

RRLA Meeting MINUTES

Sport Manitoba

Conference Room

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 6:05pm

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members:

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Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion:

*To accept the minutes from the December 8, 2018 meeting MADE by: Val Gingell
SECONDED by: Dustin From
All in Favour – yes*

Marketing Report:

- Emails sent out to Winnipeg Jets contact to see if we can get a player who has played lacrosse in his career to give us a sound bite about playing lacrosse, Scheifele, Lowry, and one other. Haven't heard anything back yet
- Would also like to use their image on a poster with the statement from them on it and post in arenas around the city. To co-ordinate with zone advertising.
- Radio campaign is still an option
 - Add sound bite to radio ad
 - Need about a \$2500 budget for about 3 weeks of ads on TSN based on last year's prices – no new pricing at this time but if we are serious about doing radio ads then this will be investigated further.
- Need to target kids and parents before they register for spring sports.
- Marc Beghin suggests we get a 12, 24, & 36 month marketing plan in place but agrees we need to also have a short term plan for this season.
- Marc Beghin made a motion to create a Marketing/Sponsorship committee consisting of 3-5 people to create this marketing plan – Val Gingell 2nd – All in favor – YES
 - Committee members are – Marc, Glen, Stacey, Jenny, Mark Kennedy, and the MLA will also contribute and maybe share in expense if possible.
 - Plan to be created ASAP and report back to the board at the latest next meeting sooner if possible.

Survey Monkey –

- All built now
- Surveys created are
 - General members experience
 - Referees experience
 - Coaching experience
- Leverage social media and share survey once it is out.
- Survey will be emailed as a link so that the survey is anonymous
- To be sent out ASAP – probably by weekend
- Maybe use mail chimp account to distribute

Treasurer / Budget Report:

- No change in balance – still \$33027.15
 - Andy has mailed out a cheque today to cover the outstanding invoice from last season.

Discover camps –

- **Gryphons** – looking at Louis Riel day – **booked date - times are TBD**
 - **emailed out invites to the River East and Transcona minor hockey to come to the event**
- **Sidewinders** – doing their usual in Jan/Feb/March – at Glenwood
- **Shamrocks** –
- **Wizards** – going to do a traveling camp don't know when and where yet but it will all be posted on their website once decided – **still looking for venue - TBD**
- **Falcons** – Monday nights at Sunova starting Jan 28th until March 18th – **have a coach registration is open, 8 gryphons, 2 shamrocks and 1 wizard registered already**

Arena Reports – **MUST HAVE COST AVAILABLE AT NEXT MEETING AT THE LATEST**

- **Gryphons** – working on availabilities of rinks and possibly getting both rinks for spring break camp MLA is looking to put on – All info is TBA at this time.
- **Sidewinders** – n/a
- **Shamrocks** – n/a
- **Falcons** - \$65/hour GST included – available date unknown at this time.
- **Wizards** – free week right after spring break if it is needed for anything let them know.
- **Ojibway** – is there a fee to have games at this arena? Please advise

Posters/ Advertising –

- **Gryphons** – working on a new layout
- **Sidewinders** – n/a
- **Shamrocks** – n/a
- **Falcons** – made and are being posted in arenas and community clubs in the area
- **Wizards** – working on it
- **Ojibway** – n/a

Shot Clocks – update

- **Gryphons** - at the MLA office
- **Sidewinders** - at the MLA office
- **Shamrocks** – **still needs to be turned in ASAP**
- **Falcons** - at the MLA office
- **Wizards** - at the MLA office
- **Ojibway** – **no shot clocks doesn't apply**

Season –

- **Season time line –**
 - **Team declarations – April 3, 2019**
 - **Scheduling meeting – April 13, 2019**
 - **Rosters submitted – April 15, 2019**
 - **Start of season – April 23, 2019**
 - **End of regular season – June 27, 2019**
 - **Playoffs - round robin – July 3-11, 2019**
 - **Gold medal games – July 15-18, 2019 – no gold medal weekend in July**
 - **Tournament weekend – May 31 – June 2, 2019**
 - **Season dates are dependent on survey responses**
 - **Season changed to a 14 game schedule this season as a trial if we can run playoffs in July**
- **Community outreach to rural areas – Jan 10th meeting**
 - Stacey and Kim are attending a meeting of all rec directors in Eastman, and Interlake regions to propose bringing lacrosse to their communities. Matt and Matt will let us know if they are able to attend as well. Just basic info to be given along with contact information if they are looking to pursue.

- Safety Zone - NEW THIS SEASON – we would like to have painted on the playing surface a board safety zone all the way around the rink that includes the 18-24 inches next to the boards that indicates a no hitting zone – if you are not in that 18-24 inch zone you are not allowed to hit a player into the boards or it is an automatic 5 minute major –
 - Matt and Matt are going to contact Alberta Lacrosse and get their official rule on this and the width. - **No rule in Alberta lacrosse – lines painted on the playing surface is indoor soccer related not lacrosse related. – Bruce – no rules in the CLA for this line – penalty would fall under the boarding penalty no line required for this penalty to take effect.**
 - Please ensure that your arena not have an issue with painting this on the floor.
 - Different solution for this issue is ensuring better training for coaches and refs so that players are taught not to do this.
 - Coaches need to stop these plays from occurring and if they see their player hit someone into the boards and it is not called they can still talk to the player and sit them for a while to reinforce the rule.
 - Coaches/players/parents should not be encouraging play that is dangerous and they all need to work together to change the stigma of the game.
 - Need to change language when talking about sport – physical sport not dangerous or aggressive
 - Line needs to be put in to show parents and players that we are serious about safety and are trying to prevent injuries
 - Rules in the books are divided into 2 groups – safety and fairness
 - Everyone is concerned with safety
 - This is a coaching issue not a referee issues –
 - Coaches need to teach players to not check into boards

○ **Vote tabled until next meeting need ALL zone input. - add to email going out for absentee votes if necessary**

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- **Registration software – RAMP – new software**
 - \$250 data transfer fee will be paid by MLA if the data we can retrieve out of sportzsoft is useful
 - Cheaper than the current program being used
 - Need registrar email from every zone sent to the MLA so that this can happen sooner rather than later

- **Dustin From made a motion to change our registration software to RAMP for the 2019 season pending Val's approval of requirements. Jenny 2nd – All in Favor? - YES**
- **Coaching clinics**
 - Still TBD – Doug Krochak is the only facilitator at this time so clinics availability will be up to him
- **Official clinics**
 - Looking at March 23, 24, 30, 31 or April 5th

New Business-

- **Midget program – extending it to include 17 year olds**
 - **Issues – parents are concerned about 15 year old playing with 17 year olds -**
 - done in high school field – why not here
 - Can't take 17 year old players to tournaments outside Manitoba
 - Limit number of 17 year olds to be allowed to play on a team based on skill of player and team they are being added to. May have to put them all into 1 pool and divide evenly across the teams
 - Have harsher suspensions for penalties that result in suspensions – normally a 1 game suspension becomes a 2 or 3 game suspension.

○ **Motion made by Dustin From to extend the midget league for the 2019 season to include the players with a 2002 birth year. - tabled at this time – voted on next meeting need all zones to vote – add to email going out for absentee votes if necessary**

Meeting Day – what day is best for everyone? 11 people responded – 75% said Wednesdays were better – meetings moved to Wednesday

ROUND TABLE

Stacey McIvor – hockey puts on a year end banquet – can we/ should we do something similar? – Name star Players, coaches, referees – make plaques to recognize?

Glenn Tinley

Andrew Jolly

Valerie Gingell

Kim Winzowski

Glenn Tinley

Bruce Paton

Jenney Riddell

Sherri Ullett - would like us to look into providing goalie clinics and having more dedicated goalies in the league

Mark Luke

Mark Kennedy

Nelson Graham

Daina Ojala

Jon Ottenson

Myles Morriseau

Dustin From - seeing positive things happening and we are moving in the right direction

Marc Beghin – this board should go out socially one night we are a team too and we need to do stuff outside the meetings to solidify us as a group. ~~Marc might even pay!~~ LOL

Paul Amsler

Open

Matt Mason/Matt Garvey

Serge Balcaen

Meeting date –

- **January 30, 2019**
 - **Pre-budget meeting**
 - **Preliminary survey answers back**
 - **Need phone and projector**
 - **Vote on safety line**
 - **Vote on midget program**
 - **Arena reports**
 - **Software – issues?**

- **February 13, 2019**
 - **Budget approval**
 - **Team fees set**
 - **Final survey result**
 - **Finalize season date**
 - **Software – issues?**

- **February 27, 2019**
 - **Equipment check**
 - **Software – issues?**
 - **Ready for season?**

Motion to Adjourn:

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