



Innisfail Minor Lacrosse Association

Board Meeting Minutes, Monday, November 17, 2025 18:30 HRS

Innisfail Arena

Attendees

Greg Nelson, *President*
Kari Flaws, *Vice-President*
Meghan Themig, *Secretary*
Lindsay Taylor, *Treasurer*
Amber Philip, *Registrar*
Shelby Mackie, *Director of Scheduling*
Rodger Levick, *Director of Discipline*
Steve Mackie (via Facetime), *Director of Equipment*

Ryan Philip, *Director of Player/Coach Development*
Stacie Wadin, *Director of Tournaments*
Patrick Teskey, *Director of Public Relations & Fundraising*
Stacey Mackie (ABSENT), *Mavericks Representative*

1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Meeting called to order at 6:32 P.M. by Greg Nelson.

2. Reading & Approval of Previous Minutes

- ❖ Motion to approve previous minutes by Greg Nelson.
Seconded by Kari Flaws. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

3. Business Arising From Previous Minutes

- 3.1. Nothing to report.

4. Additions & Approval of the Agenda

- 4.1. Nothing to report.
- ❖ Motion to approve Agenda by Greg Nelson.

Seconded by Meghan Themig. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

5. Reports of Board Members

5.1. President Report - Greg Nelson

5.1.1. No report.

CALL meeting discussions of music during games, music will likely be only during warm ups. Will keep us updated on what happens with that
Registration fees - potential increase of 15% to fees from Lacrosse Canada
CALL executive positions will be up for new members next year
U19 to register with CALL, then depending on how many kids register they hope to create a few teams

5.2. Vice-President Report - Kari Flaws

5.2.1. No report.

Attended same CALL meeting as Greg

5.3. Treasurer Report - Lindsay Taylor

5.3.1. No report.

Budget sent out  Lacrosse Annual 2026 Budget
Filed annual society financial report

❖ Motion to accept posted 2026 budget by Lindsay Taylor.

Seconded by Stacie Wadin. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

5.4. Secretary Report - Meghan Themig

5.4.1. No report.

Sent out Policies and Procedures and new bylaws to board members

5.5. Registrar Report - Amber Philip

5.5.1. No report.

5.6. Director of Scheduling Report - Shelby Mackie

5.6.1. No report.

5.7. Director of Player/Coach Development Report - Ryan Philip

5.7.1. No report.

5.8. Director of Discipline Report - Rodger Levick

5.8.1. No report.

5.9. Director of Equipment Report (via Facetime) - Steve Mackie

5.9.1. No report.

5.10. Director of Public Relations & Fundraising's Report - Patrick Teskey

5.10.1. See attached.

IMLA Public Relations Report - November 17, 2025

Registration Nights

We attended three registration nights earlier this fall including the 2025 Penhold Discovery Night on August 21, the Innisfail Registration Night on September 9 and the Bowden Community Showcase on September 17.

Thanks to Stacie Wadin for attending all three events with me, Greg for attending the Innisfail Registration Night, and to Slash Sports for providing us with discounted FiddleStix as part of our door prizes.

The Penhold and Bowden events weren't as well attended as past years, but the registration nights did give an opportunity to get our name and sport in front of our local communities at a time they might not be thinking about lacrosse.

We could potentially look at recording short promo videos with parents, players, and coaches as to why they play (or coach) lacrosse. We could ask people to finish the sentence, "I'm a Phantom because ..."

IMLA Try-It Night #1 Update

I heard back from the Calgary Roughnecks on October 27 that Laura Barker is no longer with the team, but they are open to returning for our first Try-It Night in early January. Dustin Edwards, the Roughnecks Manager of Business Operations, asked for some potential dates so they could see what works best for their schedule, which is shown below.

Calgary Roughnecks January 2026 Schedule

- Saturday, January 3, 2026 at San Diego Seals (AWAY GAME)
- Friday, January 9, 2026 vs Vancouver Warriors (HOME GAME)
- Friday, January 16, 2026 at Georgia Swarm (AWAY GAME)
- Friday, January 30, 2026 vs. Saskatchewan Rush (HOME GAME)

Given that Early Bird Registration opens on Monday, January 12, 2026, my recommendation is to schedule our first Try-It Night for either Wednesday, January 7, 2026; Wednesday, January 14, 2026; or Wednesday, January 21, 2026. Given the Roughnecks travel schedule, I believe January 7 or January 21 would be the best options. I have confirmed that all dates are currently available at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School.

I am planning to attend an Innisfail Town Council Meeting in December, as well as one in Penhold, and potentially Bowden to invite members of our local governments to give the sport a try (and to meet the IMLA family).

Fundraising

Pub Night

Last year, we did not proceed with a pub night due to a conflict with one of our away tournaments. We also ran into challenges with scheduling the event at a local facility (Innisfail Legion 104). While we are still months away from a potential event, I would like to begin a discussion on:

- A. Do we bring back the Pub Night this season?
- B. Do we look at hosting it locally, or return to the Hideout in Red Deer County? If local, where do we look at hosting it? Some potential locations could include the Legion Auditorium, the Innisfail Bowling Lanes (which would be appropriate given their support of IMLA last season), the Golf Course, or Boots and Barrels.
- C. Would we still like to host it sometime in May?
- D. Can we create a committee to help with planning if we decide to proceed?

Beef Raffle

I think this was an incredibly successful fundraiser and would like to bring it back for another season.

My recommendation is to continue with Big Bend Market again this season.

I believe we need to improve the booklets so that they do not come apart so easily. We could ask Fletcher Printing to provide a solution or find a new vendor to print the booklets.

We will also need to refine the process for returning the books to the association, which could include the development of a comprehensive spreadsheet and requiring team managers to collect the booklets from their team before providing them to the association.

We would also benefit from having the booklets available to teams sooner in the season, which would provide additional time to sell the tickets. Should we consider a provision that the families are responsible for purchasing any unsold tickets?

FlipGive

We raised \$361.53 last season, which required very little hands-on work on our part. We do need to close off the account.

I believe we could increase our total this season by encouraging managers to share the information directly with teams, by increasing social media messaging, and by incentivizing teams to raise as much as possible (ie. pizza party for the team that raises the most money).

5.11. Director of Tournaments Report - Stacie Wadin

5.11.1. No report.

April 24-26, 2026, probable U15-U17 Spirit of the Sticks date

5.12. Concession - Mackies

5.12.1. No report.

5.13. Mavericks - Stacey Mackie (ABSENT)

5.13.1. No report.

6. New Business

- 6.1. Jerseys - postpone until next board meeting
- 6.2. New logo - postpone until next board meeting
- 6.3. Registration fees

- ❖ Motion to increase registration fees by \$20, both early bird and regular registrations by Kari Flaws.

Seconded by Stacie Wadin. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

- ❖ Motion to spend \$500 towards referee initiative by Kari Flaws.

Seconded by Lindsay Taylor. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

- 6.4. Volunteer position - Lindsay would like to put a non-voting volunteer coordinator position to the board
- 6.5. Volunteer hours and communication - create a sub committee to lay out expectations, gathering info on financial assistance programs as well, put together a simplified version of our policies and procedures of what's required
- 6.6. Referee camp - discussions of setting up a ref camp, hiring a higher up referee to come and do an equivalent of "try it night" but for those wanting to ref, then go on to create a full training. Parent course as well, time clock, score sheet, etc.
- 6.7. Try it night - Roughnecks willing to attend for age groups U9-U13 (recommendation from Patrick to book them for Jan 21, 2026).

7. Conclusion

7.1. Next Board Meeting Dates:

December 15, 2025, 6:30 P.M., at the Innisfail Arena.

8. Adjournment

- 8.1. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:20 P.M. by Greg Nelson, seconded by Meghan Themig. All in favor.