**RRLA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 29 2016**

**SPORT MANITOBA ROOM 3**

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Approval of minutes from last meeting

**Motion:**

* *To accept the September 13, 2016 minutes from BY: Serge Balcaen*
  + *SECONDED by: Andrew Jolly*
    - *All in Favour – Motion Passed*

**NEW BUSINESS**

* **Open Board Positions**
  + President Nomination from Serge for Andrew Jolly
    - Seconded by Valerie Gingell
      * All in Favour – Motion Passed
  + Secretary Nomination from Steve Cumpsty for Laurie From
    - Seconded by Andrew Jolly
      * All in Favour – Motion Passed
  + Director at Large Nomination from Andrew Jolly for Brad Becker
    - Seconded by Steve Cumpsty
      * All in Favor – Motion Passed
  + Webmaster Position to be added to the Baord
    - Marketing Committee will give some recommendations
    - There may be an honorarium for this position
  + Marketing & Promotions – Still Needed
  + Directory at Large/Odd – Still Needed
  + MLD Representative – Still Needed
* **Marketing Committee Report**
  + **WEBSITE:**
  + This Committee has met three times and have come up with a structure of what is needed for Lacrosse in Manitoba
    - Website
  + Annual Subscriptions wold be $595 with a one-time set-up fee somewhere between $500 and $3,000Camps
  + Webmaster would be necessary but the skill set wouldn’t need to be too technical as there is support and training provided
  + Scheduling could be included which was Windows based and is intuitive with conflict detectors through Diamond Scheduler which is a third-party provided recommended and used through Sports Engine.
  + Dallas has looked into other Website providers as Sports Engine seems to be quite costly
    - Square Space is a cost effective alternative for the Website. There is a monthly fee of $15 to $20.
      * There is a trial term of 14 days that is simple to use. This may be an option for a basic website which could also be linked to the RRLA, TLA, High School and other affiliate teams.
        + In turn each of these entities could build their own websites at a much more cost effectively

This would not accommodate a schedule but that could be imported through SportzSoft at an additional cost.

* + - For registration Dallas says that SportzSoft seems to be more cost effective.
      * Dallas commented that Pointstreak is what is used by the CLA and ALA however there is a considerable cost factor to be considered.
  + Serge commented that we need a website but where we need to spend money is through a webmaster to enhance out presence on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and SnapChat or the current social media.
  + The Marketing Committee will take this away to discuss further
* **CAMPS:**
  + Free Discover Lacrosse Programs
    - Notre Dame Community Club-271 De La Cathedrale Ave
      * Jan 22, 29, Feb 12, 19, 26, Mar 5 & 12
    - Sunova Center – 48 Holland Rd
      * Jan 8, 15, 22, Feb 19, 26, Mar 5 & 12
  + Paul asked how can Dallas help the RRLA drive registrations.
    - Dallas offered to go into schools during the Phys Ed programs to introduce the sport.
    - There will be a set program so that all new players receive the same training.
* **Officials Committee Report** 
  + There have been a couple of meetings held including one that Bruce held with the Officials
    - Mentoring needs to happen from the beginning of the season for a three week time slot.
      * This Mentor will give instruction and a training position not a supervisory position.
      * New Officials will need to be make the calls and then they will be critiqued on how the calls were made.
      * Training Feedback form will be implemented for the Mentors to be completing
      * Kevin Hilder has asked to be Trained as Official Trainer to help facilitate a training and ongoing clinics for Officials.
      * There should be a pre-game handshake for Coaches to ask questions about rules.
      * Captains and Assistant Captains will be able to ask for
      * Coaches will not be allowed to discuss calls during a game or abuse the Officials about calls made.
      * Senior Refs could be compensated by an hourly rate verses a game rate to entice the Level -5 Refs to take on the younger levels
    - Bruce does agree with most of these points however he thinks there is a real need to cut some latitude at the younger levels because this year there will be 8 new rule changes. If clarification is needed that should happen prior to a game with the Mentor present
      * Dallas suggested that what mitigates confusion is having Coaches that have been Officials and Officials that have Coached. With this level of game comprehension, the frustration on the bench goes down substantially.
    - Brad commented that Hockey Manitoba has a webpage dedicated to Official with resources.
      * Dallas suggested this could be on the MLA website.
  + Time Keepers Clinic
    - Val had come up with a Training Manual that will be put onto a PowerPoint presentation
      * Goes through every step of what you will need to know to time keep a game.
      * Clinic needs to be held in a lacrosse Facility versus at Sports Manitoba to allow the Time Keepers to be familiar with the equipment they are using.
      * Val will also be handing out a sheet that shows the calls that Officials will make during a game.
      * Val has requested some game sheets for training purposes
* **Coaching Committee Report**
  + Dallas needs current Coaches to be certified by February 1, 2017
    - Dallas does have his certification to run these types of clinics as well as connections with other Leagues.
  + Serge will be meeting with his Coaching Committee tomorrow, his committee consists of:
    - Dallas Smith; Trevor Anyon, Cory Henkewich, Austin From and himself.
* **Zone Boundaries Committee Report**
  + Cary Schotchenko was chairing this committee but has since resigned so Steve asked if we need to tackle this issue this day.
    - Val suggested that we need to be cognisant that some of the boundaries need to be negotiated to accommodate players and player transportation especially when the boundary cuts through a street.
    - Paul asked about the status of the Falcon Zone; Kim said that she will know more after December 14th regarding this.
    - Boundary issues will be looked at individually with the effected Zone Reps, the President and the Vice-President to come up with a viable option.
* **Midget Lax Proposal**
  + Steve put out a proposal to have a three-year Midget loop which would include 17 year old players in this group.
    - Dallas stated that it is against the CLA policy to have the 17 year old players in the Midget.
    - Serge said that he got the actual numbers from the 2016 season from Val. If all the players from last season came back we will have:
      * 24 – 17 year old players
      * 29 – 16 year old players
      * 70 – 15 year old players
    - With this information Serge suggested that we operate under a three year age group for this year to keep the players playing and then in the 2018 season move into a Midget and Intermediate
    - Paul suggested that we ask for a one year exception to keep the players playing the game this year and to give us time to build the intermediate age group.
      * Serge will discuss this tomorrow at the Coaching meeting.
      * Further questions came up about creating a Jr/Sr league running.
    - Steve suggested running the Midget league out of East End, Notre Dame, Keith Bodley and Maples. Keeping the teams as Zones.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **Compensation for Schedulers**
  + This was left as only a conversation is this something that should be voted on?
    - This will come up again when the scheduling software is decided
* **Floor Time Rental Negotiation**
  + Will there be individual Zone floor negotiations continuing or will the RRLA negotiate for floor costs as an entity? Is this type of negotiation possible?
    - Serge spoke to Notre Dame and there seems to be a large demand for floor time for the ball hockey
    - Val will be speaking to East End but as of now they are requesting 3-4 hours a day for 4 days a week.

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

Serge Balcaen: Nil

Steve Cumpsty: Nil

Andrew Jolly: Nil

Valerie Gingell:

* Bank Balance is: $30,825.63 we still have not been invoiced for the Field Lacrosse Nationals for the RRLA sponsorship.

Laurie From: Nil

Bruce Paton: new email address will be sent out to the board

Kim Winzoski: Kim read the following email from Doug Krochak regarding Zone 2

* Tyke – Falcons plan to run their own house league based in local community centres – hoping to have 4 teams of at least 6 players each
* Novice/Peewee – Falcons will be approaching Seven Oaks Hockey to arrange ‘learn lacrosse’ sessions. In hope the team can provide a manager and the Falcons will provide coaches – if there is sufficient players for 2 teams the teams will be based upon community centre zones.
* Middle school field jamboree – to expose grades 4 and 5 students to lacrosse. Hoping that some of these players will play box in the spring.
* Bantam – a recruiting blitz to keep last year’s players and to recruit new players will be launched in the new year.
* Midget – We are aware there is a move to centralize the midget league and to hae the RRLA appoint the coaches. The Falcons are planning to operate their own Midgets team and play our games at the Maples. It is important for our young players to see our Midgets play and to aspire at that level. Last year’s failure at centralizing the Junior league has made us uncomfortable of doing the same with Midget.
* Junior/Senior – Falcons are willing to organize and host Senior/Junior league on a one game/per team a week format.
* Saturday sessions at Duncan Street Arena – Falcons will host and organize the on-floor portion of the camp. Zones will be responsible for recruiting players for the camp.
* This is a summary of some of our thoughts. Nothing is carved in stone. We will discuss these suggestions at our meeting.

Mark Luke: Absent

Nelson Graham: Nil

Jon Ottenson: Absent

Paul Magnan:

* Asked the question about what is happening with Glen and the Seniors. Laurie responded that Wes had spoke to Glen as well ss a couple of the guys that helped run the Senior Tournament last year. They all agreed to work with each other and not against each other.

Brad Becker: Nil

Dallas Smith: Nil

**DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS:**

* Tuesday, December 20th @ 6:00pm Sports Manitoba
  + Dallas will book a room with a phone

**Motion to Adjourn**

* Motion to adjourn by Brad at: 8:10pm

Seconded by: Andrew

* + - All in Favour – Motion Passed