



Didsbury Lacrosse Association
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TOMOWO

DLA AGM - Minutes January 16th, 2019

Call to Order 7:04PM

Attendance

Mel Bosomworth, Tricia Kruger, Angie Willey, Jason Hildebrandt
Quorum met with 14 voting members, and 4 voting board members

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion, Julian Majic
2nd, Falon Milburn

Acceptance of Minutes

Amendment to date, change "2017" to "2018"
Motioned, Chad Clayton
2nd, Shane Parks
No Business arising from minutes

Reports

VP

Mel reported on behalf of Philip Litke who stepped down approximately two months ago. Until we elect a new president she will be standing in as per our bylaws.
Joyce MacPherson-Litke also stepped down from the Media position.
2018 was a building year, there were lots of new people introduced to lacrosse, and we were able to have teams at all levels.
Not many of our teams were able to go far in playoffs, but all teams grew in skill and development over our season.
We can congratulate our coaches for teaching our players well as a number of players were able to tryout for the A team in Red Deer, and made the teams. Some of these kids also have gained skills to allow them to compete at higher levels such as the AB Summer Games and the Jr. NLL tournament.
We need to focus on building our club and the game of lacrosse. The best way to do this is by word of mouth, and having a great season for people to talk about. We have a number of kids trying out for A teams again this year, which is a testament that our coaches are doing well.
This year we are able to host a Lax Day again as the trade show is a week later than in previous years, and the town believes that they will have more than enough time to get the ice out and floor ready for us.

Secretary - nothing to report

Budget Presentation & Treasurers Report - see attached reports

This year we hired an accountant to look after most, if not all of our finances. She is local, and is working out well for us as well as giving us a lower price as we are a not profit society.
We require an accountant, as our books must be submitted each year to the AB Societies. This way we will be able to apply for funding and grants in the future.
2018 accounting fees were slightly higher than budgeted for 2019 as we had two years of books and tax returns completed in 2018.
There is some data missing as the accountant is working on 2018 books.

Motion to accept 2019 budget with amendment to lower floor fees by \$1000 as the town is now covering the cost of the Taj Mahal coating; Cathi Parks
2nd, Julian Majic

Coach Coordinator Report

No coaches currently for midget age group.

Julian Majic has contacts for two non-parent coaches that are quite interested.

Recommends at least two training sessions per season. One at the beginning before games, and one in the middle of the season, around the middle of May.

We need to attract coaches at the lower age levels so they can continue to move and grow with the program.

Discipline Chair - No report

Equipment Coordinator - No report

Registrar & Scheduler's Report

2018

- Good season. Increase in registrations.
 - 61 registrations in 2017, 74 total in 2018
 - Breakdown: mini - 2, played up in tyke
 - tyke: 14
 - novice: 18
 - peewee: 14
 - bantam: 13
 - midget: 14 (4 playing up)

2019

- Staff registration is now open on our RAMP system. T
 - This is only for managers and coaches currently
 - Board members will be added through the back end - once I figure it out
 - New RAMP system again this year. Apologies for the hick-ups and mistakes.
 - I have not heard back on the credit card issue from yesterday. I am still following up.
- There are currently 28 registrations
 - mini: 2, and manager signed up
 - Tyke: 0
 - Novice: 2
 - Peewee: 7, 2 trying out for A team
 - Bantam: 8, 4 trying out for A team
 - Midget: 9, 3 trying out for A team
- We will know how many kids are moving to Red Deer for the A team by middle of February

2019 Practice Schedule - tentative

March 25th - ice out

MAYBE able to get into the arena for April 1 - if the weather is good and melt goes well, but shouldn't plan for it.

April 4th - we can be in for practices, no lines or Taj Ma Hal

April 6th - we can book all day for Lax day!! I think that is pretty cool.

April 10th - trade show starts moving in. We can have practices in the arena until April 9th.

April 15th, noon - trade show out, lines being painted and Taj Ma Hal down.

April 18th - definitively in for practices, will let us know if we will be able to be in for the 17th

April 19th closed - Good Friday

April 20 - 21 open if needed

April 22nd closed - Easter Monday, no staff

April 24th - in arena full time.

• Tentative times for practice schedule:

M & W - small floor, 5- 7 for mini and tyke

M & W - main floor, 5 - 9 for novice, peewee, bantam, midget

small floor will be booked M & W until June 12th for practice. Their windup weekend is the 15/16th of June

main floor booked M & W until June 19th for practice. Playoffs June 21st-23rd

Not sure what is going on for bantam and midget playoffs.

If any teams need it longer, can add bookings.

- We have secured the curling rink service for practices until we can get in the arena
- We need to pay a \$250 damage deposit, and use only pink balls
- Ice surface goes out of the curling rink March 15th
- Could have the floor as early as the 20th, aim for the 22nd.
- Need gym/arena for March 4th to March 20th
- Town is paying for Taj Mahal

Media - nothing to report

Elections (odd years) - these positions will be up for election again in 2021

Vice President, Mel will let her name stand, all in favour

Registrar, Tricia will let her name stand, will train a new registrar if interest shows over the season, all in favour

Treasurer, Angie is stepping down, Cathi Park new treasurer, all in favour

Equipment Director, Scott is stepping down, Kevin McEvoy is new equipment director, all in favour

Discipline Director, Bill Sandilands stepped down, Chad Clayton is new discipline Director, all in favour

(even years) - these positions will be up for election next year, 2020

President, vacant, still vacant

Secretary, Tracy Fox stepped down, Lara Pawluk is new secretary, all in favour

Scheduler, Laura Hooson not present, assumed stepping down, new scheduler shared position between Jeff and Megan Victoria, all in favour

Coach Coordinator, Jason stepping down, Julian Majic nominated, all in favour

Media, vacant, position will become a member-at-large, non-voting position. Zinnia Andy, a minor, will be our new media rep, all in favour

Fundraising, vacant, Falon Milburn would like to be the fundraiser for this season, non-voting position, all in favour

Tricia moves to have Angie Willey and Scott Sinclair removed as signors on the bank account and removed from banking access. Mel Bosomworth and Cathi Parks to become new signors and have access to our banking information. 2nd Cheryl Majic

We will also remove access to check and collect mail from Angie Willey. Tricia Kruger will continue to have access, as well as Cathi Parks.

All positions come into effect directly following AGM

New Business

Schedule additions

Would like to look into practice days on Tuesday and Thursday evening instead of Mondays and Wednesdays. We lose practice time with the two holidays, and many kids don't show up to practice on Monday evenings.

Could we look into floor surface at the Carstairs arena for practices? Have Jeff look into what the actual costs and availability would be.

Town of Didsbury has been good to us, however it would be nice to not have to deal with roof leaks when it rains; we could potentially save money by moving to Carstairs, this might give us enough room in the budget to purchase new nets and shot clocks.

Fundraising

Fundraising did well, would like to re-do the 50/50 with Falon in charge, and having more parent participation.

Treasurer

Treasurer will also be required to submit quarterly profit & loss statements and a balance sheet to CALL for the ALA. This regulation is put in place to try to avoid money missing from associations.

The new treasurer will need to be very descriptive when making deposits. We are trying to go strictly online, but each deposit needs to be itemized on deposit slip so the accountant knows how to categorize it.

Angie and accountant request/suggest that no apparel purchases be made with e-transfer. Not enough people actually put in the notes what the amount is for. This becomes difficult to track. We will need to look into how we would like to approach this problem.

Media

Julian Majic is donating a laptop to Didsbury Lacrosse for our Media Representative to use. It is an HP Elitebook 8560W It has a 320 Gb hard drive, 12 Gigs of ram, an I7 processor and a new copy of Windows 10 PRO. It has some bangs and bruises, but works well. This way she has access to the internet from home and not just from school, and can update our website as needed. This is available for her to use throughout the season, and will be returned to the DLA upon completion of the season in July, 2019.

Acceptance of laptop, motioned Kevin McEvoy, 2nd, Cheryl Majic

Logo

We showed the membership an actual logo that we are contemplating. The new logo contest did not go very well last year with only 3 submissions, so the BOD decided it would be best to keep our brand as the Chargers with an elk. We are only looking so we have a logo, and then can standardize apparel moving forward.

The logo went over well, with only a few suggestions. Tricia will take these back to the designer and see if we can get something nailed down within the next week or two before the next board meeting.

Was suggested that we have all apparel the same going forward this season.

Bylaw Amendments

Membership accepted bylaw amendments as suggested.

Motioned, Kevin McEvoy

2nd, Falon Milburn

BOD Vacancies

Motion to have new executive address and come up with a plan for the BOD vacancies, Tricia. All in favour.

Draw for registration fees, Donna DeRoo - Caspar DeRoo.

Tricia to make a promo code specifically for Donna to use when she registers Caspar.

Next BOD meeting set for January 30th, 2019 @6PM

Meeting Adjourned 9:00