

## **Olds Lacrosse Association Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 6, 2024 at 7:00pm**

### **1. Attendance and Welcome** – Called to order at 7:04pm

Joe introduced Blake from the Mavericks Lacrosse Association.

Joe would like to foster a good relationship between the OLA and the Mavericks. The Mavericks draft players from the Innisfail and Olds Lacrosse Associations. The Mavericks are under new ownership and the new ownership is in favour of working together with OLA. The Mavericks are willing to provide help for coach development, help with practices etc.

2. Agenda – Approval of Agenda motioned by Alex Seconded by Shana

3. Previous Minutes – Approval by Alex Seconded by Dale

4. Reports

### **Presidents Report**

Roy has stepped down from the board and will be removing Blake from the Lacrosse Association. Another family will also be removing their player from U11.

2 U17 players are moving down to U15, 2 players are going to Innisfail and 1 has decided not to play.

Last season Ryder won a \$250 scholarship that was to be used towards registration fees for this season and the family has asked for that money to be used for another family who could use it.

### **5. Old Business**

### **6. New Business**

#### **Review of current registration numbers and team formation**

There has been the suggestion that due to Roy stepping down from the board we may have some families chose to leave the lacrosse association.

Greg and Joe have had many discussions about the U13 numbers and have spoken to other clubs and with CALL who have suggested that we create 2 smaller teams.

Joe has spoken with Greyson who has applied to coach U13 and he gave his input as a former player. He is in favour of making 2 U13 teams.

The Carstairs Lacrosse association has released some players to come to Olds.

The Innisfail association suggested that we should have asked the membership what they would have preferred one large team or 2 smaller teams.

Joe suggested that we reach out to parents now and ask if they would prefer one larger team or 2 smaller teams with a timeline to give their input so that it is decided before teams need to be formed.

Shana motioned to contact the U13 to ask for their input to stay as one team or make 2 smaller teams and once that has been decided reach out to the U15 families to ask if any players would be willing to move down to U13 Seconded by Dale.

Greg will draft an email to the U13 families and will ask for all responses to be in by Tuesday March 12th 2024.

### **Apparel, Fit Night, Shorts and Pinnies and Equipment**

Alex went through the registration numbers and looked at which players have requested new shorts. We have approximately 75 pairs of shorts. Alex would like to have a fit/apparel night, goalie equipment night and equipment swap night.

Greg motions that we continue to use Chris Grudeski for shorts and pinnies and that we set up a fit/apparel and equipment night. Seconded by Alex

Fit night date has been set for March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – Alex will post on social media.

Alex did talk with Sixth Stake, and they are also willing to work with OLA for apparel.

Greg motions for Dale McIntyre to be voted in as the Equipment Manager until the position is filled by someone else. Seconded by Shana

Dale will reach out to the Penhold carwash to ask about turnaround time and cost to clean goalie equipment before the fit night and will have goalie equipment ready to be used for upcoming goalie camps.

Alex will take the goalie jerseys that we have, fit the goalies at the fit night and then arrange jersey's to be ordered for each goalie.

Dale reached out to West Olds Dental to inquire about mouth guards. The cost for OLA players is \$50.00 for a custom mouth guard.

Dale also heard from Dr Pederson a local chiropractor who would like to help with Lacrosse for concussion protocol and injury prevention he will come to the coach/manager meeting to explain how he can help/work with the lacrosse players and association.

### **Picture Night**

Prime Sports Team Photos was used last year for team pictures, and everyone would like to use them again.

We will do picture nights on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2024

### **Coach/Manager Binders**

Shana will collect the coach/manager binders from the rink and to save time Shana will use Dunrite printing to print the updated documentation for the binders.

Alex motioned to use Dunrite printing to print the updated documentation for the binders, seconded by Greg.

### **Coach for U7, U9 and U11**

Taylor Loader is willing to head coach U11.

No coach has stepped up to head coach either U7 or U9.

During the first practice we will have to host a parent meeting to educate parents that we need a head coach. This is a good opportunity for a Mavericks player to help. Joe is willing to help with U7 and U9 as needed.

Dale will reach out to Cole Williams to see if he is still interested in coaching U7 and if his child is still interested in playing.

Alex presented to possibility of having some of the U15 players act as junior coaches to help with U7/U9

### **Coach/Manager meeting with CALL.**

Meeting will be held at the Bowden Arena in person on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 6:30pm (tentatively) will need to confirm with CALL.

### **Season Schedule and practice times.**

Joe will enter the schedule for all age groups into RAMP.

On Mondays and Wednesdays Alex will move the U11 practice times to 6pm and the U13 practice times to 7pm

U9 practice time will be flexible depending on the rink schedule with cadets.

### **Evaluations**

Tasha Young is willing to help with evaluations and the Mavericks players could possibly help with this as well. The coaches will run the practices with input from Walter.

### **7. Next Meeting**

March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

### **8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm