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Winnipeg Box Lacrosse Commission
Thursday, March 7th, 2024

6:00pm via Zoom

1. Call to Order / Establishment of Quorum
 - a. Attendees: Christine Laarveld-Shamrocks, Kim Winzowski-Treasurer, Matt Girardin-Saints, Stacey McIvor-Gryphons, Rayce Funk-RIC, Tara Goller-Sidewinders, Chandra Bolianaz-Falcons, Kyle Breen and Ryan Breen-Interlake, Greg Paige-Scheduler (joined at 6:08)
 - b. Regrets: Kris Maranchuk-Wizards, Richard DeLaRonde-Sidewinders
 - c. CTO @ 6:07pm, Minutes prepared by Murray S.
2. Opening Remarks – Report on Action Items from Last Meeting – Murray
 - a. Mass emails from Commission – We should be able to send out emails from our RAMP system but we are waiting to hear from Matt Mason on when we can start using the media person the MLA hired
 - b. Where do coverage and transfer requests jot forms go – They are currently going to Matt Mason, Murray asked to have them sent to his email so the Commission can receive them right away, still waiting to hear back.
 - c. Facilities covered by MLA insurance – Matt Mason was asked to confirm what facilities were covered by the MLA insurance, still waiting on an answer
 - d. Referee clinic dates – The MLA website has been updated and all the ref clinic dates have been posted. Matt Girardin said the Saints might be holding an extra referee clinic in their area. Referees can register on the MLA website for the different ref clinics. Discussion evolved into Timekeeper training and whether timekeepers should attend another training session. It was agreed that we would recommend timekeepers take a refresher every year, that can be done with new timekeepers.
3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (Feb 26)

MOTION: Matt Girardin - To adopt the minute from last meeting as written.

Secunder: Christine L.

Vote: Passed; Unanimous

4. Identify Candidates for Vice-Commissioner, Secretary, Registrar, Referee Assignor, u9/Tyke Convenor
 - No new names were brought forward
5. Assorted Updates

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- a. Anything New from MLA? - Matt G. – Nothing new regarding questions, next MLA meeting is Tuesday, March 12th. Murray had a meeting with Dusty From, MLA President and discussed the RRLA and the threat of sanctions against anyone meeting under that umbrella. Dusty stated there would be no resistance from the MLA if the clubs wanted to meet to discuss what to do with the RRLA, and suggested having himself or Paul attend to help keep the dialog open. They also discussed financial reconciliation and the collection of GST, Murray was told the MLA was working with an accounting firm to finalize things. They also discussed the WBLC discipline policy and Dusty said he did not think the MLA would oppose the Commission taking the lead on Conduct. Chris Brown is the Code of Conduct rep from the MLA.
 - b. Reconciliation with MLA account – Still pending
 - c. Shot Clock Purchase - Christine – Still waiting on shot clocks, there was a delay ordering them but they should be here in the next couple of weeks.
 - d. Black Mesh Purchase Report – Richard - Nets have been ordered, no ETA was available
 - e. Nets – 3x3 and 4x4 – There is a local steel manufacturer that charges \$526 for a 4x4 frame, powder coated red and \$466 for 3x3 nets. There was discussion around whether nets needed to be certified to CLA standard, Murray was going to look into if these nets could have the CLA stamp of approval.
6. Registrations To Date
- No league overview was provided. Each club provided a report on their numbers.
7. Special Rules Update
- a. Player Transfer Requests Received to Date – There were a few outstanding transfers that needed to be approved by the Commission, Murray will get all the outstanding transfers approved. Saints and Storm need to be added to Jot form on website.
 - b. Overage Allowances – Matt G. presented a u17 player (B.J.) who requested to be allowed to play down at u15. This player met the criteria and approval was given to play down. Shawna D. from Wheat City Lacrosse sent an email asking about u17 overage players being allowed to play but Murray was not sure on the details because there was mention of the players not being from Wheat City. When more information is available, it will be presented.
8. U9 Format – Teams would play 3 home games, 3 away league games plus anything extra clubs/teams want to do and jamborees. The format would follow the OLA 3x3 format that was sent out last year. Christine sent a copy to Murray so he was aware of it.

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9. U13 Hitting Clinics – The idea of a coaches meeting was discussed to go over proper hitting. Rayce thought there would not be enough content to have coaches attend a meeting and suggested that sending out a video clip or posting something on the website might be more productive. Greg P. said he might have some, and will check. Discussion around the Commission creating their own videos to send out to coaches or possibly a quick zoom meeting.

ACTION: Murray – To check with Matt Mason to see if there were any videos available on proper hitting for the u13 age.

10. Game Play Rules – Rayce – Game Play rules were reviewed and discussed. Concerns were raised over rules 1.4 and 1.3. Suggestion was made to change the rule regarding cutting the game clock when there is more game time left than floor time, so that with 5 min of floor time left, the clock would be changed to 5 min running time to keep the games running on time. Some clubs felt that game time should never be shortened but concerns were raised around rink officials that kick teams off the floor because they have run over their contracted floor time. Some facilities will have no problem with extra time if games ran late while others are more strict on floor times based on contracts. Games running late would also be an issue on nights with triple header games. Discussion around having a list of ‘strict’ rinks and other rinks that will allow extra game time to be played, however it was suggested that there should be a consistent policy in place that applies to all facilities to avoid any confusion.

TIMEKEEPERS were discussed regarding games starting on time because last year there were issues with coaches not having the games sheets filled out properly prior to the game starting. It was agreed that the timekeepers would be trained to verify game sheets prior to games starting. Timekeepers will remind coaches prior to games starting and if coaches still have not updated their games sheets at the start of the game (at the end of the 3 min warmup), a 2 min delay of game penalty will be assessed to the offending team. It was discussed and agreed that should a game be cut short, the timekeepers should be filing a report on what caused the game to be cut short.

MOUTHGUARD penalties will be enforced by both teams getting a warning that all players must have a mouth guard to play. If a player is caught after the warning, they will receive a 10 min penalty that will not result in a penalty kill/power play situation.

MOTION: Christine – To accept the Game Play rules that Rayce has supplied with a modification to rule 1.4 so that game time will be changed to 5 min when there is only 5 min left in the floor time, but more than that on

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the game clock and to amend 4.2 so that teams will be assessed a 2 min delay game penalty if their roster is not properly filled out at the end of the 3 min warmup. Timekeepers shall also fill out a report on why a game was cut short.

Secunder: Chandra B.

Vote: Discussion around voting rights was brought up regarding the by-laws. When the vote was resumed, it Passed; Unanimously.

11. Spectator and Visitor Discipline Policy – Discussion around removing RIC/OIC from the disciplinary review committee and have 2 Club Presidents, from non-involved Clubs to review the incident, which was agreed.

TABLED: After some discussion, this topic was tabled to the next meeting.

12. WBLC Policy and By-Law Review – Section 13 – 15 – Discussion was around what the metric was for determining who has the right to vote at meetings, this centered around Clubs that are starting up or new to the Winnipeg Commission and whether they should have a vote with a promise to have teams in the league or do they have to actually have a team registered to get a vote. It was mentioned that the By-Laws state clubs participating within a Region can have a vote but the question revolved around clubs that are joining from outside the Region. The By-Laws did not specify who had the right to vote at Commission meetings. Currently the MLA only offers voting to members who are current and have paid to participate in the league, so should Clubs have to register and pay for at least 1 team to get their votes. Weighted voting was also discussed regarding clubs who have multiple teams vs. clubs that only have 1. It was also discussed that Clubs from outside the Region that are joining the Region could vote on items regarding the season only, but be excluded from voting on matters of policy, governance, etc.

MOTION: Chandra B. – That all 6 Clubs at this meeting plus Wizards get 1 vote for this season, that will be reviewed at the AGM.

Secunder: Christine L.

Discussion: It was suggested and agreed that 'Guest' Clubs voting on league play issues only but not By-Laws or other governance type issues.

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AMENDED MOTION: Chandra B. – That all 6 Clubs as this meeting plus Wizards get 1 vote on league play issues, excluding By-Laws and governance type issues, that shall be in effect until it is reviewed at the WBLC AGM, provided these Clubs register and pay for teams to participate this season.

Vote: Passed; Christine L., Stacey M., Chandra B., Tara G.

13. New Business

- a. Tara announced the Sidewinders u13 Jim Hunt tournament will take place on June 7-9 and that flyers will be sent out once they are available.
- b. Team Declaration was discussed around a meeting, with minutes, where Clubs can declare their teams and then Greg can get working on the Schedule. Greg suggested that he could create a form for the clubs to submit their teams.

ACTION: Greg and Murray to work on creating a Team Declaration form that clubs can fill out so there is a paper trail of team names, colors, etc.

14. Set Next Meeting Date

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 20th, 6pm via Zoom

15. Adjournment

MOTION: Christine L. - To adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm.

Secunder: Stacey M.

Vote: All in favor.