

1. President's Report – Kevan Mills
 - a. Thanks to the board during recent health issues and thank you for your service to the board and the club.

2. Coaching Report – Chris McNeil
 - a. Mentor program – 6 mentors worked with U9 program. This is crucial to building the game and the organization
 - b. U11 Junior coaches on the benches this season.
 - c. U13 Female went to the league finals
 - d. U17 M and F – all non-parent coaches – 2 new non-parents
 - e. Coaching Awards for the yend banquet recognized outstanding dedicated coaches and volunteers
 - f. Conflicts for the Junior players as coaches in the higher levels so some of the coaches will re-evaluate where they are coaching this year to try to avoid time conflict.
 - g. Video series has started – We are filming some skills videos to post online for the players during the off-season to keep up skills. We are hoping to issue challenges with the kids as well to keep them engaged and motivated

3. Registrar's Report (see attached)
 - a. Difficulties with Goalline at the beginning of the season
 - b. Attended the try lacrosse sessions and an evening at RBC with info table – this was very successful
 - c. 2023 season will be our final year with Goalline
 - d. Opening registration earlier this year
 - e. Q? how does our growth compare to other clubs?
 - i. MMLL registration is up 40% overall

4. Equipment Update
 - a. New uniforms this year were on the floor from BarDownLAX
 - b. Other equipment still in good shape
 - c. Tyke program – players received sticks with their registration

- d. Socks and shorts were well received by the membership
 - e. Possibly might need to replace some goalie gear
 - f. New equipment storage is set up at Shearwater
 - g. Inventory is happening as well this Winter
 - h. First Aid Kits were issued and received back at the end of the season
5. Treasurer's Report
- a. Attached – approved and received
6. Junior A Report – attached

Nominations – Call from the floor 6:40pm

Lynn Cashen Basso and Jim Lowther led the nominations committee.

Lynn Cashen Basso nominated the following:

Paige Madden – Secretary (accepted by Paige Madden)

Gord Black – Director of Development (accepted by proxy prior to the meeting)

Nomination was seconded by Jim Lowther

Call from the floor for Member at Large:

Tara Barreiro offered – Member at Large (from the floor)

Ongoing business

LNS – Software Management update

Greg Feltham sat on the review committee representing the Dartmouth Bandits and Registrars across NS. Greg provided an updated on the RFP request from LNS as they move to RAMP this season.

Vote to support the Bandits to be the first RAMP association in NS moved to new business

New Business

1. Team Budgets

- a. Previously – never have had team budgets
- b. Guidance required to manage budget issues and ensure accountability by teams
- c. Team budgets – any type of seed money or collection of money from families must be approved by the board by a specific date
- d. Suggested that we create a base budget template provided to teams (for tournaments, etc.)
- e. The board will institute a seed limit cap per team (no more than XXX amount can be collected)
- f. Travel maximums for non-parent coaches will continue
 - i. Proposed new rule to be included in the guidelines that coaches need to have the parents approval at the first meeting before requesting to have a team budget approved by the board

2. Tryout Policy

- a. Levels for tryouts for the first time this year
- b. It was proposed that we need to create a guiding document to be clear on the process, expectations and conduct during the tryout process especially for divisions that will have A and B levels
 - i. The policy will act as a tool that we create to support the process
 - ii. Upfront communication with parents to clearly explain the criteria and evaluation standards would be helpful
 - iii. Another area noted to be addressed in the policy is attendance at the sessions. If a player is not present, we need clear guidelines on what the process will be. It was suggested that a player must be present for at least one session

3. Boundary Review

- a. Last MMLL meeting it was requested that it be dismissed. We have a new committee to review (Sackville, Saint Margarets, Halifax, Eastern Shore, Dartmouth). Tabled at the MMLL for now
 - b. Rob Josey has offered to help map the membership of Dartmouth
4. By-Law Review Committee
- a. President Mills asked for volunteers to sit on a by-law review committee.
 - i. Jim Lowther, Chris McNeil, Greg Feltham volunteer
 - ii. There will also be a call to the membership for participation/engagement
5. Discipline Policy
- a. Through the by-law review, Lynn Cashen Basso suggested that we formalize a discipline policy and codes of conduct to ensure consistency of expectations and behavior as well as the process by which the Bandits will address discipline issues.
 - b. Paige Madden suggested that the Parent Code of Conduct language be modified to include parent/supporter to be more inclusive and to extend to more spectators
 - c. Lynn suggested that President Mills recommend to the MMLL and LNS that all arenas/venues have posters and signage regarding conduct and behavioral expectations at the rinks. This will not only support the officials, but also the players and coaches on the floor as well.

Second Call from the floor for Nominations – nominations stand

6. Junior A Female Proposal
- a. LT, Chris and Alyson on the committee
 - b. Proposal delivered to the East Coast Jr Board earlier this week
 - c. Recommendations were provided of what we would need to do to join the league
 - d. We countered back yesterday
 - e. We should know the results of the decision very soon
 - f. ECJLL governed and a separate entity
7. RAMP - Motion: Greg Feltham proposed that the Dartmouth Bandits accept that RAMP be our new provider. Seconded by Chris McNeil and unanimously voted by the board and membership. ***Motion carried***

3rd/Final Call for nominations – All nominations carried by acclimation.

Paige Madden – Secretary (by acclimation)

Gord Black – Director of Development (by acclimation)

Tara Barreiro – Member at Large (by acclimation)

8. Adjournment - Tish Taylor – moved to adjourned, 2nd Lawrence Taylor

Meeting Adjourned 7:52pm

Attendees:

Executive

Kevan Mills
Chris McNeil
Lynn Cashen Basso
Jim Lowther
Tish Taylor
Lawrence Taylor
Greg Feltham

Membership

Debbie Lowther
Paige Madden
Rob Josey
Tara Barreiro
Devin MacEachern

Regrets

Kevin Jackson
Allyson Crooks