

Didsbury Lacrosse Association

AGM/General Meeting – February 6, 2017

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

Tricia Kruger, President
Joyce MacPherson-Litke, Vice President
Kim Russell, Secretary
Dawn Loads, Treasurer
Clint Aarsby, Discipline Director
Marsha Aarsby, Equipment Coordinator

AGM

- Meeting minutes from last year were read
- Motion to approve minutes by Dawn Loads, approved by Clint Aarsby

President's Report

- We had a successful year with an increase in players from 58 players to 82.
- Current numbers are 3 midgets, 9 bantams, 7 peewee, 5 novice, 4 tyke and 1 mini tyke
- Unfortunately all teams were knock out of playoffs last year (Novice, PeeWee, Bantam)
- Tykes and Mini Tykes appeared to have a great season
- LAX was successful all teams came out to play which we raised \$2353
- Attended ALA AGM in November which emphasised on positive play, creating positive environments for all teams
- We would like to incorporate positive play into our association this year
- This year there will be no final tyke festival and Novice will no longer be attending provincials
- There will be a tournament held for Novice and Tyke at the end of the year, which a cost will be associated with it.
- When filing our by-laws it was notified that Didsbury Lacrosse has been folded in regards to the societies act. It seems as though it was folded in 2006, we are working on getting a new name to create a new association.
- Changes to fundraising and volunteer requirements, these are on the website.

Vice President's report

- As vice president our club has come a long way. We started out with little money and almost become extinct. We have built the club up to what it is today, with efforts from our members and some generous donations we have purchase new equipment and jerseys. Our club has grown quite a bit looking like we may be able to bring back a

Midget team this year. We have accomplished a lot over the last few years bringing the sport of lacrosse back into our community.

Registrar's Report

- We have started online registration, there are some issues with emails. If you are already a member you do not need to create an account as there is already one created for you.
- Any members that have not received an email please let me know.

Scheduler's Report

- The earliest we can get into Westglen is March 13, we tentatively have Monday and Wednesday for peewee, bantam and midget 5:30-8:45 and Tuesdays mini/tyke at 5:30-6:30 and Novice will practice after 6:30
- There is a CALL meeting for schedulers on February 12, 10:30 at the Sports Hall of Fame. We will need to have all blackout dates and tournaments/festival requests dates for this meeting.
- We are going to combine the tyke festival and LAX day together this year. Try to do fundraising on only one day which will involve all teams. We hope that this will bring in more money than having the two days.
- Practice in the arena will start April 10, after the eye opener and trade show.
- Tentatively have the floor booked on April 2, 3 and 4th before the trade show.

Treasurer's Report

- Fees increase this year due to increase floor costs, off site storage costs, increase in ALA fees and Westglen fees. All registrations have gone up by \$10 a player
- We have introduced an early bird registration where you can receive \$50 off your registration fees.
- Our budget was slightly off, we had a huge increase in ref fees as a lot of our refs were traveling. The travel costs were more than anticipated
- We hoping with our fundraising and volunteer changes that this will help with keeping our registration fees down

Fundraising Report

- Fundraisers that are being considered are cash calendar, bottle drive, coco brooks and Tyke/LAX day.
- Still working out details for the Tyke/LAX day... BBQ, Car Wash, baked goods

Equipment Manager's Report

- All jerseys have been collected and repaired
- We have received new jerseys for Midget Team

- All equipment has been stored off site since October 27, 2016. We are currently working with the town/arena staff to find an alternate solution for storage
- Midget goalie equipment has been ordered and will be ready for pick up before the season starts, cost \$1677.90
- Looking into shot clock repairs, maybe we could hard wire clocks
- Trying to also find a solution to make sure the shot clocks work properly as we had issues last year.

Discipline Chair Report

- Would like to see better communication between coaches and the board
- Would like to see better communication with board members making decisions and bringing it back to the members
- Would like to see that rules set in place are followed to create a safe, fun environment for the kids and coaches

Coach Coordinator's Report

- Seeking an individual that is not a coach or on the bench. This will avoid a conflict of interest

Election of New Board Members

President

- Tricia Kruger stepping down, Rausheen Edwards nominated by Marsha Aarsby, second by Jamie Hildebrant, all in favour

Vice President

- Joyce MacPherson-Litke stepping down, Tricia Kruger nominated by Rausheen Edwards, Tricia Kruger lets her name stand, all in favour

Secretary

- Kim Russell stepping down, Tracy Fox lets her name stand, all in favour

Discipline Chair

- Clint Aarsby lets his name stand, all in favour

Treasurer

- Dawn Loads stepping down, position still vacant

Registrar

- Keri Nelson stepping down, position still vacant

Coach Coordinator

- Vacant position, Jason Hildebrant nominated by Jamie Hildebrant, second by Tracey Fox, all in favour

Equipment Coordinator

- Marsha lets her name stand, Keanna Fox interested in position, Marsha Aarsby steps down, Amber Vickers seconds, all in favour

Media Rep

- Joyce MacPherson-Litke nominated by Tricia Kruger, Amber Vickers seconds, all in favour

Scheduler

- Tricia Kruger stepping down, position still vacant

Fundraising Rep

- Cory Melanson lets her name stand, all in favour

New Business

- Practice schedule, we currently have nothing booked but need to get on it right away. We are thinking Bantam and Midget practice Monday nights as it looks like the league will try to schedule games for either Monday or Friday as they need refs for the weekend
- Tykes and mini tykes will be on the small floor again this year, 5:30 seemed to work okay for the teams and coaches. Minis 5:30 – 6:30 and Tykes from 6:30-7:30
- We currently have 9 Bantams and 3 Midget players, hoping to have a Midget team in Didsbury have already spoken to Olds about the possibility of combining the teams as their numbers are low too
- Additional floor space, looking at Carstairs and other locations
- AG center has a dirt floor could be okay for the older players, Clint to look further into
- We are looking at running practices again on Mondays and Wednesday
- Times are undetermined at this point as the Town would like us out of the facility by 9:30. Therefore practice could only run until 9:00
- Town is looking into how the floor surface is installed. They will talk with Olds to get information from them. The surface was hard to clean.
- Could we start a field lacrosse club? We could put it under our association for the first year and then branch off after that
- Looking at apparel from Calgary, lots of really nice items. Currently looking into hoodies and shorts. Could possibly get into t-shirts, hats, socks. Looking at having three colours of hoodies to choose from (green, black and white). We require a minimum of 5 orders per item.
- Could we start an online store? Laura to work with Joyce on pursuing this
- Is there another incentive for ball returns. This would have to be organized by the team, any balls returned could possibly get a candy bag from the coaches. The concession is closed for our season.
- What about a try it night? Look at doing that again to gain more interest. Olds lacrosse club went into the school to gain more interest. Something to look into.

Next Meeting, time and location to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned 8:18pm