
#### Division 'A'



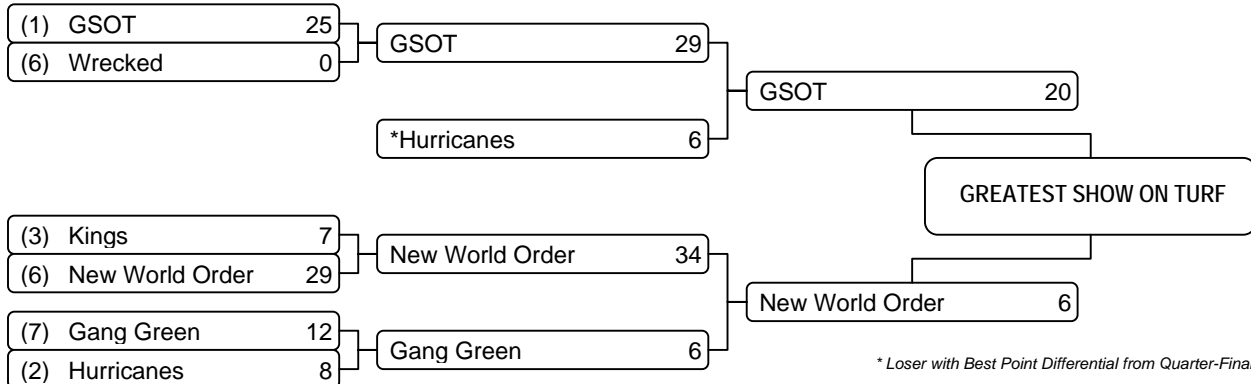
#### Division 'B'



#### Division 'C'



#### Division 'D'



\* Loser with Best Point Differential from Quarter-Finals

## 4. TEAM REGISTRATION

The deadline to register a team is *Thursday, April 2, 2009*.

Please note that the League is limited in the number of teams it can allow in a given season due the number of available fields and officiating crews. Priority will be given to returning veteran teams in good standing.

### List of Forms:

- Individual Player Registration Form
- New Team Registration Form
- Individual Player Waiver Form

### Payment Details:

- Make all cheques, certified cheques or money orders payable to 'MTFL'.
- List your team's name in the 'memo' area on the cheque.
- Submit your cheque to a Member of the Executive Committee or by mail to the mailing address listed on the web site.

### Payment Schedule:

- **March 26, 2009** – *a cheque or money order for the full amount dated for March 26, 2009 must be submitted at the AGM and cashable in order to take advantage of the preferred rate. Any cheques returned NSF would incur a \$50 penalty fee. This \$50 required to be paid in addition to the post-AGM rate, by April 2, 2009.*
  - » Returning Teams – \$1,200 (plus \$200 performance bond if applicable)
  - » New Teams – \$1,400 (includes \$200 performance bond)
- **April 2, 2009** – *an Executive Committee Member must receive a cheque or money order for the full post-AGM amount dated for April 2, 2009. Failure to do so will result in non-acceptance of Team Registration for the 2009 season.*
  - » Returning Teams – \$1,400 (plus \$200 performance bond if applicable)
  - » New Teams – \$1,600 (includes \$200 performance bond)

All teams must comply with the League's payment schedule. Teams not submitting full payment by the April 2, 2009 deadline (including cheques returning NSF from the April 2, 2009 deadline) will not be a part of the MTFL for the 2009 season and will be required to re-apply for Membership reinstatement/entry the following season.

### New for 2009:

New Teams applying for 2009 Membership and having submitted full payment by the April 2, 2009 deadline, will be notified by April 10, 2009 if their application has been approved by the League after all payments from returning teams have been received and verified as deposited.

## 5. TEAM ROSTERS & PLAYER REGISTRATION

### TEAM ROSTERS

- It is the Team Captain's responsibility to ensure that all players abide these rules and are eligible for play for each game.
- A team's active roster cannot exceed 21 players. Teams can de-activate a player due to injury or any other specific reason to open up a roster spot for a new team member.
- Players may switch teams during the season; however, they may not return to any team they played for previously that season.
- A player must play a minimum of three (3) games for their team in the current season, in order to be eligible for participation in the playoffs.

#### Reminder:

The MTFLL is an adult men's league. A player must be 18 years of age prior to playing their first MTFLL game. A player must be able to provide acceptable photo identification upon request in order to ensure eligibility.

### PLAYER REGISTRATION

- The League instituted a one-time registration policy in 2008 and all returning players should have a completed '*Player Registration & Waiver Form*' already on file. All new players planning to participate in the MTFLL for the 2009 season must complete one of these forms prior to playing their first game.
- Players not having completed one of these forms are considered ineligible for play in an MTFLL game including regular season and playoffs.
- A player cannot play or be registered for more than one team in the MTFLL in the same season at the same time. A player may switch teams during the season and/or play for other leagues while playing in the MTFLL.

#### Reminder:

All new players are required to complete a 'Player Registration & Waiver Form' this season and it will be kept on file for future seasons. Players new to the MTFLL may be asked to submit an acceptable digital copy of their photo identification.

## 6. MISSISSAUGA OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION (MOA)

Mississauga Officials Association (MOA), headed by George Zielinski, will be providing game officiating crews for all our games during the 2009 season. If you, a member of your team or anyone you know is interested in becoming an official, please contact George at [gzielinski@cogeco.ca](mailto:gzielinski@cogeco.ca) or a Member of the Executive Committee. This is a paid position and as an added incentive, the League offers \$150 as a bonus\* to any individual completing their very first five (5) games as a game official in the MTFLL.

*\* In order to qualify for the \$150 bonus, all five (5) games officiated must be within the same season (officials are not given this bonus annually, one time only)*

## 7. LEAGUE DISCIPLINE

### OBJECTIONABLE CONDUCT

- Individuals reported as exhibiting continuous fouls that are detrimental to fair play or are conducting themselves in a manner that is considered to be ‘unsportsmanlike’, may be contacted by a Member of the Executive Committee, either directly or via their Team Captain about their behaviour and may be subject to League disciplinary action.
- Individuals who accumulate three Objectionable Conduct violations in the same game will be automatically ejected from that game.

### GAME EJECTION

- Individuals that conduct themselves in such a way that a game official deems it necessary to eject the said individual from the game are suspended immediately from all future games until reinstated by the League.
- The Team Captain (and/or designated assistant) is responsible for ensuring that the suspended player does not participate in future games until notified by the League.
- In the event a player is ejected from a game, that individual is required to leave the field of play and the immediate area surrounding it. For example, the head official may even request a player to isolate himself to a parking lot or another area away from the field of play or game area.
- The head official is also empowered to declare the game a forfeit should any number of players/fans act in a manner unsafe or detrimental to the continuance of the game consistent with the rules and policies of this League.
- A player can be ejected at anytime prior to, during or after a game, regardless of the number of preceding personal fouls and/or objectionable conducts assigned to them in that game.
- Players under the influence of, but not limited to, alcohol, illegal narcotics or other substances, or players engaging in or encouraging violence or excessive verbal abuse, are not welcome to play in any MTFL game.
- The MTFL expects all players to conduct themselves in a good sportsmanlike manner and exhibit citizenship-like behaviours towards all other players, referees, fans and other individuals in the game area.

## 8. DIVISIONAL ALIGNMENT & SCHEDULING

Prior to the start of the season, the Executive Committee will align teams into divisions. The goal is to establish competitive division allocations.

Once the divisional alignment is finalized, the regular season schedule will be prepared and then announced in late April.

### DIVISIONAL ALIGNMENT

- Divisions are aligned based on several factors including, but not limited to, team’s performance and results from the previous season, and the Team Captain’s input on his team’s anticipated performance for the upcoming season.
- New teams will be aligned based on interviews with the Team Captain and/or an assessment of their capabilities based on their play in other leagues if applicable.

- Teams looking to move up or down a division from the previous season should submit a request to the Executive Committee as soon as possible for consideration in the final divisional alignment.
- Every effort will be made to try to align the League and its divisions in a competitively balanced manner. Ideally, divisions will be comprised of six teams to eight teams.

## SCHEDULING

- Upon finalizing the divisional alignment, a schedule is prepared in which every attempt will be made to accommodate teams' requested night of the week for games; however, nothing is guaranteed.
- The MTFL is a 'summer' league that typically runs from May to July/August, with the playoffs taking place in August/September. Teams are scheduled to play 10 regular season games plus at least one playoff game.

### Rescheduling Policy:

- The League recognizes there will be the occasional need to reschedule a game. We ask that these requests be made only if your team is at risk of forfeiting the game. Please be aware that rescheduling games puts pressure on: a) the other team, b) officiating assignments and c) league field resources.
- The League grants every team, one (1) complementary game rescheduling per season. Each additional game rescheduling will be assessed a \$50 fee.
- All requests to have a game rescheduled must be received via email at [mtfl\\_mississauga@yahoo.ca](mailto:mtfl_mississauga@yahoo.ca) with a minimum of 72 hours notice from the start time of your game. This gives the League adequate time to inform the opponent and the officiating crew about the game being rescheduled.
- Requests in the final two weeks of the regular season will not be granted and requests will not be granted at any time of the season for vacations.

## 9. SCORES & STANDINGS

### SCORES

Scores are updated weekly and posted on the web site after we receive all scores and results from George Zielinski.

### STANDINGS

Standings are updated weekly and posted on the web site after results are tabulated. Teams within each division are first ranked in order of winning percentage, followed by number of wins and then any other applicable tiebreakers (see web site for tiebreaker policy). The MTFL will no longer be using a point system for wins and ties.

### Discrepancies:

- Team Captains are encouraged to verify the scores and standings weekly as they are posted. Discrepancies should be brought to the attention of League immediately for verification and if applicable, correction to the web site's posted scores and standings.



## 10. GAME SHEETS

Team Captains are responsible for printing off the '*Weekly Game Sheet*' and bringing it to each game for submission to the game officials. During halftime, the Team Captain is responsible for clearly crossing out players that are not playing in that particular game for the purpose of attendance records, and validating that the roster is accurate and only eligible players are participating.

### Game Sheet Submission:

- The second half can begin as soon as both Team Captains submit the game sheet for their team.
- Failure to submit the game sheet on a timely basis (prior to the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half) may result in a delay of game penalty. At the Head Official's discretion, a team's refusal to submit a game sheet may result in a forfeit.

### Qualifying for Game Attendance:

- Only players present prior to the start of the second half will be credited as having participating in the game (game attendance).
- Injured players can receive game attendance credit providing they are on the sidelines for a minimum of one half.

Game officials will perform a head count at each game to ensure accuracy. Players arriving after the game sheet has been submitted, are permitted to play in the game in the second half; however, they do not receive credit for participation/game attendance. Game attendance is important for the purpose of playoff eligibility.

Team Captains are responsible for verifying the accuracy of their attendance records of each player from the game sheets posted on the League web site.

### Reminder for 2009:

Captains have 14 days beginning from the day after the game to appeal any discrepancies with their roster's game attendance data.

## 11. GAME EQUIPMENT & ATTIRE

### GOAL POST PADS

Every team is required to provide goal post pads for each game. Failure to do so, results in a game forfeit. Goal post pads can be rented for \$200 for the season and are to be returned at the end of the season.

### JEWELLERY

Players are not permitted to participate in games wearing any sort of jewellery. This includes, but is not limited to, bracelets, earrings, watches and necklaces. Game officials will assess teams a penalty where a player is in violation of this until the jewellery has been removed. Earrings can be covered up with tape.

### ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

All athletic support braces (of a hard substance) are required to be fully covered. Game officials will not allow players to participate in a game who are wearing an exposed (hard substance) brace. For example, neoprene sleeves, long sleeved sweaters and/or jogging pants should be used to resolve this issue.

## 12. CITY & FIELDS

The MTFL is affiliated within the City of Mississauga. With this affiliation, we can obtain preferred permits from the city for field use. The League's annual budget is approximately \$4000 for the exclusive rights to use of these fields on designated game nights and it pays for the maintenance of these fields in acceptable playing condition.

Should you see a field in a condition that you feel is unsafe, such as requiring the grass to be cut, please report it to the game official and they will include it in the game report. We will in turn contact the city to help in resolving this issue.

### **New for 2009:**

This year, we are planning on going to a triple-header schedule for the Mississauga Valleys field to allow for more flexible scheduling and better use of our resources.

## 13. PRIZING

Last year we awarded each Division Champion player a hooded sweater with a '2008 MTFL Division Champion' crest on it. The Finalists each received t-shirts with a skater skeleton look to it.

The MVP from each Division Champion also received free 'Pizza for a Year' from one of four participating Boston Pizza locations in Mississauga.

## 14. FINANCIALS

League finances remain in good order. Details can be found on Appendix A.

## 15. WEB SITE

The web site was kept fairly up-to-date the past two seasons thus far. We will continue to do our best in keeping news and information as up-to-date as possible on a weekly basis throughout the season. Teams can find their division's schedule, standings and game sheets on the League web site.

Feel free to contact Bill Chan about other changes and suggestions to the web site you feel would be beneficial to everyone and he will try his best to accommodate.

## 16. CONCLUSION & OTHER BUSINESS

The League now opens the discussion for any other business any of the League Members would like to address and answer any questions by new and returning teams.

All of the MTFL policies and procedures can be found on the League's web site and as an addendum to this package. It is up to each and every Team Captain to familiarize themselves with them as well as to inform all of their team members to do the same.

## Appendix A Closing 2008 MTFL Financial Statements

### Mississauga Touch Football League Income Statement

For the Period January 1, 2008 to October 31, 2008

#### Revenues:

League Fees (29 teams @ \$1,200)	\$34,800.00
Performance Bonds (6x\$200)	800.00
Pads Fees	400.00
In-Season Performance Bond	200.00

#### Total Revenues

\$36,200.00

#### Expenses:

Mississauga Official Association	\$19,411.00
City of Mississauga Field Permits	2,576.89
League Insurance (Touch Football Ontario)	3,625.00
Playoffs (Prizing, Supplies, MTFL Friendly)	3,300.05
Refreshments, Finals, & Friendly	336.54
Executive Meetings	491.95
P.O. Box Rental	271.95
AGM Costs (Paper and Stapling, Kicking Tees)	226.80
Web Site (Server Hosting & Domain Name)	271.49
Performance Bond Refunds	200.00
Officials Incentive Program	300.00
Referee Clinic	100.00
2007 - Meetings paid in 2008	121.08
2007 - Friendly Costs paid in 2008	177.04
Dave Beatty Gift	251.50

#### Total Expenses

\$32,261.29

#### Operating Difference

\$3,938.71

Actual Cash Balance to Date as of March 25, 2009 - \$13,953.19