

# Red River Lacrosse Association

## Meeting Minutes

03/08/2011

i. **Call to order**

**Rick Wilson** called to order the regular meeting of the **Red River Lacrosse Association** at **5:30 PM** on **03/08/2011** at **145 Pacific Avenue**.

ii. **Roll call**

The following persons were present:

Rick Wilson – President	Andrew Jolly – Vice President
Laurie From – Secretary	Bruce Paton – Referee in Chief
Patti Broughton – Registrar	Dave Gill – Dir. at Large
Don Jacks – Dir. At Large	Jeffery Combe – Dir at Large
Stewart Astleford – Marketing and Promotions	Ken Stuebing - MLD
Lee Smith – Zone 1	Tim Isfjord – Zone 2
Pete Wilson - Zone 3	Lee Asham - Zone 4
Bill Hurley – Zone 5	Fred Haight – Zone 5
Allan Courchene - Zone 6	Ryan Bruyere – Ojibway Senior Mens
<b>ABSENT MEMBERS HIGHLIGHTED</b>	

iii. **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

**Motion:**

*To accept the minutes from the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by: Lee Asham  
SECONDED by Ken Stuebing ... All in Favor*

Presidents Message

- Our purpose as board members is to make decisions that affect the league as a whole. Our personal and zone based objectives are put aside for the common good of the league.
- Voting is YOUR right. You should be free to vote your conscience and the result of your decision making. Do not be swayed and follow the masses. You have a vote and right to be heard, making a motion that has opposition is not a reflection on those who make the motion but a different perspective on the motion itself. Your feelings shouldn't be hurt if someone questions a motion, it is the process working.
- **Vote for what you think is best for the league and its members.**

#### iv. Finance Report

- Outstanding Fees
  - Ojibway Senior Men team is in arrears of \$310. Assigned to MLD
- Performance Bond Top Up – All Zones to bring their cheques.
  - Sanctions from 2010
  - Zone 6 – Paid                      Zone 5 – Paid
  - Zone 2 – Paid                      Zone 1 – Paid
  - Zone 3 – Outstanding              Zone 4 – The bond is up

Team	
Ojibway Senior	\$527.50
Shamrocks Senior	\$650.00
Zone 3	\$347.50
Zone 6	\$288.75
Zone 2	\$423.75
Zone 5	\$531.88
Zone 1	\$287.50
<b>Total Result</b>	<b>\$3,056.88</b>

- Bank Account Balance
  - as of 03/08/2011: \$19,270.60
- RRLA Bank Account
  - Rick provided a historical summary of the financial results for the past 12 years.
  - My recommendation is that the board makes a determination what the target reserves should be and create a restricted account to hold the funds. These funds would be designated for some project/initiative or unforeseen financial event. Basically a savings account. – Lee Smith, Andy, Tim with Rick chairing this sub-committee will come up with recommendations.

#### v. New business

##### Budget Review

##### Attachments

- Year on Year Financial history
- Team Budget
  - \$550 – Tyke
  - \$1,200 – Novice
  - \$1,200 – Peewee
  - \$1,700 – Bantam
  - \$1,800 – Midget
  - **\$3,200 – Junior**
  - Player fee \$29 per player paid to the MLA

## **LTAD**

- Discussion was around whether the proposed changes were suggestions or if all leagues have to follow these recommendations. These changes could not be implemented this year because due to cost factor as well as facility availability. All agreed that we will carry on with our plans for the 2011 season as we have done it in the past; once we receive further instruction from the CLA we will look at how we can adjust next season with implementation of these recommendations.

## **Marketing Update**

- The signs are not up in the arenas yet; however Stewart will be putting up the signs in Fort Richmond and Keith Bodley this week. Don and Dave will put the rest up on Saturday.

## **Registration Dates**

- All registration received are on the RRLA website.
- Rick spoke with Terry and he does not think the online registration is required. He picked up registration forms today.
- Zone 4 has taken on the trial on-line registration for this year. The fees are \$2.50 per head with a \$0.20 plus 2.5% of debit transaction fee per debit for credit card there is a \$0.25 plus 3.5% charge of what was put on the credit card. If all this goes well then we will consider this form of registration for next year.
- Junior and Senior Leagues could possibly benefit from Point Streak as the scouts would have easy access to the stats. There is a cost factor of \$5.00 a head for this type of service.

## **Season Calendar**

Team Declaration is on April 1<sup>st</sup>

Meeting on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Registration Deadline is Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Meeting on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Season Starts on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Easter Monday this may change

Elite Lacrosse will be hosting a Tournament Easter Weekend

Sidewinders Weekend is on April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>

Gryphons Weekend is on May 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Meeting on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Ojibway Home Games on May 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

**Novice Tournament May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**

May Long Weekend – NO LEAGUE GAMES

May 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> – RMLL Games – Junior Tournament

May 27<sup>th</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup> – Elite Lacrosse – California Trip

Ojibway Home Games on May 28-29<sup>th</sup>

Jim Hunt Pee wee Tournament June 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

Field Provincials June 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

Ojibway Home Games June 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

RMLL Home Games – Bantam Tournament

Meeting on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

Last Day for House Games – June 30<sup>th</sup>

July Long Weekend – NO LEAGUE GAMES

July 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> – RMLL Games – Midget Tournament

Last Day for ‘A’ Division Playoffs – July 15<sup>th</sup>

Last Day for Junior and Senior Playoffs – July 29<sup>th</sup>

**Round Table**

Zone 3 - Pete Wilson

- Junior & Senior meetings were not attended because Pete was not aware these meetings were taking place so he asked to have more notice so he can adjust his work schedule.
- There will likely not be a Shamrock Senior team this year due to guys not being able to commit to a full schedule.

Director at Large – Dave Gill

- Has had a call from a 25 year old guy who is interested in playing Senior this year; Dave asked what the cost factor would be the estimated cost was \$260-\$290. Bill suggested this interested player contact Lee Smith.
- There has been interest in having a long term lease for Lacrosse. Dave will pursue this opportunity.
- Has a Middle Year or Junior High Field team been considered? Dave was informed that the High School Association handles this not the RRLA.

Registrar – Patti Broughton

- Asked Don Jacks if he wanted all the registrations again this year. Don confirmed he did and asked for them to be sent in 2 portions; the team rosters by April 15<sup>th</sup> and then a separate spreadsheet for the add/deletes for May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Zone 5 – Bill Hurley

- Some Junior players were a little apprehensive to show up for the RMLL tryouts so Ken Stuebing invited any interested players to show up at the next tryout on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm and then the following Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> also at 8:30pm.
- The Elite program was being pushed to the registering lacrosse players in this zone. Bill said that he didn't think this was the time or place to recruit for the Elite Lacrosse program.
- Fred would like to Coach the Junior team that goes to Founders Cup in 2013. He would need to go to the MLA to get permission to take on this team.

### Zone 3 – Lee Asham

- Halfway through registration and the way things look there should be about 3 Tyke; 4 Novice; 4-5 Peewee; 3 Bantam and 2 Midget. This being said he asked about whether there would be any Peewee 'A' teams; they may be able to house 2 'A' teams or else be able to supply some other 'A' teams that need players.

### MLA – Don Jacks

- The small one page Posters are out; if there is a need for more you can take them tonight.
- Bingo Credits can be used for registration; Don has created a list with all the Bingo credits that can be used this year. How is the best way to administer these credits to the players? We will collect the fees; MLA will forward the credits to the zones and then the zones can reimburse the player.

### Zone 1 – Lee Smith

Needs to locate a tyke net – Rick will look into what is in storage.  
Lee will inform Rick of the exact date of the Car Show at East End.  
East End will keep the ice so there will only be 1 surface to play on.

### Ken Stuebing

- Reported that this year the LTAD recommendations from the CLA have not been decided by the MLA yet.

## MLD

- Has been frustrated getting this group together; to discuss the changes with the RMLL team and the Junior and Senior teams for as far as who will run these teams. Last year there was the Ravens, Gryphons, and Ojibway.
- There is a challenge with the Seniors; Ken feels there needs to be a league for the major teams perhaps with the Prairie League and the RRLA had been running this more as a minor team. Perhaps looking at how the RMLL runs their major lacrosse league. We need to communicate to the Senior players that they need to come out of the woodwork to help facilitate this League.
- Sidewinders will have 1 to 2 Junior Teams; unsure of the Shamrocks; Gryphons will have a team, TriS will have a team and Falcons will have a team as well as the Raven team. Rick asked Don to send out an e-mail to ALL the senior players to see if having a Senior League is even feasible – Don has agreed to do this.
- Less and less of the Junior teams want to play the Senior teams now that we have created the RMLL Junior team because all the strongest Junior players will be playing on that team.
- Unfortunately there is no clear voice for the Seniors so coming to any type of agreement is highly difficult.

## KEN STUEBING

- Ken Stuebing served notice regarding the MLA needing protection from the CLA; this negotiation list needs to be submitted for sure to protect players next year and he has asked for an exception that this late submission be accepted this year. Ken found out that a notice of this type has not been submitted since at least 2007 (if ever). The list can only protect 25 MB. players so he put all his players from the Founders Cup team as well as the next 4 or 5 players he was aware of. This has happened in the past to players and there is for sure one player who would be at risk this year.

## JEFF COMBE

- Asked for the Falcons goal equipment back from the Shamrocks. Rick suggested calling Pete directly to arrange this.
- The question was asked about what would happen if there is a city strike or flood and the community clubs are either closed or taken over to facilitate flood relief.

## ANDREW JOLLY

- Nothing to report.

## **Adjournment**

Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:25

MOTIONED by Don Jacks    SECONDED by Lee Asham ... *All in Favour*

Minutes taken by : Laurie From