

Red River Lacrosse Association

Meeting Minutes

04/20/2010

i. Call to order

Rick Wilson called to order the regular meeting of the **Red River Lacrosse Association** at 17:40 13:28on **04/20/2010** at **145 Pacific Avenue**.

ii. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Rick Wilson – President		Andrew Jolly – Vice President
Dan Szun - Zone 4		Bruce Paton – Referee in Chief
Laurie From – Secretary		Terry Williams - Zone 3
Stewart Astleford – Marketing and Promotions		Ken Stuebing - MLD
Tim Isfjord – Zone 2		Lee Smith – Zone 1
Bill Hurley – Zone 5		Ryan Bruyere - Zone 6
ABSENT		
Laralie Higginson – MLA		Patti Broughton – Registrar
Haight – Zone 5 Fred		Allan Courchene - Zone 6
Bill Watt – Dir. at Large		Jeffery Combe – Dir at Large

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve April 13, 2010 minutes by Tim Isfjord

seconded by Andrew Jolly. Motion carried

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

- Zone 1 has not paid their fees: Lee will be getting their cheque tonight at their board meeting.
- Zone 3 has not paid their fees: Terry will be picking up a cheque from their treasurer tomorrow.
- Zone 6 has not paid their fees: Allen Courchene in an email to Rick indicated that he will have a cheque for \$2,500 later this week and a post dated cheque for the balance. Zone 6 removed a Novice team after the deadline. They forfeit their \$500 team deposit as a result.
- Ravens Senior has not paid their fees for this year: Rick will pursue payment from Matt and Dave
- Ojibway Senior has not paid their fees nor their team deposit this year: Ryan Bruyere has made a plea for some time for their Senior Ojibway Team to raise the required funds. Today the Band has confirmed to only support the Team for about 1/6 of the fees. Ryan would like 5 to 6 weeks to allow the team to come up with the funds. There are 15 senior players and 20 junior players that could also support this team. Ryan says the guys want to play but more time is needed to come up with the registration fee.
 - Ryan made a motion to have the balance of the payment, \$2,500 extended to June 1st to allow fund-raising time. Seconded by: ?????
Motion was carried.
- There is an opinion that the Zones need to report to the RRLA any delinquent participants so that other zones do not run into the same issues in subsequent years. The current situation is a family that has now moved onto a third zone, there are arrears in both Zone 1 and Zone 2 along with a whole set of goalie equipment that was not returned. Zone 1 and Zone 2 are to email Terry with the amounts they want to collect from this participant and Terry Williams will do his best to recover not only equipment but the outstanding fees to other zones for past registration.

- The biggest concern is making other zones aware if participants appear to be moving from zone to zone leaving unpaid balances. A suggestion was made to have all zones report any families in bad standing by the end of the season to alert all the other zones prior to the next registration. This will be at the Zone's discretion. This report will go onto the MLA to have them support the RRLA in stopping delinquent participants.

REGISTRATION DATA AND FORMS

- The registration forms have been made to simplify the process. The first form is a direct data entry model of the registration form. Once this is done and the players are assigned, you can filter on the team and copy and paste can be used to populate the team rosters.
- The white and yellow copies of the original registration forms are to be forwarded onto Laralie.
- There is no requirement to complete the paper version of the team roster forms, the electronic rosters replace this.
- There is still a requirement to complete the 100BM coaches minimum standards forms and turn them into the MLA office.
- The Junior players that were transferred will have to have the Transfer forms filled out. The Home Zone in which the player registered will return all collected funds to the zone that the player is being transferred to.
- The receiving team is responsible for paying the \$29 MLA fee.
- The RRLA will be responsible for the tryout camp fees for these players. This includes any reasonable costs incurred by the Home Zones for tryout / preseason floor time.
- The RRLA will pay for the 3 hours of floor time at KW for the evaluations.
- For players being moved through the MLD, transfer forms need to be filled out and sent into the RRLA so that there is documentation of this single year release. The onus is on the receiving team to get this paperwork filled out and submitted. All forms need to be filled out and submitted to the RRLA prior to that player being able to play a game. These forms can be faxed into Rick.
- Can a 17 year old player who was cut from the Junior B evaluation revert to a Midget B team? Discussion followed around the caliber of player and if a player in this situation should go to the senior team. Another situation is a first year player who is 18, can that player go down to play goal at the Midget B level? These questions would be referred to the MLD.

- Extra players that did not show up to camp should be released back to the MLD to be dispersed into the Junior B league teams. The decision was made to wait until after Thursday, April 22nd when the MLD can meet to make a decision on kids that have not been placed on any junior teams. There are 4 players from Zone 4 and 3 from Zone 1 that will be affected. In addition there are other players who chose not to attend the evaluation camp.
- Any releases that are made can be appealed by the family in writing (in e-mail) to the MLD and then the MLD would make a decision on whether or not the original decision would be upheld or altered. Reasons for appeals must be substantiated for a decision to be overturned.

MAJOR LACROSSE DIRECTORATE REPORT

The evaluations went really well.

There is still a coach needed for the Shamrocks Junior team. Tim will speak to Geo Guertin to see if he would be interested in taking on this team.

FACILITY REVIEW

- The lines have all been painted with the exception of Keith Bodley. Terry will speak to them tonight and get them on this.
- Sagkeeng Rink needs to have their nets repaired. They also need one new mesh. This needs to be requested through Laralie – the fee is around \$500. There should be shot clocks out there.
- Gryphons have one shot clock that seems to be intermittent as to when it wants to work accurately. This will be looked at prior to the season start.
- Wizards have a set at Garson and a set in Beausejour; Rick will go out and collect the set from Beausejour tonight and make one reliable set with the one testy set from East End and Beausejour.
- Tim announced the sudden death of Falcon Player Kelly Clay – his memorial service will be held at West Kildonan Arena on Thursday at 6:00.

SCHEDULE

SEASON STARTS ON SATURDAY – ON WEBSITE FOR THURSDAY!

- Rick provided a game summary for a schedule representing Novice through Midget. Tyke, Junior or Senior have not yet been completed yet.
- Lee pointed out a problem with the number of games in Oakbank on Zone 1 weekend.

- Lee asked to have the Tyke and Junior games matched up – this will happen on Thursday nights.
- There are Midget A and Midget B games slotted in at Oakbank prior to the Junior A practices on Wednesday nights that will begin at 6:30 instead of the traditional 7:00 start due to the Juniors practicing at 8:00.
- Rick is trying to schedule two Tyke games for one floor time; however this is dependent on whether there is enough nets available.

OFFICIALS FOR GAMES PLAYED IN SAGKEENG

- There are no Referees for the Sagkeeng home games so there will be an extra cost factor. There has been an accounting for the Level 3 Referees traveling to Sagkeeng but there has not been any extra accounting done for Level 1 Referees traveling to Sagkeeng.
- Bruce said that there was a training day scheduled in Sagkeeng and he and his assistant travelled there but none of the students showed up.
- The challenge is to find enough Referees willing to travel to Sagkeeng for the weekend games so Bruce made the following suggestions:
 1. no home games
 2. Sagkeeng pays all fees associated to have referees travel
 3. Get the Sagkeeng based referees come to the training session on Saturday April 24th.
- A suggestion was made to have some Junior and Senior guys that have never refereed to mentor program with Level 3 or 5 experienced Refs to help build the number of referees based in Sagkeeng.
- The first Sagkeeng home games are scheduled for May 1st and 2nd – the refereeing needs to be in place for this day.

ADJOURNMENT

Rick Wilson adjourned the meeting at 19:19.