



Innisfail Minor Lacrosse Association

Board Meeting, Monday, 04 March 2024 18:30 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*
Noah Gooder-Zimmer, *Guest (Mavericks)*
Blake Sutherland, *Guest (Mavericks)*

1. Call to Order

1.1. Meeting called to order at 18:34 by Annette.

2. Reading & Approval of Previous Minutes

❖ Motion to approve previous minutes by Amber Philip.

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

3. Business Arising From Previous Minutes

3.1. Try It Nights

3.1.1. Great turnout for Feb 21st. Numbers attended: 8 U7, 8 U9, 5 U11, 7 U13 & 2 U15. So far, at least 12 players have registered from this event.

3.1.2. Confirmed March 18th & 19th Bring a Friend Dates & Times.

3.2. Fundraising Effort Updates

3.2.1. Olds College - Purchase Now and Beef will be available in August.

3.2.2. Draw date of June 2nd.

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- 3.2.3. Pitch to add secondary prizes in order to increase the retail value and the number of tickets we are able to sell.

- ❖ Motion to amend the previous amount of \$2500 to \$5000 in order to purchase a full cow for our beef raffle (a grand prize of half a beef, and two secondary prizes of a quarter beef) by Stacey Mackie.

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

3.3. Pub Night

- 3.3.1. Pub Night is good to go for April 19th.
- 3.3.2. Need to decide ticket prices, and if they include a drink/appy or something?
*Tabled until we receive more information from venue.

4. Additions & Approval of the Agenda

4.1. Additions to Agenda

- 4.1.1. None

4.2. Approval of Agenda

- ❖ Motion to approve agenda by Alexis Verhegge.

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

5. New Business

5.1. Player Releases

- 5.1.1. Brody Meeds U17 to go to Red Deer. No objections.
- 5.1.2. Cole Willert U15 to go to Olds. No objections.
- 5.1.3. Nakamura - Nolan U13 & Nelson U15 to go to Olds. No objections.
- 5.1.4. *Post Meeting:* Katie Martin has never played and wishes to be released to an all female team. No objections.

5.2. Team Splits

- 5.2.1. U7 - 2 teams.
- 5.2.2. U9 - Too soon to call. Bare minimum of 1 team.
- 5.2.3. U11 - Too soon to call. Bare minimum of 2 teams.
- 5.2.4. U13 - Too soon to call. Bare minimum of 1 team.
- 5.2.5. U15 - 1 Team. Need a couple more players for 1 team.



- 5.2.6. U17 - 14 players with possibility of adding a few from Olds. - 1 Team.
- 5.2.7. Deadline to declare teams for U9-U17 is March 22nd. Decisions are tabled until after our Bring a Friend try it nights on the 18th & 19th.

5.3. Head Coaches

- 5.3.1. U7 - No applications. Send out emails & post on socials calling for coaches at this age group.
 - 5.3.1.1. Alexis will act as Interim Head Coach until one can be appointed.
- 5.3.2. U9 - Rodger Levick only applicant for Head Coach. Approved.
- 5.3.3. U11 - Wade Braun and Kyle Evans for Head Coaches. Both approved as we will have at minimum 2 teams.
- 5.3.4. U13 - Neil Themig & Gage Mackie for Head Coach.
 - 5.3.4.1. Neil Themig appointed Head Coach.
 - 5.3.4.2. Noted that Gage Mackie will withdraw his application for Head Coach if there are 2 teams at this level, but will be willing to serve as an assistant coach.
 - 5.3.4.3. If there are 2 teams, we will need to look for another head coach.
- 5.3.5. U15 - No applications.
 - 5.3.5.1. Recommend approaching Greg Nelson to see if he would be interested in Head Coach.
 - 5.3.5.2. Noah G-Z appointed Interim Head Coach for now.
- 5.3.6. U17 - Annette Smith only applicant for Head Coach
(Annette left the room for this discussion)
 - 5.3.6.1. Some concerns raised. Players have voiced that they will leave/not return if this coach is selected for this level.
 - 5.3.6.2. Tabled final decision for future, will reach out to other candidates.
 - 5.3.6.3. Nate Justice will serve as Interim Head Coach one can be decided.

5.3.7. Assistant Coaches

These applications are either approved or not-approved as "available to assistant coach with IMLA", but are not appointed to a team unless selected by the Head Coach.

- 5.3.7.1. U7 - None Applied.



- 5.3.7.2. U9 - Matt Brock & Allie Verhegge - Approved.
- 5.3.7.3. U11 - Brent Hider, Brody Leveille, Brandon Stuart, Rodger Levick & Dayne MacAleese (Can't be an assistant coach, but he can be a JR coach) - Approved.
- 5.3.7.4. U13 - Gage Mackie, Ryan Philip & Chris Rockwell - Approved
- 5.3.7.5. U15 - Noah G-Z, Greg Nelson, - Approved
- 5.3.7.6. U17 - Harlan Edwards - Not Approved
- 5.3.7.7. U17 - Matthew Voghell, Ryan MacAleese, Adam Willert - Approved.
- 5.3.7.8. U17 - Blake Sutherland (approved post-meeting)

5.4. 2024 Budgets

- 5.4.1. Will be addressed with each report.

5.5. AGM & Awards Night Date -

- 5.5.1. June 25th or 27th are the only dates after everything has wrapped. 27th is the last day of school and may be too late.
- 5.5.2. AGM & Awards will be June 25th.
- 5.5.3. Keep floors booked for June 27th if teams that end on 23rd (U7/U9/U13/U17) want to have a fun day.

6. Board Member Reports

6.1. President Report - Annette Smith

6.1.1.

- CALL contacted me about 2 players that live elsewhere but were registered with us. I have reached out and informed them of the correct procedure. Geric Lutz is asking Olds for a release from U17, and Remy Maracle is asking Red Deer for a release from U7. Gabe Harvey registered with both Innisfail and Olds in case one didn't have a team, but upon further conversation with the family, they will play in Innisfail for U15.
- Olds contacted me about the Nakamura family, and Cole Willert, who would like to play in Olds. Olds reached out to them and informed them of the correct procedure.
- Robbi-Lee Meeds emailed me asking for a release for Broddy Meeds. I emailed her back the correct form. I have yet to hear back from her.
- ALA Special meeting was about the budget. ALA still had not recorded our proxies. They did allow me to vote, as they could see that we did vote at the ALA AGM, and our vote ensured a quorum.
- Olds College says that June 2 will work great for our beef draw. Then the winner can select their cuts, and the student's final exams are in August (this is when the winner will receive their beef).

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6.2. Vice-President Report - Alexis Verhegge

- 6.2.1. Attended the CALL Meeting on February 26th.
- 6.2.2. CALL is doing amazing with registrations and is considered a major growth center for lacrosse.
- 6.2.3. No limits on affiliates now.
- 6.2.4. ALA Ref & Coach Clinics are open. Coach certifications will be under further scrutiny this year, we need to make sure all our coaches are properly certified, or registered into the needed courses if not yet.
- 6.2.5. 22 Refs registered so far. We need a big push for referees.
- 6.2.6. Date for society papers to be submitted to CALL by January 15th after the playing year. (ALA Deadline is February 11th, CALL wants these before ALA).
- 6.2.7. Our one overage request approved.
- 6.2.8. Next meeting March 13 8-9PM and will include over & under age approvals.

- ❖ Motion for budget of \$250.00 for stationary and supplies for Manager Binders by Alexis Verhegge.

Seconded by Nate Justice. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

6.3. Secretary Report - Stacie Wadin

- 6.3.1. No report.

- ❖ Motion for budget of \$250.00 for printing and supplies by Stacie Wadin.

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

6.4. Treasurer Report - Lindsay Taylor

- 6.4.1. Absent.

6.5. Registrar Report - Amanda Knock

- 6.5.1. 128 players registered currently.
- 6.5.2. Current Numbers by age group:

U7	U9	U11	U13	U15	U17	U19
17	20	41	25	11	14	0

- 6.5.3. No budget required.

6.6. Director of Scheduling Report - Shelby Mackie

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6.6.1. Game Floor submissions completed.

- ❖ Motion for budget of \$20,000 for floor time for the 2024 season by Shelby Mackie.

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

6.6.2. March Schedule has U7 on Mondays, U11 & U15 on Monday/Wednesday, and U9, U13, & U17 on Tuesday & Thursday. Single team slots for all age groups so players can be assessed by coaches in order to create even splits (where required).

- ❖ Motion to approve tentative March Schedule as presented by Shelby Mackie.

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

Post Meeting Follow-Up:

- ❖ Motion to approve amended tentative March Schedule as presented by Shelby Mackie.

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

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

6.7.1. Coaching clinics upcoming, will ensure selected coaches are registered and receiving the correct training.

6.8. Director of Discipline Report - Ryan Philip

6.8.1. No report.

6.8.2. No budget required.

6.9. Director of Equipment Report - Steve Mackie

6.9.1. No report.

- ❖ Motion to purchase 100 pairs of socks from Digger Sports for up to \$1800, to sell back to members at \$20/pair by Steve Mackie.

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

6.9.2. Bench Staff Shirts \$42/EA. Min order of 12.

6.9.2.1. (Add Shirt Size to the Coach Application form for next year)

- ❖ Motion to purchase staff shirts for all team bench staff at \$42/shirt by Steve Mackie.

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

- ❖ Motion for a budget of up to \$10,000 for new equipment by Steve Mackie.

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

Post Meeting Follow-Up:

- ❖ Motion to spend up to \$4500 on 70 new jerseys for U11 by Amber Philip

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

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

- 6.10.1. Reached out to all current sponsors.
- 6.10.2. MiniDonuts is no, Field and Forge/Bilton shared. Fourlane waiting, Servus is form, 15s are good, freshleaf waiting to hear.
- 6.10.3. Reached out to Chamber regarding Tradeshow table.
- 6.10.4. Day Dental mouthguards are a go again and have been advertised online.

- ❖ Motion for a budget of up to \$1,000 for promotional printing & materials by Amber Philip.

Seconded by Stacie Wadin. Steve Mackie opposed. **Motion carried.**

6.11. Director of Tournaments Report - Stacey Mackie

- 6.11.1. 3 U17 teams, 3 U15 teams including our teams.
- 6.11.2. Medicine Hat June 7-9, 1xU9, 2xU11, 1xU13, 1xU15, 1xU17 entered.
- 6.11.3. War on the Shore May 10-12, 2xU11, 1xU13 registered.
- 6.11.4. We will not get a 2nd U9, 3rd U11, or 2nd U13 team into these events. We will need to apply for other events if we end up with these teams.

- ❖ Motion for a budget as presented of up to \$19,600 for SOS by Stacey Mackie.

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

- ❖ Motion for a budget as presented of up to \$2,200 for TOTT by Stacey Mackie.

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

6.12. Mavericks

- 6.12.1. Introduction as Mavericks Lacrosse Team.
- 6.12.2. Innisfail and Olds are "Home Associations"

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- 6.12.3. Hoping to attend meetings for lines of communication open.
- 6.12.4. Potential Canada Day U15 & U17 Travel Mavericks Teams
- 6.12.5. Kari Flaws will be IMLA Rep.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1. Next Meeting Date: March 21, 2024 18:30

8. Adjournment

- 8.1. Meeting adjourned at 20:31 by Alexis Verhegge.