



Parkland Posse – Board Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2021, 7:00-8:00 pm

Zoom Call

Meeting Chair:	Mike Sim
Minutes:	Nicole Koscielny
Members in Attendance:	Jacqueline Baranieski, Breanne Brown, Matt Martel, Rhonda Schumm, Darcy Murray, Jerry George, James Hackett, Allison Rogalsky, Ken Foster, Chris Simonson, Ray Shelton, Derek Fodchuk, Rob Perneel
Regrets:	Erika Letendre

Quorum: (4 Executive Members, one of whom must be the President)

Attendance achieves quorum

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Motion to adopt meeting minutes from January 28, 2021. (Amend the minutes to include the following attendees: Mike Sim, Breanne Brown, Jerry George, James Hackett, Matt Martel, Rob Perneel, Allison Rogalsky, Darcy Murray) Jerry/James. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt agenda for February 11, 2021: Jerry/Matt. Motion carried.

Reports:

1. President
 - a. GELC Regular Meeting February 8, 2021.
 - i. Programming will be in place by April 19 with a rolling start dependent on divisions.
 1. Game play to start by May 1.
 2. Registration to open no later than March 2. CDLA opening registration on February 15.
 3. Season will end on July 12, as GELC intends to schedule the same number of games as a regular season.
 - ii. Decision to go with parity only for all teams was based on timeliness as evaluations could take several weeks (discussions with previous coaches to help with parity). Parity season will be a good opportunity to develop players.
 1. No tiering of any kind; however, there may be an opportunity to re-tier for playoffs.
 2. Parity will take precedent over “buddy requests”.
 - iii. No decisions have been made yet, but in-house league for 6U and 8U was proposed and probable.

- iv. With a cohort model, 4x4 league; No cohort model would be regular 5x5 season.
- v. GELC wants to send out a survey to 03/04 players to gauge interest in bringing back post-midget league (idea is so that graduated 16U players that have not made a junior team would still have somewhere to play) Results will determine whether a post-midget league is reasonable.
- vi. We have received “approval in principle” from the GELC Building Fund to install boards and glass at the Edmonton Prospects field house. This would be similar to what Beaumont received (\$30k).
- vii. Rod Payne has resigned his position as GELC Building Fund chairperson.
- viii. Minor presidents who want to provide info for their graduating 16U players can be referred to the RMLL letter to new players.

b. ALA Developments

- i. President that was elected at ALA AGM, Darryl Knight, has resigned. Deb Rhodes is the de facto president until the next AGM.
- ii. Sean Aggus (GELC president) was suspended from all ALA meetings for acting as instructed by the GELC BoD. He has since been conditionally reinstated with issues to be added to the upcoming ALA Bod meeting.
- iii. Special meeting was held for a boundaries review. All changes were unanimously approved. Warriors have appealed amendments to the ALA.
 - 1. ALA will review the appeal.
 - 2. Boundaries will not be in effect until at least 2022 (if at all). Boundaries were approved at the special meeting, but with the appeal, it is now on hold until the appeal is resolved.
- iv. ALA wanted to move to 2 step registration, similar to the Juniors. It was approved at the meeting; however, it was rescinded the next day and will remain as is.
- v. ALA previously indicated that 2 coaches must be in attendance in any sanctioned event. (2 coaches/8 players). ALA reviewing their position on this as other groups are 1 coach to every 9 players.
- vi. ALA required comp intro status for coaches to be on the floor during COVID restrictions. Mike sent email to GELC BoD and ALA voicing concerns from our perspective that the requirement should be lowered to Community Development. With support from the GELC Presidents, ALA indicated it would be brought up at the next ALA meeting. This has since been sent out to the ALA board of directors for approval as a regulation change for 2021.

Old Business:

- 1. Vacant board positions to be posted on our website.
- 2. Shaun Collard has resigned from his 16U/14U director position.
- 3. Call list to has now been sent to Shawn and Rob to contact junior players to complete the RMLL Intent to Play process.
- 4. RMLL intends do an info night for graduating 16U players, date and location TBD.
- 5. RMLL draft was proposed for March, but currently on hold.

New Business:

1. 2021 season planning
 - a. Currently we are allowed up to 9 players on half floor until Stage 2 is announced. ALA requires "rule of 2" for coaches and players. i.e., no coach can ever be alone with players. Will seek to understand if 1 coach:9 players on half floor ratio will be acceptable if scheduled on both sides of the floor.
 - b. Registration can open as early as February 15, 2021 for the 2021 box season.
 - c. Players must be registered under 2021 box season prior to taking the floor for any pre-season scheduled floor time. Drop in is not currently permitted.
 - d. Fees will be pro-rated if the 2021 season is cut short, with last payment being not confirmed unless all games are played.
 - e. Consider doing a rolling payment option for the season based on the changing COVID regulations (similar to CDLA proposal).
 - f. Floor availability:
 - i. Glenn Hall has shut down their ice and we can get into Glenn Hall as early as March.
 - ii. We can still use Tri-Leisure, soccer has approached asking to share some floor time.
 - iii. If we started at Glenn Hall in March opposed to Tri-Leisure could save over \$2K in fees.
 - iv. Devon will be available in April.
 - v. Spruce Grove is still up in the air as AJHL has not cancelled their season. Stu Barnes will be available, but Grant Fuhr will be under renos for the 2021 year.
 - vi. Onoway tends to have issues with the spring freeze/thaw. It is also a cold building.

2. Open Discussion:

- a. *How quickly do we move on planning a season?*
 - i. *We can get registration open in a few days. Communication can be sent out from ALA until gov restrictions are lifted, but worried about over promising what we can deliver. Currently we can only offer social distance skills
Number of coaches is a potential issue.
Should we survey parents to gauge interest in coaching?
Historically we have registration open 2.5 months before they hit the floor. A month of registration would be good.
Coaches can rotate through the 8 player cohorts. Coaches aren't part of the cohort
Can currently split the floor in half with 8 players per half and 2 coaches per half
Have 45 min sessions.
Look at April 1 start with a registration open asap (Feb 15).
Come try it would be ideal but must check with ALA (insurance)
Anything prior to March 27 is based on gov restrictions
Communication will be clear that it will be a parity league
What about a non-refundable fee to access all pre-season activities, this would also be part of registration fee?*

Motion to open registration on February 17 with projected groups to be formed by March 27 including a schedule of activities. James/Jerry. Motion carried.

3. **ACTION: Chris to do a call last year's coaches for come try it events and drop ins.**
4. **ACTION: Jerry to confirm floor times for March.**
5. Tyrone Willushaw is interested in player development role. Mike to contact before next meeting.
6. Tim Gordon may be interested in returning to the Board as a Division Director. James to follow up.
7. Allison has indicated that we have received \$14,000 in grant money which covers most of the funds that were lost for 2020 cancelled season.
8. Fees will remain the same as what was approved for the 2020 season. Ken will write up a proposal for a clear refund policy based on GELC direction.

9. \$50 non-refundable fee, with 3 subsequent payments will be April 15, May 15, June 15 (30% of registration fees). Refund policy (GELC) would be % of season played. If programming extends beyond payment date, then that payment is non-refundable.

Motion to have \$50 non-refundable fee with 3 subsequent payments April 15, May 15, June 15 (approximately 30% of reg fees each). Refund policy (GELC) would be % of season played. If programming extends beyond payment date, then that payment is non-refundable. Chris/Derek. Motion carried.

10. Mike will draft communication to be posted to the website and board will share it within social media. Ken will send to members that registration via RAMP.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, February 25, 7:00pm, Mike will send ZOOM link.

Meeting adjourned 8:38 pm