**RRLA AGM MINUTES**

## Notre Dame CC

### 271 Avenue de la Cathedrale

### Sunday October 22, 2017 @ 10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE: Additional community members in attendance were:

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 16, 2016 AGM**:

* Motion by Valerie Gingell for the AGM Minutes
  + Seconded by Paul Magnan
    - All in favour – Motion Passed

**OPENING REMARKS**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Andrew**

* Report Attached
  + Discussion from President’s Report
    - Jon Ottenson asked if we fall under the MLA guidelines when our Constitution does not cover a specific situation
      * Andy responded that yes, we would default to the MLA rulings.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Steve Cumpsty**

* Report Attached
  + Discussion from the Vice President’s Report
    - Paul Magnan wanted to apologize to the Red River Lacrosse Association in having the past RIC having being removed from the MLA. Paul gave kudos to Steve for managing the scheduling of the Referees for the past season with help from Norm Isfjord and Brent White stepped up to help when needed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

* Report Attached
  + A $2,000 invoice from the MLA for the 2016 Alumni Cup and Six Nations was only sent to the RRLA into 2017 so this is actually an expense that was carried over.
  + Website expense should be minimal going forward as things have been running smoothly now.
  + Kim Winzoski asked if there is a better way to utilize floor times; however Steve said that we did a better this year managing this issue.
    - Valerie stated that all the arenas are within a couple of three dollars.
    - Trevor Anyon suggested that practice time could be better utilized however Steve and Valerie spoke to the fact that the practice time is paid for at the Zone level and not at the RRLA level. All our floor time is only for games.
  + Paul Magnan asked about the floor space through Michael Hunt and Andy said that they have their own new facility but the floor is not full size, The Hockey Barn. Laurie From mentioned that Dustin and the Midget Provincial Coaches booked floor at Maginot through him and that floor was not acceptable.
    - Paul mentioned that we could look into utilizing this extra floor space.
  + Kim Winzoski suggested that we look at the largest age group and book that age group at our cheapest arena for play-offs trying to save a few extra dollars on floor time.

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* + Donna McDonald asked about the Advertising cost which Val stated was the sponsorship from 2016
  + Donnan McDonald also asked about the $2,000 of Staff Training which was the Coaches clinic ran by Aimie Caines.
* Motion to Accept the Treasurer’s Report by Jon Ottenson
  + Seconded by Brent White
    - All in Favour – Motion Passed

Registrar Report

* Valerie will send the report.
* Valerie wanted to go on record stating that she did not like the Sportzsoft registration process.
  + Difficult to get information off the website
  + Sportzsoft did not get back to Val for weeks any method she tried to used to get contact and information.
  + Did not have access to all the registration information
    - If Dallas can fix or manipulate it then Valerie should be about to fix and manipulate whatever Dallas can use.
    - Paul asked Dallas what his experience was and he stated that his was the exact opposite. Paul suggested that Dallas will provide the assistance to Valerie and set her up with the exact credentials she needs to be an effective Registrar at the RRLA level.
  + Valerie is having difficulty exporting data to an Excel spreadsheet.
  + Valerie does not like the setup of the information
    - There are too many varying ways that the information has been collected so this needs to be streamlined and work with Dallas so that all relevant information can be accessible.
* Steve asked if we are going to continue to use Sportzsoft to use.
* Motion to Accept the Registrar’s Report by Kim Winzoski
  + Seconded by Jenney Riddell
    - All in Favour – Motion Passed

**OTHER REORTS**

SECRETARY - Laurie From

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ZONE 1 – Jenney Riddell

* The 2017 lacrosse season went well with very few issues and the majority of them were resolved successfully.
  + Gryphon Days and discover lacrosse were both successful.
* East End Community Club hosts a Car Show every spring which causes issues with both games and practices at the start of the season.
* Jenney wants to implement a Coaching Application so the Board can interview and select coaches.
* Suggested having the Manitoba Blizzard promote the game with ticket give-aways.

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ZONE 2 – Kim Winzoski

* Falcons had a decent season; they did have a couple Coaching issues and a few aggressive play issues.
* Learn to play Lacrosse program was a success with 11 new players graduating from this program into the Falcon Zone. This has continued into the fall with 12-15 new players coming out every week.
  + There are four midget players coming out every week to help Coach this program.
  + Cost is $5 a head and there has been players from all over the city. The seven week program had a total cost of $25.
* Andy suggested that Discover Lacrosse have a nominal fee next spring that would be taken off their registration fee if they players decide to play.
  + Trevor suggested that training camp programs need to be streamlined to a central location to grow lacrosse.
  + Steve said that even if the Zone is running a Camp it needs to ber an as an RRLA event versus an individual Zone event.
* Serge mentioned that some of our issue is the way we train the parents and players in lacrosse. Parents do not complain about driving to play hockey or soccer so we need to change our expectations.
  + Paul continued this thought by we may be operating by fear to try to attract the players we are trying to accomodate the parents and we need to actually manager our sport to become the league we want.
* Laurie suggested getting RRLA T-Shirts for the training camp participants and perhaps mailing or doing back-pack drops for these camps.
* Paul can get the RRLA in to speak with Urban the Superindentant’s to propose the back-pack drops.
* Dallas mentioned that the MLA does go into individual school to promote the sport. Paul suggested that Dallas provide a list of those schools to the Zones so each Zone can do the appropriate follow-up.

ZONE 3 – Mark Luke

* Not in Attendance

ZONE 4 – Nelson Graham

* The season went well and the numbers were consitent with the exception of the Tyke program.
* There were some suspensions of players and even some coaches. There were no games missed due to Bomber Games.
* There continues to be a concern with the facility not keeping the tacky substance on the floor frequently enough. Nelson will be having this conversation with the facility.
  + This is a safety concern and this may have to be managed by the Zone

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ZONE 5 – John Ottenson

* The Wizards has a pretty good year with three teams from Ojibway. The in-house Tyke program is doing well and flourishing.
* Don Jacks will be going out to some of the schools to do camps and an introduction to lacrosse.
* Jon mentioned that they would like to see a more streamlined process in the scheduling for thier Zone.
  + If Tuesday/Thursday are thier lacrosse days then have a practices as well as games on those days and not encroach on any other day of the week. Perhpas have a double header on a Saturday where the Wizards go out to a Zone where they would play two games each.
  + Steve suggested that this needs to be addressed at the Scheduling meeting.
  + Trevor suggested increasing ‘game’ times by 30 minutes and having a practice prior to the game where both teams are on the floor practicing at their own end of the floor.
    - Steve brought up the concern of scheduling Referees and the ‘wasted’ time between games.
  + Paul stated that Thompson in Field comes down for three weekends and they play two games on Friday and two games on Saturday to accomodate their schedule. This same mentality may need to be considered for Wizards.
    - Andrew mentioned that Ojibway is trying to get their Zone back and they may be at a point this year where they will be able accomodate this with their numbers.

MARKETING DIRECTOR – Open Position

* Paul Magnan suggested that Matthew Hamilton was a great asset for the Manitoba Field program. Paul, Dallas and Brent mentioned that Matthew was good to work with and the cost of what he did was very reasonable.
  + Nelson strongly agreed that we need to do this
  + Steve asked for the contact info to be shared

IN-TERM REFEREE IN CHIEF – Brent White

* Training of Officials need to be our focus in the coming year.
  + There is a good group of young Officials and the Mentorship Program is a good way to continue to support and train them.
* Officials really liked the on-line scheduling that Steve did this year
* Wednesday Night Senior League causes a bit of an issue because a lot of our Officials like to play in that league.
* We need to attract and build our number of Officials
  + Currently around 29 Officials in total
  + Three new Officials this year have never even played the game
  + Age of Officials start at 14
* Steve kept track of how the games were scheduled between the Officials and the average was about 10 games per Official for the season.
  + There were 5 Officials that did not Ref any RRLA games but did Ref Blizzard and other Senior games

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* + One Ref had only 4 games however he was a spare
  + One Ref had 39 games however that was strictly due to availability.
* Brent suggested that 25-30 quality Officials would be able to support the RRLA
* The RRLA are much more satisfied with the quality of Officials on the floor. There will always be some issues but these have now been a minimal amount and can be corrected with the proper support for these Officials going forward.
* Mentorship program will be continued to grow and necessary support for them will be provided.

SCHEDULER – Steve Cumpsty

* The past two years there has been a scheduling meeting; the largest hurdle here is that the people coming out to these meetings need to come out knowing what to expect. Steve mentioned that he will get the information and dates out to the Zones earlier this year and in return he asked that the people that come out need to be prepared to schedule their games as they want them.
* Senior Lacrosse needs to be modified to fit the RRLA and Officials.
* Senior Lacrosse Tournament and Blizzard Games are hard to manage from an Official point of view.
  + Should Brent or Official spokesperson be invited to the Senior Lacrosse planning meetings.
* Sports Engine Schedule worked well and should be kept.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE – Dustin From

* Not in Attendance

DIRECOR AT LARGE – Rob Gardner

* Not in Attendance

**Vote on changes to Operating Policies and Bylaws.**

1. Appeals Policy
2. Call up Rules
3. Discipline & Complaints Policy
4. Discipline Resolution Policy
5. Social Media Policy
6. Operating Policy Section 3 – Tykes > add - if registered numbers allow a mini-tyke program can be run for 4-6yr olds
7. Operating Policy Section 9 – Penalty Assessment > add - Further action may be taken by the RRLA, MLA and CLA.
8. Operating Policy Section 10 – Facilities – Part 1 - with floor time for all – Part 4 - Facilities must meet minimum standards for player safety
9. Operating Policy Section 6 -Teams > 1. This procedure has been suspended for the 2016 season until the RRLA Board reinstates the policy
10. Operating Policy Section 7 > Associate Payers – as per policy
11. Playoff tie-breaker - Steve has submission for change

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* + Motion to Accept all Operating Policies and Bylaws from 1 through to 11 by Serge Balcaen
    - Seconded by Valerie Gingell
      * Motion Carried

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP ON BOARD**

* **We need people and new people to get involved.**
* Vice President – 2 year term
  + Nomination from Valerie Gingell for Steve Cumpsty to remain in the Vice-Presidient Position
    - Nomination accepted
      * Congratulations Steve
* Treasurer - 2 year term
  + Nomination from Steve Cumpsty for Valerie to remain in the Treasurer Position
    - Nomination accepted but not for the complete two years.
      * Congratulations Valerie
* Marketing – 2 year term
  + To discuss this with Matthew Hamilton
* Director at Large – 2 year term
  + Nomination from Steve Cumpsty for Paul Amsler to join the RRLA as a Director at Large.
    - Nomination accepted
      * Congratulations Paul Amsler
* Director at Large – 2 year term
  + Nomination for Rob Gardner by Valerie Gingell
    - Seconded by Serge Balcaen
      * All in Favour – Motion Passed
* Web Media Director – 1 year term non-voting
  + Still Open
* Referee In Chief – 2 year term
  + Steve asked Brent White why he would be interested in taking on the Referee In Chief position.
    - Brent said that he has never had any interest in taking on this position until last year when it was a necessity. Through that year he realized that there are several good young Officials and he saw an opportunity to further develop them. Furthermore, he had past concerns regarding the training process and he would be willing to work with the RRLA to train and develop the current Officials as well as the potential new Officials.
  + Training of Officials is a concern that Andy brought up as Brent does not currently have the correct credentials to facilitate this training. That being said, Norm Isfjord does have the necessary credentials and will assist in training the Official.
    - Paul stated that last year Brent did run a Training Course for Officials after Paul went to the CLA on an exception to allow the Officials to complete the training.

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* + - * Paul mentioned that the MLA will get Brent the training necessary to facilitate this going forward.
      * Valerie mentioned the concern of who dictates to whom the clear expectations of the RIC.
        + Paul reiterated that the RIC is a paid position through the RRLA and as such the RIC takes direction from the Board.
        + Serge suggested that this position should be a partnership between the Board and the RIC. Once guidelines are established the RIC can make suggestions and create a plan of how to deliver on the direction. At this point the RIC would present the plan to the Board for fulfillment.
      * Andrew mentioned that there are 19 points that have been communicated to Brent and he is in agreement to operate with these guidelines.
  + Steve Cumpsty with the Board’s agreement appointed Brent White as the RIC of the Red River Lacrosse Association.

**OPEN FLOOR**

* Tuesdays seem to work best for the majority for meetings going forward. Dates and location will be posted as soon as possible.
* Dallas invited all the RRLA Members for an 11:00am lunch at Glenwood Community Club on Sunday, October 29th with the MLA AGM to follow.

**Working Committees – Tabled to next meeting Tuesday, November 14 @ 6:00pm venue to follow.**

The four committees needed for the 2017 season:

* Boundry Committee
* Coaching Committee
* Officiating Committee
* Recruitment / Marketing Committee

**Survey to Past Members**

**AGM Adjournment**

* **Motion to adjourn by Valerie Gingell at 1:15pm**
  + **Seconded by Serge Balcaen** 
    - **All in Favour – Motion Passed**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Laurie From

**ATTENDANCE FOR RED RIVER LACROSSE AGM – SUNDAY, OCT 22/17**