

Action: Willie to have a copy of the financial statement at the AGM for each member. Email copy to Lisa for RRLA records.

Concerns raised:

- **Gryphons** – they have 3 outstanding submissions to Kidsport
- **Matt** – we need to follow our policies and procedures for the upcoming season with regards to outstanding fees. There should be no exceptions
- **Tim** – Honorarium fees for Referee in Chief, Scheduler of Minor Officials, League Scheduler

Motion: For this year we will maintain honorarium paid to Scheduler of Minor Officials – Shauna Isfjord fee of \$800.00

Motion by Barry Reid 2nd Jim Verburg

All in favour Carried

Motion: For this year we will maintain honorarium paid to Referee in Chief – Bruce Payton fee of \$1000 and additional \$400 to Assistant Referee in Chief Richard Scherpanski (?spelling) for scheduling Novice – Pee Wee.

Motion by Barry Reid 2nd Jim Verburg

All in favour Carried

Motion: For this year we will maintain honorarium paid to League Scheduler – Rick Wilson fee of \$1000.00.

Motion by Tim Isfjord 2nd Barry Reid

All in favour Carried

ACTION: To AGM fees for Scheduler of Minor Officials, Referee in Chief, Assistant to RIC and Scheduler should be addressed. Concerns over \$\$\$

6. Referee in Chief Report

- 1 Suspension will be carried over to next season
- 2 Coaches did not complete Respect in Sport
- Concerns regarding suspended coach using walkie talkie from outside the building to coach team/game

ACTION: Bruce will speak with Tom Jefferson of Gryphons 1st and letter needs to be delivered via registered mail with copies to **MLA Office, RRLA Secretary & Zone Rep.**

- Trying to track down Billy Bruyere. He is a non-registered player listed on several game sheets.
- Full names must be on game sheets in order to play
- **All suspensions are listed on the RRLA Website**
- All suspensions are effective immediately
- Bruce would like to re-draft the game sheet.

ACTION: Bruce will have a draft of proposed game sheet available at the AGM in September. Bruce and Rick Wilson will work together on this project.

7. Senior Program

- Refunds need to be issued to the Senior teams
- Intermediates played 7 games originally they were to have 12 games
- Senior teams played 11 games originally they were to have 15 games
- Refund of \$220 per game x 4 games = \$880.00
- Questions as to why Senior games \$220 per game vs Junior games at \$180 per game. Why price difference.

ACTION: AGM – why the price difference between the Senior and Junior games if the same time and officials are used.

8. Scheduler's Report

Issues with original schedule:

- Not enough floor time for # of teams in Gryphons Zone
 - Resulted in:
 - Weekend games
 - Home games out of zone
- Schedule did not adhere to travel requirements to Sagkeeng.
- Traditional times not respected.
 - Novice Peewee – 6:30, 7:30 8:30
 - Bantam Midget – 7:00 and 8:30
- Did not front load the schedule to enable fewer A games during B playoffs.

Issues with Zones

- Team movements created huge number of changes at the Junior, Senior, Midget levels.
- Coach refused to floor team citing not enough notice 5 days in one case.
- Coach assumed travel requests were baked into the schedule.
- Lack of response to scheduler resulted in extra work to ensure message was received
- Coaches or zone reps constantly requesting changes due to other events impacting their teams.
- Gryphons Junior/Midget A, 1 coaching staff for 2 teams was not a workable situation.

Recommendations:

- Do not allow any team movements once schedule is released.
- Zones get opportunity to review schedule and point out major conflicts only after that it is set in stone
- Travel requests must be made prior to the schedule being finalized and must be made to the RRLA. If approved by the RRLA the schedule will be tweaked to enable the time off.
- Generic schedule should be made in advance of the scheduling meeting. It seems the RRLA who has the largest number of games is being made to accommodate every other discipline. Again once the schedule is done, it won't be change even if the MLA pulls the "non-sanction" stunt.
- If a team can't floor a team there should be no reschedule, they lose ... period. If they do not notify the operational committee within 48 hours, then fines should be levied.

ACTION: AGM An operational committee should be formed to deal with day to day issues. They should be tasked and empowered to make decisions on behalf of the league.

- Spares list of officials should be made available to the committee so if there is a no show, officials can possibly be called up on short notice.

9. Zone Reports

Gryphons:

- Need to address Junior suspension and follow CLA rules. We need to follow all rules set out. Junior and Senior's need to review Penalty Policies.

ACTION: Find the Respect in Sport Video. Education is the key to clean play in lacrosse. Try to get or design a pamphlet with all the calls and handout to each player as they sign up next season.

Sidewinders:

- Andrew Jolly - are there videos available regarding Lacrosse and Penalties.

ACTION: Bruce will address at the next CLA meeting

- Proposals for hourly wage for the Senior game officials rather than a flat fee
- Concerns regarding referees at games - can we develop a mentorship program whereas at all games there is a Senior rep at all junior referee games. This would need to be addressed at beginning of season.

ACTION: AGM - Intermediate & Junior Programs. Intermediates to have one year before playing Junior. 17 year old play intermediate, Junior Program to be 18 & 19 year olds.

- Tykes program went well this year despite concerns in the beginning.
- Next year Gryphons need to try to find another facility
- Need to look at online registration for next year.

ACTION: AGM On line registration - there are companies that we can contract thru Rick will try to get information and get a quote for cost.

- Bruce addressed Barry's concerns regarding Junior and Senior suggested that there be hitting clinics held in all Zones
- Coaches to go thru first then teams
- People need to be more aware of the rules.
- Suggested coaches meeting with Bruce to go over rules prior to season start.
- Tim stated that goalie equipment needs to be consistent with referees
- Referees conformity decision on goalie equipment. Equipment conforms to a players body 1 measurement per stoppage of play. Referee states conformity, it is responsibility of player/coach to check with referee prior to game if they are concerned
- Tim did state that he was appreciative of the great job that was done by the referees this year.
- Matt - referees need to also accept responsibility & answerable for improper actions
- Andy - Can a referee taunt a coach/player to get a specific response - answer NO
- Can RRLA sponsor a Referee Association under the umbrella of the RRLA.

ACTION: Bruce to prepare a document for consideration to be reviewed at the AGM.

- Matt Referee in Chief - as this is considered a paid position this person should not referee games. Can cause a conflict of interest
- Concerns raised regarding the "Lock out" Fred stated that based upon the information that the referees concerned were assaulted, kids were threatened and there was vandalism. A lot of unfortunate events unfolded that led to this decision
- Referee's responsible 15 minutes before games in the playing surface and then into the referee room. Any incidents prior to and after a game or outside are not their responsibility. Any decision in future for emergency situations are to be made by the Operations Committee..
- Tyke wind up was moved to the Garson Arena - Excellent turn out and all who attended enjoyed themselves. A special thank you to Scott Kinnear and Tim Hortons. Profit from the sale of Hotdogs and drinks \$117.14.

10. Next Meeting Date: AGM to held on September 29th at 7pm

11. Vacant Positions Vice President, Director at Large x 2