

**MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP  
OF THE FEMALE LACROSSE ASSOCIATION**

**Held:** November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Calgary Soccer Centre

**Present:** As per attached Sign-in Sheet

**Chair:** Kelly Foord

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm by Kelly Foord.

**Housekeeping**

Motion to accept Agenda proposed by Lesley Halcrow. 2nd by Malcolm. Agenda approved.

Motion to accept Minutes of last AGM Meeting minutes by Steve Elliott. 2nd by Terilyn.  
Minutes from Dec 20, 2018 AGM approved.

**Fury Year in Review**

A copy of the presentation is attached for reference.

**2019 Statistics**

Steve presented statistics for the 2019 season including results of the "Come Try Lacrosse" sessions prior to the 2019 lacrosse season.

**Association Survey**

Steve presented a high level summary of the Survey Results of the questionnaire that was sent out to the membership.

Things that worked well; Tiering, Coaching, All Female Club, Girls Rock Tournament and the Midget Showcase.

Things that didn't work well; Travel to practices, Tiering, Communication, # of Teams, Evals, Provincials.

Kelly Foord commented that the practices arenas are set by the CDLA. It is out of CDLA's control to get practice times at the Okotoks Field House as floor times here have to be approved through the Okotoks Raiders. The # of Teams are set based on registrations received by early March and submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup> to the CDLA for floor scheduling purposes. The # of teams after this date cannot be changed because the floor times for each team is then set.

Concern brought up about Okotoks players not being able to practice in Okotoks. A comment was made that carpooling between teammates from Okotoks and Calgary is not possible due to the location of practices and driving for development teams is an issue. Novice players in the Okotoks area need to stay together.

A potential solution would be to inquire with the CDLA about how practice times in Okotoks could be booked for players in the development stream in the Okotoks/SE Calgary area.

Negative feedback was largely isolated to the Peewee Division.

Need to increase recruitment of new players to increase number of teams for more competition.

### **Changes for 2020 Season**

The membership was informed that based upon feedback received through the survey that the BOD has made a decision to remove tiering from the Peewee Division. There was not enough demand from Peewee players to play in Competitive. Many players in the Peewee division chose to play in Development as there is a greater chance they could play with their friends. Many players who played competitive had not played lacrosse before. Peewee parity allows for teams to be made up on a regional basis for all players in the division.

Evaluations will be held earlier and over a longer period of time. Teams will continue to be balanced on skill and be parity first, followed by a regional grouping of players based on location within the Fury boundaries as best as possible. This balance will never be perfect.

Robin spoke about the "Keeping girls in sport". A great course and will be mandatory for all coaches. The course provides information and generates discussion around "What makes girls want to stay in sport".

Robin gave a summary of Coach Development.

Coaches application deadline by Jan 31, 2019. Coaching reviews will be reviewed prior. Developing coaches skills with courses from Mountaineers (on Floor).

A question was asked if coaching surveys could be sent out again as parents were not able to evaluate assistant coaches as well as head coaches. How is this information going to relayed back to coaches? The coaches that were present were appreciative and gave positive feedback for Robin's efforts to send out weekly emails on coaching tips and information for coaches to consider for their teams throughout the season.

A comment was made that there needs to be more communication sent out on social media about for successes/kudos for all teams across the Fury Lacrosse organization. Improved communication is expected with hiring an Executive Director.

A comment was made that more practices are required ahead of when games start in May especially for development. Kelly Foord mentioned that competitive tryouts are being planned to start earlier so more time will be available for practices although teams will only receive so many floor times from the CDLA. Teams are free to book additional times with team funds.

### **General Membership Items**

#### **Budget**

Budget Summary handout presented by Malcolm Strachan (treasurer). Year-end will be the end of November. Malcolm explained that an estimate (unaudited) will of the 2019 Financials is presented. The results will be audited and the audited results will be presented at the next AGM in 2020.

Fury Lacrosse is projecting a surplus with savings on jerseys and higher than expected registrations.

Keep in mind that in the 2020 Budget, Fury will not receive CDLA donations so this surplus in not expected to continue. There will also be increased expenditure on growing the game, advertising, Try-LAX sessions and additional costs to replace used goalie gear.

Year-end chosen to be Nov 30 for the purpose of having an auditor. Auditors do not prefer Dec 31<sup>st</sup> year end dates.

Proposing to keep fees flat despite that ALA and CDLA will be increasing their fees, however, Fury Lacrosse will be passing on credit card fees to registrants as part of the registration process. There may be options to avoid these fees such as other methods of payment.

Motion to approve 2020 Budget proposed by Robin F. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lesley Halcrow. Approved.

A question was asked about how players are placed on Peewee teams. Kelly Foord explained that team skill "Parity" across all teams is the priority followed by regional grouping of players.

### Motions

#### Election for Open Positions

Kelly opened to the floor for a nominee for the Director of Recruitment. Additional positions for volunteers will be requested including Peewee Age Group Coordinator. Nicole Mook asked if other people present would be interested to be a nominee. A discussion occurred and comments made that the Fury BOD is interested to see representation from all regional areas within its boundaries. Even if persons are not interested to be a Board Member, there are volunteer positions (Peewee Age Group Coordinator) to provide representation from all areas.

Nicole Mook put forward a motion for Lynn Cathcart as a nominee for Director of Recruitment. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lesley Halcrow. Unanimously approved.

Notification was provided to all present that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Directors would convene at the end of the AGM.

Motion to adjourn by Nicole. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin Finley. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

Draft Minutes submitted by Mike Toole, Secretary