

Minutes Axemen Board of Directors Meeting – Thursday November 12th 7 PM

Virtual Via ZOOM - AGM

Attendees – attached

- I. Call to Order** – Ashley Bamford-Dobbyn 7:09PM
- II. Approval of the Agenda** – M. Mann -2nd T. Pilson
- III. Presidents Report** – Ashley Bamford-Dobbyn Report attached
- IV. Financial Report** – M. Strachan
 - a. Approval of the 2019 Financial Statements – S. Ross – J. Isaacs
 - b. Presentation of the 2020 un-audited Financial Report
 - 2019 Financials are audited, while 2020 are draft.
 - Six of the past seven years have been in a loss position and so cash is being drawn down
 - 2019 saw the transition of the female athletes to their own association thereby reducing revenues and costs
 - Board continues to monitor costs in an effort to reduce them
 - Significant work done establishing the repayment policy for 2020
 - Significant costs are incurred in advance of a season and with the significant reduction in other revenues, we had to charge a fee
 - 50% of the fees charged in 2020 went to the ALA and CDLA, with the balance incurred on evaluations and administrative costs
 - No 2021 budget prepared due to uncertainty for the upcoming season. A budget will be prepared when we know more about what 2021 may look like
 - c. Khalfan Chartered Professional Accountants to review 2020 Financials

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V. Elections

- a.** VP Operations – Meghan Mann, uncontested – 2-year term
- b.** Treasurer – Malcom Strachan, uncontested – 2-year term
- c.** Junior – Charlene Brennan, uncontested – 1-year term
- d.** 16U – Neil McCullough, uncontested – 1-year term
- e.** 14U – Crystal Kleustch, uncontested – 1-year term
- f.** 12U – Shawna Feradi, uncontested – 1-year term
- g.** 10U – Don Innes, uncontested – 1-year term
- h.** 8U – remains VACANT
- i.** 6U – remains VACANT
- j.** Goalie Coordinator, Marie-Eve Donough, uncontested – 1-year term
- k.** Evaluations Director – Sean Ross, uncontested – 1-year term
- l.** Fundraising Coordinator – remains VACANT
- m.** Equipment Coordinator – Vanessa Elliuk, appointed
- n.** Timberfest Memorial Coordinator – Remains VACANT
- o.** Tournament Coordinator – Lisa James, appointed
- p.** Apparel Coordinator – Michelle Turner, appointed
- q.** Evaluations Auditor – Sherry Smith, appointed

VI. Questions from the membership

- a.** None asked at the meeting

VII. Adjourn 7:42PM

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AGM - President's Report – Ashley Bamford-Dobbyn - 2020

I had no idea when I ran for the position of president at the AGM last year, that my first season would last only until the end of March, that difficult decisions would have to be made to comply with AB health and the province, that we would complete about half of our evaluations (for teams that would never get to play together) and that we would be refunding the majority of our 2019 registration fees to families.

I am proud that we were able to keep our heads above water, provide summer programming and winter camps and that we are now optimistically planning a new season.

Usually the president uses this opportunity to recognize the successes of our teams and to identify the Axemen players who are drafted to Junior A & B, but I can't do that this year. We did have one Axemen Alumni player who was drafted to Colorado Mammoth: Brett McIntyre went 22nd overall.

I would like to acknowledge the volunteer coaches, Colin Risi, Ty Pilson, Meghan Mann, Robin Latajka, Ashley Meyer and the other board members and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make our summer camp a triumph. We had a lot of positive feedback and many parents who were relieved to have a structured (and safe!) program for their kids to attend. We're now in the middle of winter camp and again, it's proving to be well-attended and well-coached success. In light of the provincial announcement today, we will be looking at adding floors to the calendar to make up for the indoor sports lockdown until the 27th.

Usually at this time we would recognize a coach of the year and a volunteer of the year. For obvious reasons, we did not follow through with this practice, though there are of course many volunteers and coaches who have devoted countless hours to our modified programs already in 2020. Please know that on behalf of the players, parents, and this board, you are appreciated.

On that note, I would like to thank the current board members for their dedication and their time and to acknowledge those who are stepping down this year: Chris Webber has been a committed and important part of our board and coaching staff for many years. He has held the positions of VP, evaluations director and most recently Goalie coordinator. He is a true ambassador of the sport and will be greatly missed on our board. Our Junior coordinator, Charlene Brennon will be stepping away from her role on our board for health reasons and her absence will be strongly felt as we go forward this season. No one knows more or cares more about our Jr program than Charlene. We wish her a full recovery and send her our most sincere prayers. Jennifer Aldous has been our trusty and passionate Bantam (14U) coordinator for as long as I have been a part of this board. She is leaving us as her daughter goes on to play with the Fury and wish the entire Aldous family the best

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of luck with their new club. Neil Wilson is also stepping down this year. His organization and reliable work with the mini-tykes were greatly appreciated – thank you, Neil. Sean Burnand, who has poured himself selflessly into the Evaluations coordinator position, has led the evaluation committee for several years and has been key to making the entire process a well-run machine. He spent many many hours on evaluations – Sean, your shoes will be difficult to fill. Other members are shifting gears and will continue to be dedicated members of our board in different positions. I appreciate and welcome the changes and on-going support you all bring to your volunteer roles.

The CDLA and the ALA are operating with the expectations of a full season for 2021. The Canada Day Tournament and other traditional lacrosse events and tournaments remain on the schedule. Like the Axemen, both organizations are doing their best to keep costs down for families.

An encouraging note about the ALA board: Darrel Knight, a long-time Axemen parent, coach, former president and champion of lacrosse, Indigenous sport and of course our club was elected president last weekend. We are thrilled for him and for what he will bring to Alberta lacrosse.

We will proceed with planning evaluations, a box season and our tournament for the upcoming season, and will adapt as required. Of course, we will also communicate any and all changes to you, our membership – please stay tuned for emails and social media announcements about dates and locations, modifications and safety rules.

A couple weeks ago we lost a good and long-time Axemen member, friend, and coach, Conal Tackney. We offer our condolences to his family. He will be missed by many.

Nothing is more important than our children's well-being and a big part of that is recreation, physical fitness, and mental health. I strongly believe that organized sport is vital to our children's wellness and we will strive to continue to provide the best lacrosse programming we can.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we adjust to the Covid situation and the recommendations from the province. Stay safe!

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AXEMEN FINANCIAL POSITION 2018 & 2019 (AUDITED), 2020 (UNAUDITED)

	2018	2019	2020
Cash	\$ 142,997	\$ 159,054	\$ 114,794
Accounts Receivable	\$ 2,843	\$ 7,382	\$ 595
Inventory	\$ 11,211	\$ 19,480	\$ 19,480
Prepayments	\$ 368	\$ 1,492	\$ 463
Capital	\$ 31,239	\$ 849	\$ 424
	<u>\$ 188,658</u>	<u>\$ 188,257</u>	<u>\$ 135,756</u>
Accounts Payable	\$ 5,127	\$ 4,632	\$ 4,513
Deferred Revenue	\$ 26,100	\$ 28,325	\$ 8,617
	<u>\$ 31,227</u>	<u>\$ 32,957</u>	<u>\$ 13,131</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$ 157,431</u>	<u>\$ 155,300</u>	<u>\$ 122,625</u>
REVENUE			
Registration	\$ 318,543	\$ 263,125	\$ 30,223
Winter Camp	\$ 33,870	\$ 34,258	\$ 32,763
Other	\$ 34,992	\$ 28,155	\$ 10,249
	<u>\$ 387,405</u>	<u>\$ 325,538</u>	<u>\$ 73,235</u>
EXPENSES			
Membership Fees	\$ 142,184	\$ 109,056	\$ 15,197
Arena Fees	\$ 101,110	\$ 71,346	\$ 30,219
Juniors	\$ 38,243	\$ 28,302	\$ 2,997
Amortisation	\$ 35,728	\$ 30,390	\$ 424
People Costs	\$ 33,800	\$ 23,485	\$ 26,825
Apparel & Equip	\$ 17,959	\$ 22,329	\$ 8,988
Office & Admin	\$ 58,063	\$ 33,194	\$ 15,549
Evaluations	\$ 6,479	\$ 9,567	\$ 5,710
	<u>\$ 433,566</u>	<u>\$ 327,669</u>	<u>\$ 105,909</u>
Net Loss	<u>-\$ 46,161</u>	<u>-\$ 2,131</u>	<u>-\$ 32,674</u>

For Comparison

2017	-\$ 30,562	Loss
2016	\$ 727	Gain
2015	-\$ 30,692	Loss
2014	-\$ 5,701	Loss

Office & Admin includes Insurance, Audit Fees, Bank Charges, Meeting Costs, Office Supplies, Software Subs, Police Checks, Advertising

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Ashley	Bamford-Dobbyn	Malcolm	Strachan
Rachel	Bradley	Michelle	Turner
Tyler	BUNGAY	Bluebird	Walker
Sean	Burnand	Shawn	Wasson
Rob	Campbell	Neil	Wilson
Josh	Crippin	Angela	Young
Crystal	Denis	Rachel Bradley	
Vanessa	Eliuk	Stephanie Moore	
Eric	Erickson	Jason Isaacs	
Tanya	Everson	Steve Harlow	
Shawna	Feradi		
Jaime	Fleming		
Steve	Harlow		
Donavon	Innes		
Julie	Isaacs		
Jason	Isaacs		
LISA	JAMES		
Randy	Klassen		
Michelle	Linkletter		
Steph	M		
Dave	Mann		
Meghan	Mann		
Neil	McCulloch		
Marie	McDonaugh		
Ron	Moon		
Lucyna	Pielak		
Ty	Pilson		
Colin	Podrasky		
Sean	Ross		
Ian	Sanders		
Bradley	Sauve		
Melissa	smith		
Sherry	Smith		

Winner of free registration – Josh Crippin – was not in attendance - re-draw – Steve HARLOW