**RRLA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 16 2016**

**NOTRE DAME ARENA**

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1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

**Motion:** *N/A*

*To accept the minutes from: BY:*

*SECONDED by:*

*All in Favour*

1. Donation for Field Nationals  
   Motion: $2000 ad package for Field Nationals BY: Kim W  
   SECONDED by: Val  
   Wanted $5K, reduced it to $2K. Suggested sponsoring t-shirts “powered by RRLA”. Not just going into team coffers.   
   All in Favour – Passed
2. Website & online registration   
   Teamsnap costs are too high. Sport Ngin interested – recently purchased NBC Sports. 30% cheaper. Paid for RRLA domain for 10 years. Will discuss at next meeting.
3. Board member attendance   
   Need to reinforce attendance with board members. Looking for new members. This year a new President is required. Next year Treasurer and Registrar is required.
4. Zone websites – interaction with RRLA site Next meeting.
5. Compensation for schedulers Next meeting.
6. Officials travel mileage   
   Board members discussed that the application of this benefit is not fair to those within the city. Distance to travel across city can be more than going to Garson. Would still be considered for those traveling to Sagkeeng. Consideration is being given to removing this benefit. Will discuss at next meeting.

Also discussed more young referees than older refs. There was considerable difficulty with mentoring this year, especially at the start of the season. Bruce indicated this will be fixed for next season and he wants to coordinate it.

1. Re-vamp Tyke, Midget and Junior programs   
   Need to consider partial A and B divisions next season, depending on numbers at each age group. Will discuss at next meeting.

Discussion regarding field program and conflict with box. HS players are coming from box program.   
Need sub-committees next season for:  
- Liaison with HS Field  
- Recruiting

Drew Dickey will be coordinating the Junior League next year.

1. Floor time rental negotiation – pricing is rising too fast   
   Need board to negotiate with rinks on rates. They are getting too expensive and increasing the cost of box lax. This is pricing lax out of range for many families, as compared to other sports. Each zone is to negotiate with their rink to get the rate more reasonable.   
   Gryphons are negotiating with EE – but the rink wants them to buy all floor time on 2 floors
2. Pre-season advertising   
   Looking to get young rep on the board for advertising/marketing. (Brett Morrison)
3. Zone issues particularly Zones 2 & 5   
   Wizards has lost lots of volunteers.

Falcons don’t think they will have a Zone next year.   
Glen H talked about we used to have lax weekends, but the demographics have changed in N. Kildonan. Lack of key young age group. Used to have 5 year strategic planning sessions. Had loaner sticks and hockey players used their eqpt. Now that has all changed.

Need to discuss how RRLA is addressing the drop off in numbers. How is RRLA supporting zones and what can be done by MLA to help. Hilder is going to schools in SAG.

1. Universal pre-season discover/try lacrosse programs   
   Sidewinders had Discover Lax over winter. $30 for 6 sessions. Inside balls. Age groups 4-8 and 9-12. Helmets and gloves only. Next meeting.
2. AGMs   
   MLA – late Oct  
   RRLA – Sunday Oct 16
3. ROUND TABLE

Serge Balcaen: Nil

Steve Cumpsty:

1. Playoff scheduling this year was learning process. Overall went well, and the format was good. Need to start playoffs earlier (Sat/Sun) and keep the ages on the day of the week they normally play. Need 1h15 for each game to allow for medals and celebration. Should focus on awarding the medals, and not just handing them to coaches. Consider the Blizzard announcer for gold medal games.
2. Trophies will be maintained for each age group, and cover all divisions on the same trophy. Spreadsheet is being circulated to capture past winners. Still need to locate the midget trophy.

Andrew Jolly: Nil

Valerie Gingell:

1. Bank Balance is: $33,860.56. Mentoring costs still need to come out. Tyke tournament hasn’t been paid for yet.

~~Laurie From:~~

~~Heather Hill:~~

Bruce Paton: Going to email.

~~Jenny Riddell:~~

~~Kim Schotchenko:~~

Mark Luke: Mentoring at KWCC was great when Ray Townsend was available. There was a gap in mentoring that caused big issues. Overall, level of violence is too high. Need to focus on Coaches, Parents to tone kids down. Refs need to call tight games with proper mentoring.

Suggested controlled scrimmages prior to the season to train refs on proper positioning and game.

Nelson Graham: Nil

Jon Ottenson: Reffing was bad this year. Refs didn’t know how to call games and the difference between age groups. Need to have coaches/parents helping to control kids.

~~Norbert Fontaine:~~

~~Lionel Charron:~~

~~Cary Schotchenko:~~

Don Jacks: Nil

Glen Henkiwitch: Hall of Fame Dinner is Oct 2nd at Club Regent. There is an email to all the zones. Each zone is asked to purchase 10 tickets, $35 each.

**Date for Next Meeting will be**

1. **Upcoming Meetings:**Sep 13 – 6 pm at Notre Dame Arena

Oct 16 – 10 am – AGM. Consider at Piazza De Nardi

Motion to Adjourn

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  + Seconded by:
    - All in Favour –