



Innisfail Minor Lacrosse Association

Board Meeting, Monday, 20 November 2023

Innisfail Twin Arenas - IMHA Equipment Room

Attendees

Annette Smith, *President*
Alexis Verhegge, *Vice-President*
Stacie Wadin, *Secretary*
Lindsay Taylor, *Treasurer*
Amanda Knock, *Registrar*
Shelby Mackie, *Director of Scheduling*
Nate Justice, *Director of Player/Coach
Development*

Ryan Philip, *Director of Discipline*
Steve Mackie, *Equipment Coordinator*
Amber Philip, *Director of Public Relations &
Fundraising*
~~Jamie Flaman, *Director of Tournaments* (abs)~~

1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Annette Smith.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- ❖ Motion to approve previous minutes by Amber Philip.

Seconded by Steve Mackie. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

3. Business Arising From Previous Minutes

- 3.1. No notes.

4. Additions & Approval of the Agenda

- 4.1. Additions to Agenda

4.1.1. TOTT added to "SOS" heading.

- 4.2. Approval of Agenda

- ❖ Motion to approve agenda as amended by Alexis Verhegge.

Seconded by Amanda Knock. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

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5. New Business

5.1. Try It Nights

- 5.1.1. Aim for 3-5PM Wed Jan 3rd in Penhold?
 - 5.1.1.1. Springbrook as another option.
- 5.1.2. Aim for 6-8PM Winter break week.
- 5.1.3. Plan for final try-it once ice is out and we have floors.

AI: Shelby to find & book Try-it floor times, ideally in Penhold for Jan 3rd from 3-5PM, and somewhere else for 6-8PM sometime over winter break week in February.

5.2. 2024 Registration

- 5.2.1. Looked at fees from 2022 and 2023, as well as posted prices from Red Deer, Olds, Chargers, and Stettler.

❖ Motion to increase fees across the board by \$20 over last year's fees, to account for increase in ref fees, ALA, and CALL fees by Stacie Wadin.

Seconded by Alexis Verhegge. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

❖ Motion to set early bird fees at \$110 for U7, \$130 for U9, \$310 for U11, \$350 for U13, and \$390 for U15 & U17 by Lindsay Taylor.

Seconded by Amanda Knock. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

❖ Motion to set early bird prices to be in effect from January 15th through February 15th (with the addition of a 48 hour window after try-it nights for new player registrations only) by Alexis Verhegge.

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

- 5.2.2. Fees set as per the following chart for 2024:

	2023 Fees	2024 Fees	Early Bird Fees
U7	\$110	\$130	\$110
U9	\$130	\$150	\$130
U11	\$340	\$360	\$310
U13	\$390	\$410	\$350
U15 & U17	\$435	\$455	\$390



5.3. Coach/Trainer/Manager Application Process

5.3.1. Trainer Qualifications

- 5.3.1.1. ALA says any medical first aid training is required for a trainer.
- 5.3.1.2. Discussed how to handle a team without any volunteers who are trained.
- 5.3.1.3. Proposed idea that we bring in a First Aid instructor to train all Trainer volunteers (and potentially Head Coaches).

AI: Nate to talk to the guy who trained Dome staff.

AI: Annette to talk to JW about pricing.

- 5.3.1.4. Proposed idea that volunteers must pay for any tickets up front, but IMLA will reimburse (some or all) if the volunteer completes their duties with the team for the full season.
- 5.3.1.5. Further discussion on this topic tabled until some research and price gathering is complete.

5.3.2. Coach Qualifications

- 5.3.2.1. All coaches must have proper qualifications and/or be registered in/attend any clinics required.
- 5.3.2.2. Competitive Intro is the basics that must be on all benches.
- 5.3.2.3. U13-U17 needs CC.

5.3.3. Assistant Coaches

- 5.3.3.1. Briefly discussed the process for Assistant Coach selection & approval.

AI: Stacie to create a Google Form version of coach application.

5.3.4. Managers

- 5.3.4.1. No qualifications necessary.
- 5.3.4.2. Selected by the team within the first week of the team being formed.

5.4. Manager Binders

- 5.4.1. CALL provides most of the information for manager binders.
 - 5.4.1.1. Tutorial for entering gamesheets may need updating.
- 5.4.2. IMLA will host a manager info meeting for all age groups prior to the first weekend of games.
- 5.4.3. IMLA will provide labels for game rosters.

5.5. Fundraising Ideas

- 5.5.1. U17 vs First Responders First Annual Charity Game (Annette/Allie)

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- 5.5.1.1. Start with a 50/50 and possibly concession for this year, with the aim to grow the event annually.
- 5.5.1.2. Sell tickets! Provide a donation towards Victims Services(?)
- 5.5.1.3. When? Aim for Mid-May.
 - 5.5.1.3.1. TOTT is May 11th. If we can do it the same day, then there are already food trucks and more at the arena, we could ask them to stay longer to cater the event.

- 5.5.2. Pub Night @ Hideout - Nate
 - 5.5.2.1. Silent auction/etc.
 - 5.5.2.2. Aim for Mid-End of March, early in season, but enough that we could have players attend to help.
- 5.5.3. Cash Raffle
 - 5.5.3.1. Many other associations do this and have great success. It is an easy fundraiser with basically the only cost being ticket printing.
- 5.5.4. Side of Beef with a Freezer Raffle
 - 5.5.4.1. A hockey team did this recently and went over really, really well. With the price of meat, this would be very popular.
 - 5.5.4.2. We have many farming/ranching families in our LAX family that we could speak to about sourcing the prize.

5.6. Director of Tournaments Position

- 5.6.1. Steve presented a letter of resignation from Jamie Flaman, effective immediately, resigning as Director of Tournaments.
 - 5.6.1.1. Letter suggested Stacey Mackie as interim Director of Tournaments.
- 5.6.2. Discussed whether the board can accept this nomination for interim, or whether different procedure is required. Reviewed bylaws.
 - 5.6.2.1. Decision made to put out an email to our membership as well as a web/social media post about the open position with a limited deadline for those interested to submit their name.
 - 5.6.2.2. Those interested are to attend the next board meeting where the board will vote in an interim Director of Tournaments who will be responsible for 2024's Spirit of the Sticks U15/U17 tournament.
- 5.6.3. The position will go up for election as normal at the 2024 AGM.

5.7. SOS & TOTT

- 5.7.1. Floors are not yet booked for these.

AI: Shelby to book floors for TOTT and for SOS ASAP.

5.8. Playoffs U11 or U13.

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- 5.8.1. CALL has not secured playoff hosts for U11, U13, or U17. Due to SOS being limited to U15/U17 this year, we will have exhausted volunteers from U17 and IMLA will not be interested in hosting U17.
- 5.8.2. Hosting U11 and/or U13 would be an opportunity to fill in some of the fundraising gap left by having to remove those ages from SOS this year.
- 5.8.3. Discussed host requirements as mentioned at the CALL AGM.
 - 5.8.3.1. Must provide a manned "welcome" table with all gamesheets.
 - 5.8.3.2. Any additional fundraising options are at the discretion of hosts.

AI: Annette to clarify whether CALL requires a cut of fundraising profits made during playoff weekends.

AI: Annette to submit to CALL our interest in hosting both U11 & U13 playoff weekends.

6. Board Member Reports

6.1. President Report - Annette Smith

6.1.1. Attended CALL AGM & Planning Meeting

CALL AGM 2023-10-22

- CALL requests a quick report of how last season went and our numbers.
 - The camps had about 150 kids in attendance.
- Kim Smyth was acclaimed president of CALL for 2 more years
- Evelynne was acclaimed as VP of Admin for 2 more years,
- Travis St. Germain was acclaimed as Chair of Discipline for 2 more years
- Nathan will be recommended to ALA for RIC
- Playoff weekends will have RIC's in attendance and they will make \$300 for the weekend to make up for loss of income from not Refing any games.
- Hanna is starting up a Lax association, but will only have U7 and U9 this season. Will not be hosting a festival, but could have some exhibition games, etc. Older players will affiliate with other clubs.

PLANNING MEETING 2023-10-22

- NEED Proxies to be sent in – include Ang and Kim when sending things to ALA
- Travis St Germain is nominated for an award and is the recipient. Lovely speech by Kim.
- Need bank statements and financials (proof of filings) sent to ALA Executive Director
- Need AGM minutes sent to the ALA Executive Director: Jillian Alexander
executivedirector@albertalacrosse.com
- Kneehill association is folding
- It would be great if we could find Lax ambassadors in our community that can offer the school program. They could follow Kim to our schools one year and the following years can do the program themselves. Would be easier and cheaper than having Kim come do them.
- As mentioned in every other meeting, CALL fees are going up \$5/player for a total of \$30/player this year.
- Ref fees will see an increase of approximately 13%
- Scheduling
 - Ref clinics: March 23 Lacombe, March 24 Innisfail or Olds

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- UBER Clinic (Coach/Ref) April 6/7 (no location)
- Coach clinic possibly January in Red Deer
- Dev. Intro April 20/21 Lacombe
- Coach Clinic and Dev. Intro May 4 May 25/26
- Eyeopener April 12-14
- Registrar Meeting Early Dec (prior to registration opening). Likely over ZOOM, tentatively Dec 6.
- Coach-Manager meeting was mentioned, but not decided on.
- Changes to Manager binder was also mentioned, but not decided on.
- U7 to play in the eyeopener? This was the final topic lost due to shiny.
- U7 Festivals:
 - May 4/5 need host
 - May 11 TOTT in Innisfail (mandatory)
 - June 8/9 Olds
 - June 21 Stettler (wind-up)
 - June 23 Sylvan
- U9 festival schedule but not festival-style games. 4 mandatory festivals, 4 other games.
- U9 will play eyeopener weekend
- Do we want to host U11/U13 playoffs?
- Sylvan gets U11/U13 for their tourney and we get U15/U17
 - Ours is tentatively set for May 31-June 2.
- U11/U13 Development camp? Get ALA to do it. Possibly in March
- Playoffs
 - will remain at double elimination and pool formats.
 - CALL will pay for the host teams.
 - All teams attending will have to provide volunteers to organize, etc.
- Can now affiliate up to 18 runners
- Revisiting the U19 age group. It is suggested that we open the Reg on the site but don't set payment.
- NO RACISM/SEXISM/NAME CALLING, ETC
- Next meeting is Nov 28 7-9 via ZOOM.

6.2. Vice-President Report - Alexis Verhegge

- 6.2.1. No report.

6.3. Secretary Report - Stacie Wadin

- 6.3.1. No report.

6.4. Treasurer Report - Lindsay Taylor

- 6.4.1. \$27,572.57 received from the Casino
- 6.4.2. Annual report is done, will get sent off this week
- 6.4.3. Any income and expenses must go through an account.
- 6.4.4. Just a couple of small bills to pay, otherwise all is well.

6.5. Registrar Report - Amanda Knock

- 6.5.1. No report.

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6.6. Director of Scheduling Report - Shelby Mackie

6.6.1. No report.

6.7. Director of Player/Coach Development Report - Nate Justice

6.7.1. Proxies were submitted.

6.7.2. Communication sent out advertising for coaches and trainers as close to registration as possible.

6.7.3. Apparently Blake's computer crashed,

6.7.4. This season we must do better to reinforce that only coaches registered in RAMP can be on the floor or bench as they are the only ones insured. This responsibility falls to the head coach, and as back-up, the team manager.

6.7.5. Discussed the benefits of including head coaches in the manager meeting at the beginning of the season to get everyone on the same page.

6.8. Director of Discipline Report - Ryan Philip

6.8.1. No report.

6.9. Director of Equipment Report - Steve Mackie

6.9.1. No report.

6.10. Director of Public Relations & Fundraising's Report - Amber Philip

6.10.1. No report.

6.11. Director of Tournaments Report - vacant

6.11.1. N/A.

7. Conclusion

7.1. Next Meeting Date is January 8th 7PM at Innisfail Arena.

8. Adjournment

8.1. Motion to adjourn at 20:55 by Amber Philip.

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