



Innisfail Minor Lacrosse Association

Board Meeting Minutes, Monday, February 10, 2025 18:30 HRS

Innisfail Arena

Attendees

Kari Flaws, *President*
Greg Nelson, *Vice-President*
Meghan Themig, *Secretary*
Lindsay Taylor, *Treasurer (ABSENT)*
Amber Philip, *Registrar*
Shelby Mackie, *Director of Scheduling*
Ryan Philip, *Director of Discipline*

Steve Mackie, *Director of Equipment*
Nate Justice, *Director of Player/Coach
Development*
Stacie Wadin, *Director of Tournaments*
Patrick Teskey, *Director of Public Relations &
Fundraising*
Stacey Mackie, *Mavericks Representative*

1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Meeting called to order at 6:34 P.M. by Kari Flaws.

2. Reading & Approval of Previous Minutes

- ❖ Motion to approve previous minutes by Amber Philip.
Seconded by Stacie Wadin. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

3. Business Arising From Previous Minutes

- 3.1. Nothing to report.

4. Additions & Approval of the Agenda

- ❖ Motion to approve Agenda by Amber Philip.
Seconded by Stacie Wadin. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

5. Reports of Board Members

5.1. President Report - Kari Flaws

5.1.1. No report.

5.2. Vice-President Report - Greg Nelson

5.2.1. No report.

5.3. Treasurer Report - Lindsay Taylor (ABSENT)

5.3.1. No report.

5.4. Secretary Report - Meghan Themig

5.4.1. No report.

5.5. Registrar Report - Amber Philip

5.5.1. No report.

- To send out minutes/notes from Parent Information Session
- Requested all board members to log into RAMP and register
- Current number of registrants: 109
 - U7 13
 - U9 15
 - U11 27
 - U13 28
 - U15 18
 - U17 8

5.6. Director of Scheduling Report - Shelby Mackie

5.6.1. No report.

- Red surface March 6th, 2025
- Blue surface April 7th, 2025
- Eye opener weekend will only be red side, provincials happening on blue side
- No home games May 3rd, 2025
- No home games June 19-21, 2025 due to grad
- Game submissions sent into CALL
- Will send out schedule for posting in a few days

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

5.7.1. No report.

Discussion:

- has contacted about 40% of previous coaches already, parents/members concerned with issues with parents and players. Needing to work towards a coach supportive board.
- Potentially hold a meeting for prospective coaches (coaching orientation for anyone interested in coaching or coaching applicants, with discipline in attendance)
- Mavericks to maybe host additional coaching clinics/mentorship style for further coach support/questions

- 1 coach signed up for U11
- 1 coach signed up for U13

5.8. Director of Discipline Report - Ryan Philip

5.8.1. No report.

5.9. Director of Equipment Report - Steve Mackie

5.9.1. No report.

- ❖ Motion if goalies trying out for Red Deer A team make A team, goalie equipment gets returned to IMLA by Steve Mackie.

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

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

5.10.1. See attached report.

Public Relations

Try It Night #2

We could look into partnering this with our Gear Swap. I recommend either Wednesday, February 26, or Thursday, February 27. I would recommend running U7-U11 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm, and U13-U17 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm, as we did with our first Try-It Night. Both nights are currently available at St. Marguerite.

We would need someone to reach out to the Mavericks about attending.

Fundraising Programs for the 2025 Season

Pub Night at the Innisfail Legion

Below is information provided to me on February 4, 2025, by Dean Turnquist, the Manager of Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 104.

Option 1 - easiest and least risk. Not dependent on attendance.

Legion will donate the cost of the hall rental to the IMLA for their pub night event. We will operate the bar and look after servers, and liquor and licence etc. You can charge at the door and bring in whatever entertainment you choose. You can host a traditional cabaret type event. Or add in food as required through the in-house caterer.

Option 2 is the charitable option or similar to hosting your own wedding at a venue.

If IMLA has a charitable account, we let you operate the evening with proceeds from the liquor coming back to you.

- *For example – you could charge or not at the door - your preference.*
- *You pay full rental cost for the Legion - \$700 plus GST*
- *You pay corkage and hospitality fee. (see attached for numbers)*
- *And you pay for any liquor consumed plus 15%. This way you don't have to buy liquor.*
- *Liquor can be sold by tickets or tracked through cash sales at the bar. (all sales are rung through the till anyways)*

Like your own wedding, you normally rent a hall, get people to serve liquor that you had to buy and deliver (and return unused portions) and pay for the liquor and get a liquor licence. We do all that for you for 15% plus your hall rental costs.

*Can be a better fundraiser but very dependent on attendance.
Let me know what works best.*

My recommendation would be option 1 this year.

If successful you can then do option 2 next year knowing what attendance trends like...

Let me know

Look forward to working with you guys!

*Thanks,
Dean*

Click [here](#) for a copy of the Legion 104's rental agreement. We have been pencilled in for Friday, April 25 to save the date until we make a decision.

Dean said we would have two potential options for catering:

1. Through Jolene Bjarnason's catering company, which was sold to Kevin and Bonita on February 1, or
2. By bringing in an outside caterer, for a fee.

Kevin and Bonita can be reached at 403-896-8418. I haven't had a chance to get in touch with them yet.

Beef Raffle

I spoke to Ivan, one of the owners of Big Bend Market, about hosting a beef raffle for a cow weighing approximately 700 lbs.

He said Big Bend would allow us to fundraise before we would need to pay for the beef, and that they would prepare and wrap the meat in whatever way we decided.

I mentioned that we intend to run the raffle until May 11.

He mentioned that if the association had someone willing to sell us a cow at a cheaper price, Big Bend would still prepare and package it for us.

I said I would call back following our meeting to finalize details.

FlipGive

FlipGive has paused the onboarding of clubs and leagues for the time being, but we can still set up a FlipGive team with unlimited members.

Here is the email I received from Beth when I reached out:

Good morning Patrick

Thank you for reaching out. We're currently in the process of updating our clubs and leagues solution and have paused onboarding new associations until those updates are complete. I don't have a definitive timeline for you right now, as that process just started, but I can keep you posted.

In the meantime, if you'd like to set up a FlipGive team to start fundraising you're able to do that and invite an unlimited amount of people from your organization to join your team.

Please let me know if you have any questions and I'll make a note to follow-up with you in the near future with an update.

*Have a great weekend,
Beth
Beth Spadaccini Mobley
Director of Partnerships | FlipGive*

I have started the process of registering a team, but need to set a fundraising goal (either total or per player), enter a season-ending date, and a description of where our funds will go.

5.11. Director of Tournaments Report - Stacie Wadin

5.11.1. See attached.

No changes from last meeting, just budgets to present.

Spirit of the Sticks (attached)

Terror of the Tykes (attached)

Gauntlet at the Grove (attached)

Away Tournament - Still have not heard back from Medicine Hat. I sent an email in

addition to our application form last Tuesday including a reciprocal invitation to our events for 2 U11, 2 U13, a U15 and a U17 team, but have not received any reply yet. I will start looking further into other tournaments and submitting some applications if they are available.

- ❖ Motion to spend up to \$24,140.00 on the Spirit of the Sticks tournament by Stacie Wadin.
Seconded by Amber Philip. One opposed. **Motion carried.**
- ❖ Motion to spend up to \$39,855.00 on the Gauntlet at the Grove, for a 32 team tournament, by Stacie Wadin.
Seconded by Patrick Teskey. One opposed. **Motion carried.**
- ❖ Motion to spend up to \$9,500.00 on the Terror of the Tykes tournament by Stacie Wadin.
Seconded by Greg Nelson. One opposed. **Motion carried.**

5.12. Concession - Mackies

- 5.12.1. No report.

5.13. Mavericks - Stacey Mackie

- 5.13.1. No report.

6. New Business

- 6.1. Reimbursement for referees that have reffed 5 games within our association
- 6.2. Apparel online, shirts, shorts and socks
 - Get sizing from everyone first week of practice
- 6.3. Volunteer bonds
 - send out volunteer hours math sheet, IMLA already operating at a volunteer hour deficit
- 6.4. A players - tryouts
- 6.5. Try It Night/gear swap
 - February 27th, 2025, both nights available at St Margs
 - Gear swap at Try It Night
- 6.6. Sports guards (mouth guards)
 - Day Dental confirmed to do mouthguards for all IMLA players
- 6.7. Team Photos
 - Elevate to take team photos
- 6.8. Concession
 - IMLA to run concession
 - schedule to go up online for sign up
- 6.9. Role clarity and effective collaboration

- 6.10. Wait list
- Amber: reminders made, according to CALL and IMLA policies, that we waitlist after certain numbers, possibly will need to register within another association. March 1st deadline for registration. Families of A try out kids need to be registered within IMLA or they could possibly face consequences of not having a spot on an IMLA team.
- 6.11. Goalie practice one night a week
- Gage Mackie to host this

- ❖ Motion to reimburse coaches for their coaching courses if there have been 5 games coached within IMLA by Nate Justice.

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

- ❖ Motion to have a goalie practice bi-weekly by Nate Justice.

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

- ❖ Motion to update our policies that RAMP webpage access changes upon new board members voted in by Greg Nelson.

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

- ❖ Motion to IMLA buys the Barns surplus of supplies, and at the end of the season will be returned back by Steve Mackie.

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

- ❖ Motion to book our second Try it night for Thurs feb 27th by Patrick.

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

- ❖ Motion to use Elevate photography for our team photos by Patrick Teskey.

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

- ❖ Motion to make volunteer bond for a second registered child with IMLA half the amount of required volunteer bond by Greg Nelson.

Seconded by Steve Mackie. One opposed. **Motion carried.**

- ❖ Motion to reimburse referees that have refereed 5 Innisfail Phantom home games by Stacie Wadin.

Seconded by Patrick Teskey. One opposed. **Motion carried.**

- ❖ Motion to buy 150 shirts, shorts, and socks bundles from Mountain West for \$46.00 a bundle by Steve Mackie.

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

7. Conclusion

7.1. Next Board Meeting Date:

February 24, 2025, 6:30 P.M., at the Innisfail Arena.

Following Board Meeting Date:

March 10, 2025, 6:30 P.M., at the Innisfail Arena.

8. Adjournment

- 8.1. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:23 P.M. by Meghan Themig, seconded by Shelby Mackie.