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Axemen Lacrosse Club – President’s Report for 2024

Axemen Families,

The resurgence of lacrosse in Calgary is in full effect. The Axemen Lacrosse Club saw another season of growth in 2024, with registration numbers exceeding 520 players. Unlike 2023 where growth was predominantly in the younger age groups, 2024 saw growth in every age group except for U13. The growth in the older U15 and U17 age groups was particularly exciting.

Player experience in 2024 was improved over 2023 with the return of a “C” Division. This change greatly affected the majority of our players in a positive way, as it helped ensure that players were more likely placed with teammates of a similar skill set when compared to 2023.

2024 saw Axemen co-host Timberfest and Canada Day yet again. Both tournaments required large amounts of volunteer commitment and our club rose to the challenge yet again! 2025 will see us only hosting Timberfest, with hosting Canada Day again being a few years away.

The Axemen Winter Camp continues to be the largest winter development camp in Calgary with over 150 participants spanning U9 to U17 and from several clubs. It is awesome to be at the soccer centre and see more and more lacrosse being played in the fall and winter months.

I could not be more proud of the leadership role our Club has within the lacrosse community not only in Calgary, but all of Alberta. Thank you to all the volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure the kids get the best possible experience, and a special thank you to our Executive Director, Robin Latajka, who goes above and beyond every day of the year!