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Winnipeg Box Lacrosse Commission

Monday February 26th, 2024

6:00pm via Zoom

1. Call to Order / Establishment of Quorum
 - a. Attendees: Christine Laarveld, Kim Winzoski, Matt Girardin, Stacey McIvor, Rayce Funk, Richard DeLaRonde, Kris Maranchuk, Ryan Breen, Greg Paige joined at 6:08
 - b. Guests: Shawna Ducharme, Wheat City Wranglers
 - c. Regrets: Chandra B.
 - d. CTO @ 6:05pm, Minutes prepared by Murray S.
2. Wheat City Wranglers – u17 does not look like they will have enough players for that age at this point, parents of those players are very interested in making it happen, but having trouble finding coaching willing to commute. Question was asked if Brandon players would be interested in joining a team within the Winnipeg Commission – families had not been offered that as yet. There was an offer for them to join Moosomin Lacrosse in SK. The dates provided at the last meeting are the same dates the Wranglers would like to keep blocked off. No other ages were interested in joining the Winnipeg Commission. Wrangler teams are made up of approximately 50/50 players from outside Brandon and within. There will be a u15 team out of Brandon that will likely have u17 players playing down to fill the roster. There will likely be a u9, u11 and u13 team. The u9 team from Brandon should be included in the jamboree invites here in the city.
3. Opening Remarks – Report on Action Items from Last Meeting – Murray
 - a. HERD – No new information at this point. Only u15 and u17 ages this year. There is apparently a committee but nothing official has been announced.
4. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (Feb 12)

MOTION: Christine – To adopt minutes from last meeting.

Secunder: Matt G.

Vote: Passed – All in favor.

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DISCUSSION – Should the WBLC be posting minutes from their meetings on our website.

General consensus was that if we did, it would go a long way to be transparent, however, only the AGM minutes need to be posted.

MOTION: Christine – That all minutes from our meetings shall be posted on our website in a pdf format.

Secunder: Stacey

Vote: Passed, All in favor.

5. Identify Candidates for Vice-Commissioner, Secretary, Registrar, Referee Assignor, u9/Tyke Convenor

DISCUSSION: Shamrocks is looking at honorariums for young players who are giving back to the Shamrocks program. It was suggested that we do a mass email to the Commission membership to try and recruit for the last few open positions.

ACTION: Murray to find a way to send a mass email to the Commission, trying to recruit new members. *Note:* The MLA just informed us that they have hired a marketing and research person who is starting March 1. It was asked if the information would be sent directly to the Commission or be forwarded to the Commission from the MLA. Murray to find out more information for next meeting.

6. Update on Falcons Rep – Kim

Jason Isjford has resigned from the Falcons and joined the Storm. Kim thinks she has found a new Falcon rep, and with their AGM on Monday, 6:30pm at Sunova center in WSP. She will have more finalized information for us at that time. Chandra Bolianaz was named as the new Falcons Club Rep.

7. MLA Report on Questions – Anything New - Matt G.

Travel Permits was discussed, a coach from the female program inquired about how to get approval for one and there is another one that is still outstanding. Murray to discuss with Dusty.

8. Financial Report Update

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a. Reconciliation with MLA account – Still pending

Kim asked about team fee invoices and how they were going to be issued this year. It was suggested that the WBLC issue a standard template invoice that Kim can create (that should include a tracking number), there will also be a statement that will be discussed and approved at a meeting. The monies would then be paid directly to the Commission bank account. Expenses that need to be covered by the Commission need an invoice submitted, that will then be discussed and then requires approval before payment is issued. Kim will only come on board as Treasurer once the account has been fully reconciled. Murray recommended that when it comes time for Kim to come on as Treasurer that he, Kim and a club president sit down to review the financials at that time. Richard offered to be a part of that meeting. It was discussed that all club presidents would be invited to join that meeting. No new information was offered from the MLA regarding finances, the next MLA meeting is set for March 12th.

- b. Bank Letter – New Treasurer – Letter from the MLA was received to add Kim to account as signing authority and online access.
- c. Shot Clock Purchase – Christine – No new news yet.
- d. Black Mesh Purchase Report - Richard – Sports Xpress said \$350/pair of black 6mm goal mesh. Crank Shooter mesh is on sale for \$80 USD mesh that is 5mm. Falcons need 1 set, Shamrocks need 1 set, Sidewinders need 1 set, Gryphons need 1 set, plus 2 sets for a spares. Only clubs that exist within the Winnipeg Commission will have nets covered by Commission funds, however, clubs joining the Commission for the current season can apply for assistance.

MOTION: Stacey – The Commission to purchase 6 pair of black, 6mm 4x4 goal mesh for \$350/pair plus taxes from Sports Xpress.

Secunder: Richard

DISCUSSION:

Vote: Passed, All in Favor.

9. Registrations To Date – Current numbers were reviewed

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10. Special Rules Update

a. Player Transfer Requests Received to Date

Player transfers that are done as a result of a club not being able to host a team, are considered a 'temporary' transfer and those players will remain apart of their home clubs. It was decided that all players on the player transfer list can be approved.

ACTION: Murray to find out where player transfer request forms go and how RAMP was able to send out notifications regarding the transfer requests. Do the Storm and Saints need to be added to the list of clubs on the form?

b. Overage Allowances

There is a jot form on the Commission website. Where is gets sent needs to be confirmed.

11. Spectator and Visitor Discipline Policy

This is in regards to enforcement of violations. The MLA stated they will handle any issues that happen off the floor or involving non game officials, however last year there was a major incident that never got addressed by the MLA. The discussion was centered around the Commission creating their own code of conduct policy, that way we can enforce violations.

ACTION: Murray to create a template for Commission Code of Conduct, along with penalties, to be reviewed at the next meeting. Mandatory rule for all players who are on the floor to have a helmet, needs to be emphasized. Coaches are not required to have a helmet on when on the floor, therefore a minor, who is registered and insured as a coach, will not be required to wear a helmet (Min age for coaches is 16 years old). Home club is responsible for removing unruly spectators, at the referee's discretion. Reference should be given to CLA rule book, rule 18 and 23 specifically. Is it possible to create and put up posters on code of conduct.

12. Facility Availability Updates

Falcons is looking to use West Kildonan for their camp, then play away games until Maples becomes available. Shamrocks is hoping to confirm two facilities. Gryphons received a response from the City of Winnipeg that stated they would be getting back to them in the future.

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13. Advertising on Commission Website Updates – Murray – [MLA has hired someone, more information to come from MLA.](#)
14. Club Boundary Discussion Update – Murray – [Tabled to a future meeting](#)
15. Set Next Meeting Date

Thursday, March 7th, 6:00pm via Zoom

16. New Business

- a. Commission By-Laws and Policies need to be reviewed, corrected and updated prior to next AGM so we can adopt them. Discussion was to have section by section covered at each meeting to keep it more focused.

ACTION: Murray / Matt G. - Can we get confirmation from the MLA as to what facilities are covered under their insurance. There is a \$1000 deductible for \$5,000,000 liability coverage, so who pays the deductible, should an incident.

- b. Ref clinic requests need to be sent to Matt Mason. Players need to be 14, or turning 14 that calendar year to be allowed a ref. Shamrocks is going to be hosting a level 1 ref clinic on April 13 at Varsity View followed by a timekeeper clinic, Gryphons are April 14th East St Paul. No registration links have been posted for referees.
- c. Rayce asked for Regulations and Game Play Discipline to be added to next meeting. Spectator policy needs to be included in this information package. Referees have authority 15 minutes before a game starts and 15 minutes following the game.

ACTION: Murray – Can we confirm and start posting some clinic dates? Especially for Level 1. Ideally this one should be at a central location to get things started.

17. Adjournment

MOTION: Kim - To adjourn the meeting

Secunder: Christine

Vote: Passed, All in Favor – 8:22pm