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Winnipeg Box Lacrosse Commission

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024

6:00pm via Zoom

1. Call to Order / Establishment of Quorum

- a. Attendees: Christine Laarveld-Shamrocks (Left @ 8:16pm), Brad Becker-Shamrocks, Kim Winzowski-Treasurer, Matt Girardin-Saints, Stacey McIvor-Gryphons, Rayce Funk-RIC, Richard DeLaRonde-Sidewinders, Chandra Bolianaz-Falcons, Kyle Breen-Interlake (Left at 7:44pm), Greg Paige-Scheduler (Left at 7:38pm)
- b. Regrets: Kris Maranchuk-Wizards
- c. CTO @ 6:13pm, Minutes prepared by Murray S.

2. Opening Remarks – Report on Action Items from Previous Meetings

- a. Mass emails from Commission – Murray contacted Tess Zander about sending a mass email out to our members, waiting on a response. Discussion around having Tess join one of our meetings to explain what she can offer and when to contact her.

ACTION: Murray to contact Tess and invite her to join one of our meetings.

- b. Where do overage and transfer requests jot forms go – They go to Matt Mason and Murray
- c. Facilities covered by MLA insurance – Murray asked Matt Mason about insurance, there was discussion around Ashley's position including insurance and it was suggested to contact Ashley regarding insurance coverage at rinks.
- d. Team Declaration Forms – Greg P. – RAMP only allows 1 master user administrator to access the Forms feature, so we need to get access to master account. Discussion was around creating a separate document for the clubs to use. It was suggested that it would be better to have everything on the website so it would always be there. Greg offered to contact Matt Mason directly to set up Team Declaration Form. Greg is also going to create a facility black out date form for the clubs to fill out and submit so there is a paper trail and will try and get that sent out by this coming weekend. Schedule was discussed and 'Zone Days' were going to be featured on April 27th weekend to get new refs some games and Greg will try and get more 'Zone Days' throughout the season.

ACTION: Greg to create Team Declaration forms, Facility Black Out Dates and get them added to the RAMP website.

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3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (March 7)

MOTION: Matt G. - To adopt the minutes as presented.

Seconder: Stacey M.

Vote: Passed, unanimously

4. Identify Candidates for Vice-Commissioner, Secretary, Registrar, Referee Assignor

- Wylie Gorchinski had contacted Murray about becoming the ref assignor, his sister does ref assigning for APSJ hockey, so he is familiar with what is involved in doing it. There were no objections to using Wylie if discussions work out.

5. Assorted Updates

- a. Anything New from MLA meeting March 12th? - Matt G. – MLA staff along with job descriptions were posted on the website, ref clinics have been posted, along with coaching clinics. It was brought up that the Junior Tier II team had booked Maples arena which meant the Falcons would lose their home rink floor times. It was agreed that there needs to be better coordination between what the MLA is doing and what grass roots has established over the years. Concerns were raised over Junior players having practices on the same nights they were supposed to be refing the u11/u13 ages. It was mentioned that the Junior players were told they were allowed to miss practices if they had games to ref. Discussion around issues with funding from GWCC and it was recommended that a task force be created to review all the opportunities and challenges facing sports, city facilities and funding opportunities.

ACTION: Matt G. to report back to the MLA that any new teams/clubs/etc. should not be trying to utilize floor times at facilities that are historically being used for minor lacrosse.

- b. Reconciliation with MLA account – Still pending – Nothing new to report
 - c. Shot Clock Purchase - Christine – No new updates
 - d. Black Mesh Purchase Report - Richard - No ETA on the nets was provided
 - e. Nets – 3x3 and 4x4 CLA Certification – Waiting on information from CLA
- ### 6. Registrations To Date – Historically each region that participated in Winnipeg will provide their login information. It was agreed that time has expired to find a Registrar, so Kim W. was appointed interim

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Registrar. Roster size was discussed and it was agreed that exceptions can be made for clubs facing expansion issues but it was in the best interest of the sport to try and follow the LTAD.

ACTION: Murray to schedule a meeting April 1st for clubs to discuss player movement for team formation and facilities at 6pm, via Zoom.

7. Wheat City Wranglers u17 Team – Murray – Wheat City is trying to organize a u17 team that would play in the Commission, they are aware they may have to travel to Winnipeg to play all their games and the deadline for Team Declaration is April 1st.
8. Special Rules Update
 - a. Player Transfer Requests Received to Date – Nothing new to report
 - b. Overage Allowances – Richard D. stated he had a female player at the u9 age that is now 2 years older but is requesting to play down. Richard stated there is no concerns from the Sidewinders but will get the player to submit the proper overage allowance request to the Commission for consideration. Falcons has a couple of age requests, some up and some down, same with Gryphons. Overage goalies were discussed and it was agreed that u17 goalies should be utilized from other Clubs if they are not on a team already, before allowing an overage player to play down as goalie.
9. 4/5 Ref Online Clinics – Rayce – 5 Level 2/3 refs are registered and 35 registered at entry level. There is nothing to report for the 4/5 Level, it is still being organized.
10. U11 Period Length to 15 minutes – Historically using 12 min stop time results in games finishing very close to the hour mark with some games going over. 15 minutes run time will only allow 6 minutes of buffer time. Discussion around what gets the players the most playing time vs. the delays with young players learning the game and taking extra time. It was agreed that for the current season game times would be as follows:
 - u11 – 3 min warmup and period breaks, 12 minute run time periods
 - u13 – 3 min warmup and period breaks, 12 minutes stop time periods
 - u15 and u17 – 5 min warmup and period breaks, 15 minutes stop time periods
11. Game Play Rules, Quick Review – Rayce – No objections were raised to the changes
12. Game Suspension Policy – Rayce – Various points were discussed and clarified. It was agreed that if a player gets suspended, the RIC will send an email to the club presidents letting them know and cc the

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Commissioner. Players that are suspended need to be recorded on the game sheet in game notes area.

MOTION: Richard D. - To adopt the policy with the following adjustments: Delete the word 'Parent' from Suspended section, along with deleting item vii and ix from the same section.

Secunder: Matt G.

Vote: Passed – Unanimous, (No Kyle B.)

13. CLA Rule Implementation – Rayce – Nothing has been released yet.

14. Spectator and Visitor Discipline Policy

MOTION: Christine L. – To adopt the code of conduct and discipline policy as presented.

Secunder: Stacey M.

Vote: Passed, (No Kyle B.)

15. New Business

- a. Gryphons will be introducing goalies at the u9 age and will be purchasing goal equipment.
- b. Can the Commission develop a logo for ease of identification

16. Set Next Meeting Date – April 5th, 6pm via Zoom

17. Adjournment

MOTION: Stacey M. - To adjourn the meeting

Secunder: Chandra B.

Vote: Passed, Unanimous (No Kyle or Christine)