



Innisfail Minor Lacrosse Association

Board Meeting, Thursday, 21 March 2024 18:30HRs
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*
Kari Flaws, *Mavericks*
Jocelyne Evans, *Guest*
Afton Gripich, *Guest*
Neil Themig, *Guest*
Gage Mackie, *Guest*

1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Meeting called to order at 6:32 by Annette.

2. Reading & Approval of Previous Minutes

- ❖ Motion to approve previous minutes by Alexis Verhegge.

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

3. Business Arising From Previous Minutes

3.1. Pub Night Final Decisions

- 3.1.1. Ticket Cost \$20 including one Draft Beer or Highball or Pop and one door prize ticket.
- 3.1.2. 2 Door Prizes - Adult & Child
- 3.1.3. Alexis will put together Kids' Door Prize

- ❖ Motion to spend up to \$10 per ticket sold on "free" drinks included on ticket by Alexis.

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

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- ❖ Motion to spend up to \$100 on Kids door prize by Ryan Philip.

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

- ❖ Motion to spend up to \$300 on printing tickets by Ryan Philip.

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

3.2. Head Coach Approvals

- 3.2.1. Discussions were held with U17 coaches, that they will work as a collective, but Ryan McAleese will be the documented Head Coach as he is most available

- ❖ Motion to make Ryan McAleese the Head Coach of U17, and Nate will then become an Assistant Coach by Nate Justice.

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

- 3.2.2. Remaining age groups pushed to New Business after Team Declarations.

3.3. Assistant Coaches.

- 3.3.1. 7 new assistant coach applications:

- ❖ Motion to approve Danielle Marshall, Jaymee Maracle, Josh Witty, and Evan McRitchie as U7 coaches by Alexis Verhegge.

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

- ❖ Motion to approve Jocelyne Evans as an Assistant Coach for U9 and U11 by Alexis Verhegge.

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

- ❖ Motion to approve Jeff McLeod as an Assistant Coach for U13 by Stacie Wadin.

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

- ❖ Motion to approve Tim Meeds as an Assistant Coach for U17 by Alexis Verhegge..

Seconded by Nate Justice. Discussion occurred. Seven opposed. **Motion not carried.**

4. Additions & Approval of the Agenda

4.1. Additions to Agenda

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4.1.1. Over/Under Age Requests

4.2. Approval of Agenda

- ❖ Motion to approve agenda as amended by Amanda Knock.

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

5. New Business

5.1. Team Declarations & Coaches

5.1.1. **U7**: 18 registered - 2 teams of 9.

- ❖ Motion to declare 2 teams at U7 by Alexis Verhegge.

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

U7 Head Coaches: None previously approved. Alexis will speak with U7 assistant coaches to find 2 head coaches. Alexis will speak to the assistant coaches who have stepped up to see who will take over head coach positions.

5.1.2. **U9** - 28 - 2 teams of 14.

5.1.2.1. No evaluations.

5.1.2.2. Teams will be split by Nate Justice, with assistance from Rodger Levick.

U9 Head Coaches: Rodger Levick previously approved as Head Coach. Nate to follow up with Assistant Coaches to see who would be willing to be a Head Coach.

- ❖ Motion to declare 2 teams at U9 by Stacie Wadin.

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

5.1.3. **U11** - 47 -

5.1.3.1. Upon reflection of policies and procedures, it was noted that 3 evaluation sessions are required in order to assess player skill.

5.1.3.2. Evaluations to be held March 25th, 27th, & April 1st.

5.1.3.3. Mavericks will provide players & coaches to perform evaluations.

5.1.3.4. Teams to be formed by Head Coaches and Player Coach development based on evaluations first and player requests second, then presented to the board for a vote.

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U11 Head Coaches: Wade Braun & Kyle Evans previously approved. One more head coach is required at this level. Third applicant not approved. Nate will follow up with approved assistant coaches to see who would be willing to head coach.

- ❖ Motion to declare 3 teams at U11 by Alexis Verhegge.

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

- ❖ Motion to approve Louis Catudal as a Head Coach for U11 by Steve Mackie.

No second occurred. **Motion not carried.**

5.1.4. **U13** - 25 - Moving Goalie to U15, so 24.

5.1.4.1. Discussion occurred regarding the pros and cons of 2 small teams of 12 vs keeping all players U13 but having to sit 4 players a game vs keeping a full roster of 20 and moving 4 players up to U15 to pad their roster.

5.1.4.2. U15 has only 13 players at this time and would benefit from adding bodies to their roster.

5.1.4.3. Noted by board members and guests that there is concern among U13 parents of having 2 small teams, and most would prefer the larger roster and moving players up to U15.

5.1.4.4. Concerns raised that U13 parents may not approve the selected U13 players to move up to U15... if we declare one team and can not find 4 U13s willing to move up, then someone will end up sitting out every game. U13 parents in attendance do not believe there will be a problem finding 4 runners willing to play up.

- ❖ Motion to declare one team at U13 by Stacey Mackie.

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

5.1.5. **U15** - 13 - One Team.

- ❖ Motion to declare one team at U15 by Alexis Verhegge.

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

5.1.6. **U17** - 18 - One Team.

- ❖ Motion to declare one team at U17 by Stacie Wadin.

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



5.2. Player Requests

5.2.1. Evaluations first, then requests.

5.3. Coaching Equipment Locker

5.3.1. Send coaches a request for a wishlist of practice supplies.

5.4. Junior Coach Policy

5.4.1. Some concerns have been raised about the players on the floor under the premise of being junior coaches. This has led to the need for IMLA to come up with a clear policy regarding junior coaches.

5.4.2. Add a junior coach policy to Policies & Procedures

1. Junior coaches must be removed by at least one full age group (for example: U15 can not junior coach for U13, but can for U11 and below).
2. Junior coaches must be registered in IMLA.
3. Junior coaches must be approved by the Head Coach.
4. Junior coaches must submit a Junior Coach Application (to be drafted).
5. Junior coaches are there to help coach the team, not for personal floor time.

❖ Motion to add the above outlined policy to IMLA's Policies & Procedures by Alexis Verhegge.
Seconded by Amber Philip. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

5.5. Registration Donations

5.5.1. Tabled until registrations and funds sent are up to date.

5.6. Overage/Underage Requests

5.6.1. Finn Turnquist is a very late birthday first year U11, first time player who would like to play down to U9.

❖ Motion to approve Finn Turnquist to play as an Overage U9 by Stacey Mackie.
Seconded by Alexis Verhegge. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

5.6.2. Noah Themig is 2nd yr U9 and would like to play up to U11 with a sibling.
Discussion occurred. Denied this request due to player's size and skill.

5.6.3. U13 currently has 3 goalies. U15 does not have a goalie. Weston Strauss has a sibling on U15 and is willing to play up as an underage U15.



- ❖ Motion to approve Weston Strauss to play as an underage U15 goalie by Stacey Mackie.
Seconded by Nate Justice. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

6. Board Member Reports

6.1. President Report - Annette Smith

6.1.1.

- 32 ref's registered to clinics levels 1-4. 25 of these are entry level. Last year CALL had 67. We really need to push for ref's.
- Broddy Meeds is floating. Meeds asked for a release from us, which we granted. However, Red Deer numbers will dictate if they can accept him. As of the CALL meeting RD was at 22 U17 players.
- Meeds have now asked if playing as an under age Juniors would be an option. Everyone is looking into it.
- For all remaining OA/UA's the president and Registrar of all clubs will be included in voting emails. Next meeting April 21, 2024 @7pm.
- We have interest from 4 more 1 st responders. That puts us at 10 now. We need to figure out how they're going to practice.
- In speaking with Kim Smyth: She is looking into it, but thinks that if we follow the Rec format of only stick contact (kids fully dressed, but 1 st responders could go with helmets with cages and glove), and everyone signs the liability waiver, we should be ok.
- I think the 1 st responders should still have full gear, but if they don't have a kidney protector it'll be ok. We don't want them going out and purchasing equipment, but if they have played hockey they will have all the other required equipment.
- Olds College meat shop would prefer it that we have 1 st prize as the ½ beef, 2 nd prize as the hind ¼, and 3rd prize as the front ¼. At \$5.10/lb.

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. No report.

6.5. Registrar Report - Amanda Knock



- 6.5.1. Numbers as stated above. 148 total registered players.
- 6.5.2. Deleted Eythan Young from our system.
- 6.5.3. Given that we have declared to have one U13 team, and it will have a full roster of 20, the U13 listing has been changed to "Waitlist Only".

6.6. Director of Scheduling Report - Shelby Mackie

- 6.6.1. Will complete the April schedule now that teams have been declared and send it out for an email vote.
- 6.6.2. Confirmed that the arena is open on April 1 and practices can continue as planned.

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

- 6.7.1. Covered in above discussion.

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. New Sponsor for U17: Antler Hill Welding
- 6.10.2. New Sponsor for U13: SCE Electric
- 6.10.3. In talks with others for U7.
- 6.10.4. Will also need additional sponsor bars for U11

❖ Motion to spend up to \$2000 on new sponsor name bars by Amber Philip.

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

6.11. Director of Tournaments Report - Stacey Mackie

- 6.11.1. Tournament is filling well.
- 6.11.2. Working on redrafting sponsorship and parent letters.
- 6.11.3. Away Tournaments. U11 added to Tradition Lives as their "home/close" tournament. Can apply for U9 for Tradition Lives as well.

Post Meeting Follow Up: Discussion was held regarding pulling our one U9 team from Medicine Hat as MH vs RD was not a fair distribution for the 2 teams. Decision was to pull from

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MH. Upon communicating with MH, learned that their U9 program had expanded as well and there is now room for our second U9 team to attend. Decision was made to instead of pulling, send both U9 teams to Medicine Hat.

6.12. Mavericks - Kari Flaws

6.12.1. Confirmed that evaluators for U11 will be scoring only- coaches will run the floors.

7. Conclusion

7.1. Next Meeting Date: April 23rd at 18:30

8. Adjournment

8.1. Meeting adjourned at 20:41 by Alexis Verhegge.

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