



Innisfail Minor Lacrosse Association

Board Meeting, Thursday 11 January 2024 1800 HRS

Innisfail Twin Arenas Meeting Room

Attendees

Annette Smith, *President*
Alexis Verhegge, *Vice-President*
Stacie Wadin, *Secretary*
Lindsay Taylor, *Treasurer*
Amanda Knock, *Registrar*
Shelby Mackie, *Scheduler*
Ryan Philip, *Discipline Chair*

Steve Mackie, *Equipment Coordinator*
Stacey Mackie, *Director of Tournaments*
Nate Justice, *Director of Player/Coach
Development*
Amber Philip, *Director of Public Relations &
Fundraising*
Brad Bouchard, *Mavericks Lacrosse Guest*

1. Call to Order

1.1. Meeting called to order at 18:01 by Annette Smith.

2. Mavericks

2.1. Brad Bouchard president of mavericks

- 2.1.1. Mavericks had a very good season here last year! Great attendance at games.
- 2.1.2. Missed playoffs by one game.
- 2.1.3. Schedule worked well last year with having a U17 practice right before Mavericks.
- 2.1.4. Plan to have a representative at most or all of our board meetings.
- 2.1.5. It is a priority that IMLA and Olds MLA get lots of support from Mavs to help develop players as Mavericks get first pick to draft these players.
- 2.1.6. Hosting a Goalie camp for minor box players starting in February every other Saturday night in Penhold.
- 2.1.7. Running a Winter camp currently, mostly geared for U17.
- 2.1.8. Would like to include their players as junior coaches for minor teams.
- 2.1.9. Mavericks are looking at the addition of U15/U17 travel team(s) as an alternative to the "A" programs currently offered in cities.
- 2.1.10. Edmonton has ended their A program for minor box. They have moved to parity plus. In this system, everyone plays B, and "elite" players double on



- travel/tournament teams such as the above proposed Mavericks team(s). Expectations are Calgary and Red Deer will follow in implementing this soon.
- 2.1.11. Mavericks would like to work with scheduling to hopefully have a U9 or U11 game right before their games and have the kids stay to be ball runners/warm up experience with them. Strongly want to foster a love of the game and have the Mavericks be role models for the younger kids.
 - 2.1.12. Annual Lacrosse Day - all in for that. What can we do for it?
 - 2.1.13. Mavericks 5 Year Goal is for Innisfail to be the "mecca" of lacrosse in Central Alberta.

3. Reading & Approval of Previous Minutes

- ❖ Motion to approve previous minutes by Nate Justice.
Seconded by Ryan Philip. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

4. Business Arising From Previous Minutes

4.1. Director of Tournaments Position

- 4.1.1. Received two notices of interest for this position: Stacey Mackie & Bryanna Stuart. Discussed both candidates. A vote was held.
- ❖ Motion to appoint Stacey Mackie as interim Director of Tournaments by Alexis Verhegge.
Seconded by Stacie Wadin. Steve Mackie & Shelby Mackie abstained. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

- 4.1.2. This position will go up for election as scheduled at the 2024 AGM.
- 4.1.3. Welcome to the board, Stacey!

4.2. Try-It Nights

- 4.2.1. Canceled the originally planned January 3rd Try-It Night due to late communication from the venue and inability to find coaches able to attend.
- 4.2.2. February 21st: 6-7 U7-U11, 7-8PM U13-U17
 - 4.2.2.1. Annette, Nate, Allie, and
 - 4.2.2.2. Mavericks will bring a couple junior coaches as well.
- 4.2.3. Continue to plan for one additional Try-It once the arena is dry-floor.
 - 4.2.3.1. Date tabled to next meeting after the dry-floor meeting.

AI: Amber to reach out to all schools in Innisfail, Penhold, Bowden, Spruceview, etc.

AI: Nate to reach out to coaches to see if they can attend try-it night.



- ❖ (e)Motion to spend up to \$50 on printing posters to advertise Try-It Night by Stacie Wadin.

Seconded by Amber Philip. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

4.3. 2024 Registration

4.3.1. Amanda's Notes From The Online Registrar Meeting:

4.3.1.1. May 15th is when ALA closes registration. We can choose to end it sooner if we like. We are permitted to create wait lists.

4.3.1.2. We do have to have "Girls Only" on our registration, even though we don't offer female only programs in Innisfail.

4.3.1.3. We can add a U19 package if we choose to, in order to gauge interest. Those players would have to fill out an intent to play through RMLL first however.

4.4. Follow up on First-Aid Training

4.4.1. Nate's guy would need a ballpark of numbers in order to source a quote. Should be 7 hours of training but may not need that long.

4.4.1.1. Standard First Aid & CPR.

4.4.2. Annette's girl would be a max of 18 people at time. 2 Day Course. Theory can be done online, practical in one day. "Blended" course. Jill would charge \$185 in person.

4.4.3. Tabled until more information and registrations.

4.5. Follow up on Fundraising ideas pitched

4.5.1. Charity Game

4.5.1.1. Start planning now if we are going to make this event happen.

AI: Annette to reach out to Courtney Malone as a point of contact for emergency services.

AI: Shelby to extend May 11th floor booking to 9PM.

4.5.2. Pub Night

4.5.2.1. Nate: @ the Hideout.

4.5.2.1.1. Band is good, venue is good.

4.5.2.1.2. Silent Auction - organize that.

4.5.2.1.3. Date

4.5.3. Cash Raffle and/or Beef Raffle



- 4.5.3.1. Agreed that the cash raffle would be very simple to do. Everyone does them. They sell out and are an easy up to 10k.
- 4.5.3.2. Beef Raffles have done really well recently - a couple of hockey teams have done them.
- 4.5.3.3. Agreed that we need to pick one or the other.
- 4.5.3.4. Would prefer to do beef raffle - if we can find beef at a reasonable rate for this.

AI: Annette to reach out to Olds College meat shop.

5. Additions & Approval of the Agenda

5.1. Additions to Agenda

- 5.1.1. Innisfail Trade Show

5.2. Approval of Agenda

❖ Motion to approve agenda as amended by Alexis Verghegge.

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

6. New Business

6.1. CFEP Grant

- 6.1.1. Associations, NFP, "Community Facility Enhancement" Grant.
- 6.1.2. Approach hockey to co-sponsor. Mavericks would also co-sponsor.

6.2. Dry Floor Users Meeting

- 6.2.1. January 23rd at 6PM. Shelby & Alexis will attend.

6.3. Jersey Sponsors

- 6.3.1. Most contracts should be up. Need to review.
- 6.3.2. Potential for new sponsors.

AI: Lindsay to check treasurer files for sponsor contracts.

6.4. Steve's Player Development Pitch

- 6.4.1. Neal Themig would be willing to act as an assistant to Nate for the lower age groups (U7-U11).



- ❖ Motion to appoint Neal Themig as an assistant to Director of Coach & Player Development, to focus on the three younger age groups: U7, U9, & U11, by Steve Mackie.

Seconded by Amber Philip. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

6.5. Concession

- 6.5.1. Would like to approach hockey to rent the concession from April

6.6. Innisfail TradeShow

- 6.6.1. Not worth spending \$\$ to attend.
- 6.6.2. Happy to continue attending free information nights in all of our communities.

7. Board Member Reports

7.1. President Report - Annette Smith

- 7.1.1. Alexis will be provincials rep for IMLA.

CALL Meeting 2023-11-28

- Jillian Alexander is no longer employed by the ALA as Executive Director, or in any other capacity.
- Timeline change: U7/U9 Sylvan festival moved to May 25
- Coach Clinics opened. All registration through The Locker
- Tournaments are on the Dec. 6 ALA agenda (will discuss more later)
- Playoffs: Lacoka has U15
- 4 on 4 is sold out
- CALL RIC is Nate Hamilton (officially)
- REF Milage is .53/km for anything after 50 km
- U19 registration: open it at the same time as all other registration in our club.
 - Possibly looking at north/central/ south teams
 - Run as an intermediate level for those that can't afford RMLL and the travel and commitment
- U13 currently don't have space for one but still unsure. Likely will not have it.
- Registrar meeting December 11 @7:30
- Coach/Manager meeting tabled till January
- 2-3 tournament during the season. Change from 3 to 2 (1 away and 1 home). AS third is possible with permission.
- Provincials Committee: Red Deer & Sylvan hosting so they will make up most of the committee. Need more people to help. At least 1 person per club on the provincials Planning Committee. Anyone interested?
- CALL is still interested in a CALL Volunteer Award. Any input?
- Boundaries was tabled
- Next meeting Jan 30 @7 pm Zoom.



- SOS Tournament: Application was not submitted by the deadline (although the money was). Once informed of this Stacie Wadin and I hustled to get it submitted as ALA (Jillian Alexander) said we could and she would see what she could do for us. As mentioned Jillian Alexander was terminated as Executive Director, and ALA was supposed to decide on tournaments at the Dec 6 ALA meeting. I have followed up with Angela Nygaard, and we still do not know the outcome. I will continue to follow up

7.2. Vice-President Report - Alexis Verhegge

7.2.1. No report.

7.3. Secretary Report - Stacie Wadin

7.3.1. No report.

7.4. Treasurer Report - Lindsay Taylor

7.4.1. No financial changes other than reimbursements for Annette & Alexis attending the ALA AGM.

7.5. Registrar Report - Amanda Knock

7.5.1. Attended online meeting on the 11th.

7.5.2. Coaches & managers should be registering themselves.

7.5.3. Are we doing a U19 package?

7.5.3.1. Yes, we will add one.

7.6. Director of Scheduling Report - Shelby Mackie

7.6.1. TOTT & SOS Floors are booked. Awaiting dry floor meeting for further info.

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

7.7.1. Need a Facebook post advertising coaching positions open.

AI: Stacie to create media & update website with current forms & links, then publish on socials.

7.7.2. Team Staff Selection Process for 2024 will be as follows:

7.7.2.1. Board will select head coaches from available applicants.

7.7.2.1.1. Head coaches will select their assistant coaches from a pool of available applicants.

7.7.2.1.2. Head coach will select their team manager.

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7.8. Director of Discipline Report - Ryan Philip

7.8.1. No report.

7.9. Director of Equipment Report - Steve Mackie

7.9.1. No report.

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

7.10.1. Nothing additional.

7.11. Director of Tournaments Report - Stacey Mackie

7.11.1. Emailed Janelle for Slash .

7.11.2. Awaiting available away tourneys.

8. Conclusion

8.1. Next Meeting Date: February 12 6:30 PM

9. Adjournment

9.1. Meeting adjourned at 19:49 by Alexis Verhegge.

Seconded by Amanda Knock. None opposed. **Meeting adjourned.**