

Queen City Minor Box Lacrosse
Annual General Meeting
AGENDA, REPORTS, and MINUTES
Wednesday, December 11, 2024 @ 7:00pm
Speers Family Centre



1. Open Meeting/Roll Call/Protocol

In attendance:

Ryan Cherkewich, Crystal Bjornson, Angi McGarry, Cory Bjornson, Mackenzie Bjornson, Devin Harriot, Dave Wenarchuk, Andrew Langford, Danita Achtemichuk, Travis Williams, Amie Williams, Travis Welder, Jeremy Lejeune, Jason Achtemichuk, Heather Wenarchuk, Renee Soucy, Avlyn Soucy, Chad Kleisinger, Meagan Oudot, Craig Oudot, Quentin Stein, Kris Moen, Aliee Papp, Suzy Papp, Ryden Goselin, Becky Palandri, Jeff Tytlandsvik, Greg Krawetz, Chris Allard, Saffron Panko, Ethan Panko, Robyn Pardy, Laura Tendler, Ridge Tendler, Alan Hayter, Kurt Kinashuk, Carey Smith

- a. Call to order at 7:02pm
- b. Land Acknowledgement
- c. AGM protocol – please raise your hand if you have a comment/question
- d. President welcome and review of the year/introduction of present board members
 - a. Season had ups and downs with changes to the A league and house league. SSL continued to double card their teams, which led to some frustration with our teams that did not double card.
 - b. We will continue to explore what is best for QCMBL going into this season.
 - c. We had an increase in enrollment for all our age groups this past year, except U17.
 - d. U17 division saw a major decrease in enrollment numbers, and therefore the decision was made to fold the A league. We are thankful to the U17 players and families that stuck with lacrosse this past season.

- e. SSL teams competed well, and we were able to capture some medals.
- f. U13 and U15 Barracuda teams won medals in Provincials.
- g. U13 went undefeated in league games and tournaments except for one final game in the Calgary tournament.
- h. We opened the QCMBL store last week. It is closed now but will reopen again in the new year.
- i. We have a designated fundraiser coordinator as we enter this year. We are going to be working hard on trying to keep costs as low as possible as we know that fees are increasing. Anyone who may want to be a sponsor can reach out to the board with ideas.

2. Approval of the 2023 AGM minutes

Motion: Jason Achtemichuk

2nd: Travis Williams

Approval of 2023 minutes carried

3. Approval of the 2024 AGM Agenda

Motion: Jason Achtemichuk

2nd: Jeff Tytlandsvik

Approval of agenda carried

4. Announcements

-Sector meetings are pushed back to January this year, as well as the SLA AGM.

-Once those are completed, information will be sent out as needed.

-There were several applications submitted for Executive Director for SLA. They have been narrowed down and the interview process will begin shortly.

-Registration for the King's Winter Camp is open.

-Coaching and Officiating clinics will run prior to the start of the season. There is a form on the website that needs to be filled out to express interest.

-Regina is the Minor Box Lacrosse host for provincials. Dates may be moved into June as opposed to July.

-Regina is hosting the Howler Tournament which is the new Female Lacrosse tournament.

-Regina is looking to host a Sr. PGLL tournament as well.

- We will continue to play in the SSSL for the 2025 season.
- Evaluations and tryouts will be late March/early April.

5. **2024 QCMBL Awards**

- a. Jr. Player of the Year: **Jeremy Lejeune**
- b. Minor Players of the Year:
 - i. U17 Players of the Year: **Ethan Panko/Avlyn Soucy**
 - ii. U15 Players of the Year: **Ryden Gosselin/Makayla Bjornson**
 - iii. U13 Players of the Year: **Reece Oudot/Yael Herriot**
 - iv. U11 Players of the Year: **Oscar Stein/Aubria Tendler**
- c. Barracuda MVP:
 - i. U17: Co-MVP **Ethan Panko & Avlyn Soucy**
 - ii. U15: **Kaleb Crossman**
 - iii. U13: **Paxton Williams**
- d. Team of the Year: **U13 Barracuda**
- e. Referee of the Year:
 - i. Level 1: **Braysen Agopsowicz**
 - ii. Senior Level: **Keelin Achtemichuk**
- f. Positive Coach of the Year: **Travis Welder**
- g. Bob Ryan Volunteer of the Year: **Kurt Kinaschuk**
- h. President's Award: **Kris Moen**

6. **Reports** - all reports have been included as an attachment with the AGM agenda

- a. Treasurer Report – as reported in document and presented by Ryan Cherkewich
 - i. Motion to accept financials as reported:
 Motion: Jason Achtemichuk 2nd: Amy Williams
 - ii. Motion to wave an audit:
 Motion: Travis Williams 2nd: Jeff Tytlandsvik
- b. Division Reports – see agenda package
- c. Approval of the 2024 QCMBL Board Reports as submitted/presented
 Motion: Ryan Cherkewich 2nd: Danita Achtemichuk

7. **Board Nominations/Elections for the 2025 Season**

The following QCMBL Board positions are available for the 2025 season:

- a. President: 2-year term
- b. Secretary: 2-year term

c. Director (multiple positions): 1-year term

Nominees for positions are as follows:

President: Greg Krawetz (won by acclamation)

Secretary: Saffron Panko (won by acclamation)

Director nominees:

-Renee Soucy

-Becky Palandri

-Travis Williams

-Jason Achtemichuk

-Danita Achtemichuk

-Heather Wenarchuk

-Aimee Williams

-Robyn Pardy

-Tony Gelowitz

-Chad Kleisinger

Continuing serving on the board for the second year of their term:

Jeff Tytlandsvik - vice-president

Ryan Cherkewich - treasurer

Specific duties for each position will be assigned by the Executive at the first meeting of the new Board. Date to be decided.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Heather Wenarchuk

2nd: Robyn Pardy

Adjourned: 7:40pm



2024 Board Reports

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Registrar

Coaching

Refereeing

Equipment

Divisions

2024 President Report

This season saw the QCMBL still working on increasing our membership numbers towards previous levels. We continued to work on recruiting new players through various forms of advertising, free try-lacrosse days, and winter camps. We also started the recent fall box camps with the Senior Heat program taking the lead. We did see an increase in many of our divisions for the 2024 season, which gives us hope moving to the future. We continue to try our hardest to find facilities to use year-round for camps, winter programs, early and late season work, etc. The addition of the Un Sueno facility that we are currently using has been a great benefit and will help alleviate many of those issues. This season saw our annual Mother's Day Classic Tournament play host to 16 teams in the U11, U13 and U15 divisions. Everyone attending the tournament had a great experience and we will continue to host the province and beyond in the future. We also saw our house teams improve greatly throughout the season. It was a struggle in the beginning for many teams as we went away from having our A players participating on the house teams this season. This allowed many of our players improve and lead their teams, when this hasn't always been available to them in the past. By the end of the season all of our house teams improved, continued to compete on the floor, and made us all very proud. This season also saw the creation of the Flatland Coyotes female lacrosse program with the QCMBL working with the Weyburn and Moose Jaw Lacrosse Associations to bring more females to the game. In Regina alone we saw a substantial increase in female players and know there are many more excited to continue learning and playing the game next season. We look to be trail blazers in the Province and in 2025 have plans to host the first ever all female box lacrosse tournament in the Province. As always, we continue to work at bringing in new coaches and referees, which as we all know can be a struggle. We are working on bringing in younger coaches recently removed from the junior ages and keeping them involved with the game. We saw the addition of new coaches in our Barracuda and house programs and will continue to grow these numbers. We also had many new and young referees this year with bodes well for the future. Moving in to the 2025 season, we look forward to getting back in to the arenas and watching all our players continue to grow and have fun. Also in 2025, Regina will be hosting the Provincial Minor Box Lacrosse Championships which will be an exciting event for all! We will continue to work with our Board members, other Member Associations in the South Sask Lacrosse League across the Province, as well as the Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association to improve the game. We will continue to work hard with all of these Boards and Associations to provide a quality lacrosse product on the floor, continue to grow the game in Regina, and continue to work towards new and exciting opportunities for all of our players, coaches and families.

Yours in Lacrosse,

Greg Krawetz QCMBL President

2024 Vice - President Report

submitted by: Jeff Tytlandsvik

The season saw several changes implemented with fluctuations in registration numbers. The lower age groups, including the Mini Tyke, Tyke, and U11 age group continue to rise which is a very encouraging sign that lacrosse in Regina can continue to grow. The decision to move away from double carding has brought with it both positive and negative effects on the different age groups and teams, feedback will be weighed on the subject and we will continue to try to find a balance for all players to be able to grow their skills and still enjoy a competitive team environment. While some older age groups struggled with registrations, we will continue to focus on how we can grow our younger groups and keep them involved in the sport as they move through the later years of Minor. After starting out slow in the SSSL, teams seemed to find their stride as the season went on, thanks to some incredible efforts on the part of our coaches, and we saw large improvements in all our teams by the end of the year. QCMBL was again well represented with players on every Team Sask team that participated at Nationals which was encouraging to see that the development and coaching they receive is working. Thank you again to all our players, coaches, parents, referees, and volunteers on a great Lacrosse season and we will see you back in 2025.

Registrar's Report

Submitted by: Danita Achtemichuk

Player Information

	Number of Male	Number of Female	Total # of Players
U7	20	7	27
U9	23	4	27
U11	30	5	35
U13	32	4	36
U15	28	8	36
U17	19	7	26
Female Travel	0	11	11
Junior PGLL	25	0	25
Junior RMLL	25	0	25
Senior PGLL	20	0	20
TOTALS	222	46	268

2021 Total # of Participants=220

2022 Total # of Participants=244

2023 Total # of Participants=280

Registration Procedure

RAMP was used again this year for players to register online. Options were made for players paying by etransfer, cash, cheque, Kidsport, Jump Start, Band payment, etc.

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Ryan Cherkewich

Profit and Loss Report Overview

Revenue:

- Our total revenue for 2024, which includes income from registrations, Barracuda fees, and map funding, has increased by **\$9,628.35** compared to 2023.

Expenses:

- **QCMBL Operating expenses** have risen by 3%, an increase of **\$4,895**.
- **Floor time** has been our largest expense, increasing by **\$25,502**.

Accounts Receivable:

- The current **Accounts Receivable (A/R)** stands at **\$23,154.71**, which is contributing to a **cash flow deficit** for QCMBL.

Net Loss:

- The total loss for the season is **\$18,192**. However, if the A/R is successfully collected, it will shift our financial position to a **small gain** of **\$4,963**.
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Treasurer's Insights:

- This was my first year as Treasurer, and while there was a minor learning curve in managing the accounts and registration software, I now have a firm grasp on the processes.
- The experience gained will help provide regular, transparent financial updates to our membership, especially to those with questions regarding the **Barracuda A Program**.

Future Budget Planning:

- The data collected throughout this year will be used to build more accurate and sound budgets for our programs moving forward.
- A **detailed budget summary** will be shared with the membership prior to registration for each age division.

Cost Trends and Forecasts:

- It is expected that all expenses will continue to rise, and we need to ensure our financial stability to manage these increases.
- Additionally, **Lacrosse Canada** has informed the **Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association** that the Association fees will increase in 2025.
 - The cost per athlete will rise from **\$5 to \$15**.
 - The cost for **Coaches/Officials** will rise from **\$15 to \$25**.
 - As a result, QCMBL will need to consider raising fees to accommodate these changes.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

- All expense categories are open for questions and discussion.
 - I recommend that we **accept the financials as reported** and **waive an official audit**, as our total revenue is below **\$150,000** to save our association an additional \$6,000 accounting bill.
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Queen City Minor Box Lacrosse Balance Sheet

As of December 9, 2024

	Total	
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalent		
Operating		4,922.76
Savings		32,908.91
Total Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$	37,831.67
Accounts Receivable (A/R)		
Accounts Receivable (A/R)		23,154.71
Total Accounts Receivable (A/R)	\$	23,154.71
Uncategorized Asset		0.00
Total Current Assets	\$	60,986.38
Total Assets	\$	60,986.38
Liabilities and Equity		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Card		
Credit Card		26.64
Total Credit Card	\$	26.64
Due from/to QC Kings		0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$	26.64
Total Liabilities	\$	26.64
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity		91,110.89
Retained Earnings		-40,754.78
Profit for the year		-16,403.50
Total Equity	\$	33,952.61
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	33,979.25

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Profit and Loss

January 1 - December 9, 2024

	<u>Total</u>
INCOME	
Fundraiser	1,498.45
MAP Funding	6,318.96
QCMBL Tournament Fees	4,600.00
Sales	118,206.44
Service/Fee Income	1,366.76
Total Income	\$ 131,990.61
GROSS PROFIT	\$ 131,990.61
EXPENSES	
Bank charges	2,840.14
Barracuda	27,995.91
Equipment	5,186.85
Floor Time Rental	68,133.92
Honorarium	900.00
Insurance	1,788.22
Other general and administrative expenses	18,914.72
Ref Fees	13,180.00
Rent or lease payments	6,000.00
Subcontractors	823.25
Taxes and Licenses	100.64
Tournament Fees	5,125.00
Travel	554.40
Total Expenses	\$ 151,543.05
OTHER INCOME	
Interest earned	1,160.72
Other Ordinary Income	200.00
Total Other Income	\$ 1,360.72
PROFIT	-\$ 18,191.72

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Coaching Report

Submitted by: Travis Williams

The 2024 QCMBL lacrosse season was a success in many areas in regards to coaching. This season teams participated in the SSLL with 2 – U11 teams, 2 – U13 teams, 2 – U15 teams and 1 – U17 team. QCMBL also fielded 2 – 'A' Box League teams 1 – U13, 1 – U15. We saw multiple new coaches participate this season with 2 – new head coaches in U11 SSLL, 2 – new assistant coaches with U13 'A' Box, 3 Junior graduate coaches working with 'A' Box teams and the U17 team and many new assistant coaches throughout all age groups. We also had current players assisting teams from Junior players all the way down to U13 athletes which is bright spot for future coaching applicants. In addition to new coaches throughout all divisions QCMBL also had many returning coaches throughout all age groups. This season QCMBL was fortunate to see 8+ former and current players involved with coaching staffs.

Our SSLL coaches as well as board members had an unfortunate start to the season regarding decisions that were thought would help develop 'grassroots' programs. QCMBL decided to remove the option of "double carding" both 'A' Box and SSLL in hopes this would allow developing players more opportunities to grow as lacrosse players. At the start of the season, it was a bit of a shock, but as the year progressed many coaches did a great job of adapting to the circumstances to ensure athletes were still enjoying the season and finding success in multiple aspects of the game. Community Athletic Programs require the commitment and dedication of many volunteers and the coaches of QCMBL again did fantastic work with athletes to develop, and advance skills as well as encourage participation.

We hope to see many coaches return next season and continue to assist with growing the great game of lacrosse.

Refereeing Report

Submitted by: Heather Wenarchuk

QCMBL, once again, had numerous new referees for the 2024 season. Our challenge remains the same and that is to get enough games in U11 to keep our new refs interested in continuing. We had a total of 24 refs this year and the majority of those are Level 1-2. Our Level 3 refs saw a lot of floor time and were consistent and committed all year. Our challenge is senior refs who can do U17 and above.

Our mentor program was strong this year again and all U13 and U11 games who had new refs had mentors with them. Our focus in 2025 will be to continue to grow the mentor program to ensure all refs are trained and feel comfortable making the calls needed on the floor.

Our Official in Charge was Alan Hayter for the second year. We will unfortunately be looking for a replacement in 2025 to carry on the QCMBL vision to retain and train referees so that we can continue to offer safe and fun games for our organization to play in.

Equipment Report

Submitted by: Jeff Tytlandsvik

Equipment report remains quiet and minimal as we work to control costs. We required some net mesh this year to upgrade a couple of nets. We also were able to search out and find a couple of goalie sticks to add to inventory as the demand is growing and supply available is falling. On the jersey front, we had purchased a new set of generic jersey for the Barracuda program for each age group as the older ones we found to be heavy, incorrectly sized for the age group and no longer functional. We were able to purchase those using team funds collected.

DIVISION REPORTS

U7 & U9 Division Reports

submitted by: Saffron Panko

The 2024 U7 and U9 seasons were a great success. The U7 division doubled in registration numbers from last year. Both groups had 27 players. The year was filled with fun and development with a number of excellent coaches and new junior volunteers to assist with on floor sessions. The season ended with the annual QCMBL's U7 and U9 Festival. The U7 division hosted 5 teams, while the U9 division had 7 teams from southern Saskatchewan participate. All players had a lot of fun and are excited to return for the 2025 season.

U11 Division Report

Submitted by Heather Wenarchuk

2024 saw two teams in the U11 Division with 36 players registered. The two teams were competitive in their division, played in SSSL and went on a couple tournaments. The players enjoyed their season and there are no issues to report.

U13 Report

submitted by: Danita Achtemichuk

The 13U division had many amazing parent volunteers and several extremely knowledgeable coaching staff. There were 36 players registered at the start of the season and two teams were created. The teams were the Vipers and the Riot Squad and both entered into the SSSL for their season games. They played teams from Moose Jaw, Weyburn and Swift Current. The Vipers played 15 regular season games, with a record of 4 wins and 11 losses. The Riot Squad played 14 regular season games, with 0 wins and 14 losses. It was a challenging year for both teams in the SSSL, but the players did not give up and continued to work hard despite the many obstacles.

U15 Division Report

submitted by: Saffron Panko

The U15 division saw two teams participate in the South Sask Lacrosse League this season. With the implementation of no double carding in Regina for this division, the teams struggled to compete against other associations. Both teams fought hard all

season, improving with each game. Overall, despite the tough competition, athletes learned a lot, came together as a team and fought hard till the final whistles.

U17 Division Report

submitted by: Travis Williams

QCMBL's U17 division had a disappointing start to the season for all involved, whether it be athletes, coaches, volunteers, and board members. The decision to remove 'double carding' for athletes left the U17 Division with too few athletes to properly field competitive teams in both 'A' and SSSL divisions. Board members put a lot of time and effort into coming up with the proper decisions and unfortunately couldn't come to a decision that would suffice for all involved. With the lack of a coaching volunteer and players for the U17 SSSL team, the board unfortunately had to decide on removal of the U17 'A' program. With the loss of the U17 'A' team QCMBL was now in a position that had too many players for 1 team and ultimately attempted to relocate athletes accordingly to other divisions including goalies as the team was now left with too many. This led to the loss of a few athletes that had decided to move on from the sport or take a year absence. It was not what was intended by the board as the decision was made to promote all levels of the game and to assist with development of athletes and their participation. In the end the decision didn't result as intended and the QCMBL will reassess the season layout moving forward. The hope is to continue growth of the sport in Regina and hopefully return players who opted out last season.

Jr Division Report

submitted by: Jason Achtemichuk

The Junior division had a total of 25 registered participants from the Regina area, including Standing Buffalo. We entered one team in the Prairie Gold Lacrosse League (PGLL) at the Junior level. The PGLL had 5 teams (Regina, Prince Albert, Swift Current, Moose Jaw, Weyburn) for the 2023 season. The Regina Barracuda were able to win 3 games, 1 tie and 9 losses to finish third place in the regular season. They lost our first game in the playoffs to Swift Current and were eliminated.

"A" League Division Report

Submitted by: Greg Krawetz

This season was a difficult year to say the least for our Barracuda Teams. The U17 team struggled with registration this year and we were forced to withdraw from the SLA A League for the season. The team however did work hard and attended tournaments in Saskatoon and Calgary along with playing exhibition games against Team Manitoba in

Brandon. The U15 team did see some success on the floor in league play and was able to come away with a bronze medal at the SLA Provincials this year. Our U13 Barracuda team was a dominant team this season going through the SLA A League undefeated and winning Provincial gold. The team continued to excel in their tournaments as well winning the Silver Stick tournament in Saskatoon and placing second in the Canada Day Lacrosse Tournament in Calgary. All of our athletes, coaches and team staff worked hard this season and made us all proud.