

Innisfail Minor Football Association Executive Meeting – May 8th, 2017

In attendance: Talitha Watkinson, Katrina Nickel, Heather Bryant, Jennifer Watts, Kim Thompson, Vanessa McCoy, Janine Gerrard

- Called to order at 6:38 PM
- **Katrina motioned to approve meeting agenda, Kim seconded**
- Approved April meeting minutes with addition of “motion carried” to meeting point re: 2017 operating budget. **Motioned by Heather, Katrina seconded**

Old Business

- Joint user committee and town representatives have indicated that they have received the letter and yet to respond. Meeting on May 20th.
- Heather received quote for score clock of \$11,000 from Varsity Scoreboards. Discussion took place regarding need to determine power source, either underground wiring or solar power. Will get additional quotes from Clay and others. Use \$11,000 as a rough number in discussions with Dodge regarding sponsorship
- Trade show saw us raise \$135 from card sales & bottle returns. Booth at Co-op raided \$180.00 in card sales and donations. Cost of trade show booth was \$193.00. Going forward, any expenses not approved in the agenda must be voted on by the board. Jenn has talked to Momentum out of Winnipeg for card supply for coming year. Has put hold on selling old cards at Home Hardware on May 13/14 weekend and instead focus on building card for next year.
- Player Safety Committee so far consists of Talitha, Vanessa, and Scott. First meeting is planned for May 13th at 5:30 at Boston Pizza. Room for up to two parent reps at this meeting. Jenn will communicate with parents at first night of spring training to determine possible interested parents. This committee will make recommendations to the board regarding safety guidelines, ideally in June.
- As per last meeting - Katrina has approached local source for t-shirt quote. Cindy from Royal Artistry Threads has come up with design and her cost would be less than \$13 per shirt. These are silk-screened and dry wear, poly blend. Cindy can apply number/name to shirts as requested by parents for \$5.00. Heather obtained cost of \$914.00 + exchange rate from MyLocker for 128 shirts. After exchange, this would work out to less than \$10 per shirt. These shirts are cotton. Some discussion about preference to buy local if possible. Jenn will get an additional quote for June meeting.

Communication

- Reminder that it's important to stay in touch, reply to emails/texts, etc. We can't be on the same page if we don't know what's going on. Decided to request that all individuals should email back that email or text was received, even if you do not have anything new to add to the discussion.

CFL Meeting: PeeWee meeting was April 22nd. They did not have current emails of the current board members so we did not receive notification and did not attend. Have not heard of any possible fine so far for not attending.

- CAFOA rates are going up \$1/official. Mileage stays the same
- Innisfail needs to be more active in recruiting officials and involving the officials we have trained. Training opportunities in June and possibly August. CAFOA may consider hosting a clinic during the weekend of our True Grit (would use exhibition as a training opportunity). Refs need to be at least 13 or 14. Refs are paid. Kim expressed interest in participating in training.
- Refs are trying to keep pace of the game to 1hr 50 mins. Need coaches help to keep the game moving (player hustle)
- Coaches are welcome to contact CAFOA directly with questions, game film, and cordial correspondence. (www.cafoa.ca or president@cafoa.ca). Any official complaints must go through league commissioner
- 24 player minimum remains a suggestion and not a rule
- Safe Contact clinics require for all staff working directly with the kids. If they're "coaching" the kids on proper technique, they need the clinic. Clinics available in June and possibly July, both in Calgary. Any coaches signed up in August or later would be required to get the clinic for the next season.
- CFL is moving back to a 1 Division league. Seeded Matrix system based off last year's standings means teams of comparable abilities play each other.
- Red Deer home games MAY be played at Lacombe MEGlobal Athletic park due to delayed construction of Great Chief Park. There is a \$2 gate admission for these games. We will need to communicate this to parents.
- Olds and Innisfail will each have their own teams this season

Registration/Recruitment

- Current enrollments are 6 atom, 9 peewee, and 6 bantam with a number of other players confirmed but not registered.
- Talitha, Scott & Vanessa will be meeting with Jacob, Tanner, Drake, & Darrian to discuss a recruitment plan for getting into schools. Slips that Jenn has distributed to the schools has helped with new players in Penhold and Delburne. Jenn will be dropping off slips to recruit in Bowden still. Kim has been recruiting by word of mouth in Spruceview.
- Paper registrations should be available at town office, Katrina will drop these off, and on the field for Tuesday.
- Continued exposure through Innisfail Province. Talitha has spoken with Johnny from the Province who is planning a piece to highlight spring training.
- Any other ideas/suggestions for increasing player registration? Discussion of bring a friend, fun nights such as popsicles, water fights, school recruitment by coach or player drop by with freezies, etc.

Treasurer Update

- Have been unable to reach Christine for a number of weeks. Need to reach her to ensure outstanding invoices are paid. Janine will try to seek her out at spring training. If unable to reach her, Katrina will use her alternative phone numbers of relatives. If still unable, Talitha can try to find her at her house.
- Tax receipts still need to be issued. They need to be sent out every season by February. Jenn has been doing these as needed. Requests can be forwarded to Jenn and she will issue.

Equipment Update

- Shoulder pads to be inspected, inventoried, and moved on May 9th.
- Pants will be ordered by Heather on May 9th
- Equipment hand out to be coordinated with Head Coaches
- Unchained tires on the field were an issue with kids playing with them. Heather has spoken to Trevor Wooff and he will be taking responsibility for this.

Coaching Update

- We are happy to report that Vanessa has accepted the position of Bantam Head Coach. Vanessa has taken the safe contact clinic.
- Coaches are working on building their staff for the season. Vanessa has recruited one assistant coach and is working on others. No Atom coach has yet been identified but is not needed until regular season. Once we receive the schedule in June, we can further determine possible fits for this position. Vanessa will speak with Jacob Stauffer to determine interest and availability. Coaches must be at least 18 years old.
- **Kim motioned to provide coaches with \$50 Boots and Barrels gift certificate for a coaches meeting to be held in May, Heather seconded, all in favour. Motion carried.**
- Vanessa has updated codes of conduct and will forward these to Jenn. Coaches will go over these with the kids. Discussion of the need for parent meeting for discussion of parent codes of conduct and other necessary information. Discussion of making parents accountable for attending parent meeting.
- Coaches have decided to start regular season practices on August 8th (not August 15th). Discussion of distribution and collection dates for equipment. Heather and coaches will finalize this and communicate to Jenn and others.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm. Next meeting is June 12th, 5:30 pm.