

Olds Minor Lacrosse Board Meeting

March 1 2024/ 6:30pm /Olds Legion

Attendees

Joe Berreth, Greg Thompson, Jennifer Lyle, Shana Harder, Alex Hogarth, Tascha Kokscal

Missing

Letitia Gole, Walter Murray

Opening comments

Joe opened the meeting and suggested that because at the U13 level there is a greater focus on developing offensive and defensive play that the three head coach candidates work together as a coaching team to pool their knowledge and skills.

Craig

- Years of Experience – 2 years coaching Lacrosse
- Ultimate goal for the year?
- Make the year positive for the kids, parents and coaches and develop kids as players and people.
- Create a leadership team.
- Create a year's plan with the coaching team based on the skills that each coach brings and players skills.
- Create positive culture within the team.
- Identify goalies early on.
- Find appropriate tournaments for teams and get hotels booked ASAP.

- How do you deal with conflict within the team?
- Directly in transparent and direct communication.
- Establishing expectations from the start so that there are clear guidelines to refer to.
- Use conflict between players as a learning opportunity.
- Work together for the betterment of the team.
- Are you willing to work with other coaches this season?

- Yes as long as other coaches are willing to work together as part of the leadership for the team and foster good culture and team development
- Describe your qualifications.
- Has coached other sports for the past 24 years, ALA U13 development camp, Community development, has coached both box and field lacrosse, has helped with CALL winter lacrosse camp.
- How do you plan to develop the goalies?
- Need to have a coach who focuses on the goalie.
- Need to have a set goalie for the team.
- Keep them involved in the team practice with specialized time learning goalie skills.
- Hopes to have some experience on the team to help with goalie development.
- Uses the ALA website for goalie specific development.

Riley

- Years of Experience
- Played 20 years of lacrosse. Coaching senior lacrosse for 10 years has community development and Uber coaching course. Has assisted with multiple lacrosse camps.
- Ultimate goal for the season?
- Will create a season plan which will then flow through to practice plans for each practice.
- Does not like to waste practice time. Practice times are planned down to the minute.
- Can create systems and set lines depending on skill set of players.
- Not worried about the organizational part of head coach.
- Wants/needs authority over practices, systems and game play. Delegation and organization is key
- Are you willing to work with other coaches this year?

- Yes, wants to bring in everyone possible.
- Feels that a weakness in the association is a lack of technical knowledge.
- Wants to coach kids and teach coaches more about lacrosse.
- Will work with all volunteers who want to help and learn.
- Feels he is the best person for the head coach job.
- Feels he is the most technically literate in the association.
- He has played lacrosse for 20 years, coached 10 years of senior lacrosse, has coached both kids and adults but has mostly coached adults.
- Has communicated with the technical director of the ALA and would like to see player development standards brought into OLA.
- Feels that he worked well with Craig last season.
- Feels that Roy works great with the kids and parents.
- How would you improve upon the feedback from last year that you need to learn to bring your teaching down to the kids level?
- Feels that moving up in division should help. Agrees that this is an issue nothing about how he would improve upon this.
- How do you deal with conflict?
- depends on individual personality, will avoid conflict, if possible.
- Has had experience handling conflict and has learned from these experiences.
- How do you coach goalies/include goalies in the practice?
- Every drill should be a goalie drill – include the goalie in all the drills.
- Pay attention to the goalie in the practice.

Roy

- Years of Experience - Has never played lacrosse
- Qualifications – Has coached lacrosse for the past 6 years.
- Ultimate goal for the season?
- Want to stick to same plan as last year, get all the players involved no matter what their skill level is with high and low players.
- How do you deal with conflict?
- only remembers one conflict, 2-3 years ago there was a player on the team who was a small size, and he was getting bulldozed in a game and mom was upset that she felt other kids were not helping and wanted Roy to do more
- Are you willing to work with other coaches?
- Yes. Roy is passionate about team sports and willing to work with anyone on the bench.
- How do you plan to develop goalies?
- Has 2 staff members who play Maverick's lacrosse and Roy plans to bring the Maverick goalie out to help with goalie development

Greg made a motion to have a public vote to name the U13 head coach, seconded by Shana
Board members voted and all voted in favor of Craig as U13 head coach

Goalie Apparel – Goalie uppers were lent to OLA from Lacoka Lacrosse association and has not been returned and cannot be found. Lacoka Lacrosse has requested that we pay the cost for the equipment. The cost is \$800.00

Alex motioned to pay \$800.00 to the Lacoka Lacrosse association for the missing gear.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm