

# MINUTES

Winnipeg Box Lacrosse Commission

Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

6:00pm via Zoom

1. Call to Order / Establishment of Quorum
  - a. Murray Sedleski, Greg Paige (left at 6:27), Richard DeLaRonde, Kim Winzoski, Matt Girardin, Rayce Funk, Christine Laarveld, Jason Isfjord, Stacey McIvor, Kris Maranchuck
  - b. 6:10 start
  - c. Minutes prepared by Murray S.
2. Opening Remarks
  - a. Murray reported that Commission cheques have been ordered, rough cost of \$220 for 400
3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (Jan 16, 2024 @ Sport MB)
  - a. Tabled because minutes were not taken by MLA, Murray to produce record of Motion that was made
4. Identify Candidates for Vice-Commissioner, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Official-in-Charge, Referee Assignor, Timekeeper Assignor
  - a. Kim no longer Falcons rep – Kris recommends Kim as Treasurer, Kim accepted, Kim offered to act as Secretary in the interim
    - i. Richard, Christine, Kris, Stacey, Jason voted for
  - b. Rayce Funk – Official in charge
    - i. All passed
  - c. Jason Isfjord is now Falcons rep – [jason\\_isfjord@cascades.com](mailto:jason_isfjord@cascades.com)
  - d. Timekeeper – Sherry Lynn recommended by Kris, she accepted but wanted to know if we could use online scheduling for timekeepers and also asked for feedback on performance last year. Stacey mentioned that 30 second shot clock operation could be better, otherwise everything was good. Discussion around better training for timekeepers and having them confirm rosters have been approved by coaches before games begin. Kim mentioned timekeepers were frustrated with how long it took to get paid, Commission is confident that will not happen again.
  - e. Greg Paige remains as game scheduler.

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- f. Recommendation to add u9 / Tyke Convenor to help develop Tyke program that is inline the CLA LTAD.
5. Financial Report Update – Surplus Funds Available for Capital Purchases roughly \$15,000
- a. Oakbank Invoice Payment Status – Still waiting on information from Gryphons
  - b. Purchase Shot Clocks (Shamrocks) – Saints have shot clocks, Gryphons need a set (Currently have a set that belong to RRLA but they are not working properly), Shamrocks need a set for 2<sup>nd</sup> facility

**ACTION** – Christine to get 3 quotes on shot clocks. Richard recommends checking with ringette MB to see if we can access better pricing.

- c. Purchase Black Mesh for Nets (How many sets) – Sidewinders need 4 sets, Shamrocks need 2 sets, Gryphons needs 2 sets, Falcons need 1 set, Saints need 1 set

**ACTION** – Richard will get quotes on black mesh, potentially 10 sets for minor net sizes.

- d. Christine asked about storage of Junior sized nets that are currently at Century. Sidewinders has 1 set and Gryphons has 1 set, Falcons has 1 set. Need to find a proper storage facility.
6. Registration Numbers Review
- a. Past Season and Projected for 2024 – Ok to use these numbers for budget
  - b. Is Stonewall forming a club for 2024? – Need an answer from MLA
  - c. Discussion - Tiering Proposal for u15 – Stacey states every club should have 3 teams before tiering. Kim states first and second year players cannot be used for A teams and historically only having 4 teams will create too much competition between those teams and creates animosity. Richard said it was hard to comment on until we actually have registration numbers. Christine commented that feedback from her board was mostly negative based on tiering back in 2018. Kim asked if we could have an All-Star tournament. Matt G. stated there was an MLA meeting on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> and they will be discussing the A league. Richard suggested we improve play-offs and give every age a double knock out format, with a three team minimum for a division. Therefore for a 9 team age, there would be an A, B and C division. But an 8 team

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division would be A and B. Rayce recommends having a 3 game series for play-offs at u15 and u17. Timelines were discussed and April 22<sup>nd</sup> was suggested at regular seasons start date, regular season end date of June 12, play-offs conclude with as many gold medal games on the same day/night as possible. June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> was suggested as gold medal nights, so teams travelling to Canada Day Tournament in Calgary will not have a conflict. Richard asked if clubs would be hosting an age for play-offs, Rayce recommended only having host clubs for initial games in play-offs but not final games.

**ACTION** – Matt G. to find out what the MLA is doing with their A program this year and let Commission know.

#### 7. Review Budget / Approve

- a. Discussion around reducing number of games played in regular season to accommodate unexpected issues like referee shortage, other issues. General feedback was we should be moving towards increasing regular season games, not reducing them.
- b. Mileage needs to be budgeted for games played in St Agathe and Stonewall (If they join the Commission). Rayce states mileage should be paid out at \$0.63/km round trip. St. Agathe would be roughly \$37.80 roundtrip for each ref.
- c. Rayce stated rough combined mileage for Officials per round trip:  
St Agathe \$43.5  
Stonewall \$31  
Garson \$53.5

**ACTION** – Rayce to find out what MLA is planning for referee recruitment and let the Commission know. Info should include expected numbers.

- d. Clubs decided to include \$1500 for mileage expense for referees into budget

**MOTION** by Stacey – To accept budget as presented with only change to add \$1500 for referee mileage expense and team fees to u11 \$1800, u13 \$1800, u15 \$2600, u17 \$2700.

SECONDER by Richard

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VOTE – All clubs in favor, motion passes (Matt G. not counted until club status is confirmed.)

#### 8. Tyke Format (u7 & u9)

- a. Gryphons are doing same format, Shamrocks and Sidewinders want to have actual games. General feedback was u9 players really wanted to play games, u7 were ok
- b. Matt G. suggested having a u9 convenor to develop a proper program. Possibly following the LTAD model and coordinating with clubs.

**ACTION** – Murray to access RAMP registrations to find a possible convenor for the age. Christine offered to speak to Kevin Hilder.

- c. Table discussion until formats have been offered by clubs or a convenor is found to make recommendations.
- d. Discussion to have Tyke (u9) play 6 games during season plus a jamboree that is covered by team fees. Each Tyke team will pay \$50 for snacks, awards, etc. during the jamboree. Games are scheduled 6-7 on Monday and/or Wednesdays, prior to u15/u17 games. Tyke team fees were set at \$360 and u9 teams will not pay any League Administration Costs.

#### 9. Club Boundary Discussion

- a. Review player registration distribution from last season
- b. Matt G. stated he was willing to work with/under Sidewinders lacrosse to slowly grow the club south of the city.
- c. Kris Maranchuk suggested moving the boundary for Wizards from Highway 12 to Highway 207 so that hockey players that play together can play together on the same lacrosse teams.
- d. Rayce mentioned Sport Manitoba is setting new boundaries for sports in the province and this link can be used to access that description:

<https://www.sportmanitoba.ca/manitoba-games/about/eligibility/>

**ACTION** – Murray to develop parameters to establish proper boundaries for clubs, such as following the same boundaries as hockey. Or should it be based on travel distance to nearest facility that hosts lacrosse games.

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- e. Kim asked that all of West St Paul be included in Falcons area, map that Matt M. sent out missed the N/W corner
- f. Christine asked that the Shamrocks boundary be expanded to include all of APHA hockey boundary. Currently APHA is split between Shamrocks and Sidewinders.
- g. Saints can open registration using their own links, adding questions such as 1. Have you played lacrosse before? If not, they register out of the Saints. If yes, with which club? Possible add a question about would you choose to play out of St. Agathe? Then Matt G. can discuss with 'grandfather' clubs as to what is best for the players, the clubs and lacrosse in general.

#### 10. Set Registration Opening Date

- a. Email blast to members and social media advertising
- b. February 1<sup>st</sup> for all clubs to open registration links.
- c. Matt Mason to create season in RAMP and then send links to clubs for their own registration.

#### 11. New Business

- a. Please share prior to meeting if possible
- b. Christine asked if the Commission can get access to our website to post advertising. Kim asked if we should look at getting a web master to manage website.
- c. Can the Commission get emails setup for it's members – Commissioner to have access to email accounts.
- d. Referee in Charge needs a proper job description. Rayce to follow up with a formal description.

**ACTION** – Murray to find out if the Commission can get access to our website.

**ACTION** – Murray to find out if the Commission members can get dedicated emails.

- e. Matt G stated next MLA meeting is Jan 31 and to forward any questions to him prior to that.
- f. Next Meeting Date set as Monday Jan 29, 6pm via zoom.

#### 12. Adjournment

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**MOTION** to Adjourn by Christine at 9:26pm.

SECONDER by Stacey

VOTE: All in favor, motion passed (Matt G did not get vote yet)