

# **Red River Lacrosse Association**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**05/10/2011**

**i. Call to order**

**Rick Wilson** called to order the regular meeting of the **Red River Lacrosse Association** at **5:30 PM** on **05/10/2011** 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	Allan Courchene - Zone 6
Lyle Morrisseau	
<b>ABSENT MEMBERS HIGHLIGHTED</b>	

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

**Motion:**

*To accept the minutes from the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting:*

*MADE by: Andy Jolly*

*SECONDED by Lee Smith...*

*All in Favor*

**iv. Registration:**

**May 15 - Minor Add / Delete DEADLINE**

- Rosters have been loaded on the website, have your coaches check and ensure their players are legally registered.
- All corrections should go through Patti.
- All players MUST have filled out a registration form to LEGALLY play a game. Playing an illegal player will result in loss of the games they participated in and the suspension of the coach.

### Over / Under Applications

- All forms have been handed to Tim
- DO NOT play a player in the wrong age group without having the paperwork completed and approved through Tim. This is an ILLEGAL PLAYER playing an illegal player will result in loss of the games they participated in and the suspension of the coach.

### v. Finance:

- Outstanding Amounts to the League

	<u>May 8, 11</u>
Falcons Lacrosse Club	28.15
Ojibway Senior Lacrosse	837.50
Sagkeeng Lacrosse Association	78.15
Shamrocks Lacrosse Association	6,185.33
Shamrocks Senior Lacrosse	650.00
South Winnipeg Lacrosse Association	28.15
Tri S Lacrosse Association	<u>0.88</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u><u>7,808.16</u></u></b>

- Bank Balance as of May 10, 2011 = \$92,082.08
- Email from the RRLA was sent to Allan of Zone 6 indicating that Zone 6 will be fined a total of \$50 for the two missed meetings.
- Contract signed with Pointstreak to provide statistics for the Junior League. Cost is \$5.00 per player.

### vi. ROUND TABLE

#### Rick Wilson

- We need to order some Timbit jersey's email sent to all zones requesting colours of current jerseys so we don't order the same colour. I believe we have to order 2 sets for Zone 1 and 1 set for Zone 4.
  - Reply from Zone 1 - no reply
  - Reply from Zone 2 - They want a new set of Red.
  - Reply from Zone 3 - no reply
  - Reply from Zone 4 - they have a Blue set and a Gold set
  - Reply from Zone 5 – will confirm

- Sent request to Zone 1 - 4 and 6 to provide designate for stats entry on new Pointstreak system. These need to be entered the next day.
  - Reply from Zone 1 - Lee Smith
  - Reply from Zone 2 - no reply
  - Reply from Zone 3 - no reply
  - Reply from Zone 4 - Chuck Joyal
  - Reply from Zone 6 - no reply

**Andrew Jolly**

Nothing

**Patti Broughton**

Nothing

**Bill Hurley**

- There was an issue last night at the Midget game played at the Keith Bodley Arena; it appeared that the refs may have been over zealous with some of their calls so Bill asked for feedback from the Board. Prior to the game start one ref questioned and one player helmet and mask fit which resulted in a player and a coach from the opposing team being ejected from the game before the game even started. There were an abundance of penalties called and before the end of the game a coach from the opposing bench was also ejected. There was discussion about the authority that Referees hold and the responsibility to ensure a safe, fair game for all. In the end the consensus was that during a game the Ref holds the ultimate power and if there are any concerns they will have to be addressed after game play through reports but all parties involved which go to a governing entity. The issue with the mask has been a grey area as lacrosse masks need to be 4 point hinged masks. Gait masks are insured only until 2012 after that they will be uninsured and therefore an illegal mask.
- Junior players are not committing to play this year with the transfers they will need to make. Zone 4 did let Bill know that their Junior team is in need of a Goalie as they are currently letting a Senior player tend the net. There was also discussion about a player who has stated he would play for Ojibway so transfer papers will need to be completed and send to Tim to ensure this happens – transfer forms can be located on our website.

### **Rick Wilson ... Director of Finance**

Requested that all Zones give him the financial statements from last year to ensure the sound financial standing of all our zones.

Zone 1 - Not received

Zone 2 - Not received

Zone 3 - Not received

Zone 4 - Not received

Zone 5 - Not received

Zone 6 - Not received

### **Lee Smith**

- Asked Patti if she had received their add/deletes from Val yet. He will ensure those are completed by the deadline.
- Inquired about the \$15 charge for coach registration; in the past the MLA covered this charge however Lee has learned that at least 1 new coach in Zone 1 paid this charge himself. Don will look into this to ensure that there are no double payments being made.
- Up until last weekend East End has allowed Zone 1 the use of both rinks which has been great. It looks like next year they should have the double rink availability further into the season; Lee let them now that if they could use both rinks until June 15<sup>th</sup> that would be fantastic.

### **Dave Gill**

- There is a Peewee 'A' game between the Wizards and the Falcons that needs to be forfeited due to the group of players going to San Jose with the Elite Lacrosse Team. Dave asked to reschedule a time for this game during one of their practice times as both teams are in agreement to this. There was discussion about the logistics of letting teams do this on their own. It came down to this not being allowed so that the precedent of changing the schedule is not started ... if we say yes once we will be expect to allow other teams the same flexibility which in the long run would make scheduling close to impossible.

- Dave also informed us that he has been asked to do a Lacrosse Clinic at the Beausejour Leisure Centre. There was a suggestion that perhaps we could run a Junior tournament out there as part of the demonstration of the sport.

### **Don Jacks**

- Over size goal equipment is not allowed. The Goalies have to wear #2's or they can not play goal is what the rule currently states. There was discussion around the fact that some kids are larger than what the #2's adequately protect so perhaps there is an exception where safety is the concern. Better to have the kids play and be safe than to turn them away or have them getting injured. This will be looked into.
- Looks like all the coaching courses are almost complete.

### **Lyle Morrisseau**

- Confirmed that Allan will send all registration requirements along with the add/deletes and player movement forms for the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- Lyle asked that the \$837 of outstanding fees from the Senior team last year be invoiced in two separate invoices; one that reflects the registration fee and the other that reflects the sanctions.
- Rick asked for Lyle to talk to Allan about obtaining the names and addresses of the time keepers from Sagkeeng so that Rick can mail cheques out to them; cheques will be sent out at the end of May and again at the end of the season. It was noted that the league and not the zone are responsible for paying both the refs and the time keepers.
- There is a Midget player who has been suspended from 3 games for spearing; this was brought up so there could be clarification on the serving of this suspension. It was confirmed that the suspended player would have to serve the next 3 league scheduled Midget games before being a legal player at any league game. In other words the player can not be called up to the Junior level until the suspension is lifted. It was also mentioned that this year there have been 3 other match penalties call during league play and all 3 players (for various zones) have been awarded the same 3 game suspension.

## **Lee Asham as per Andy Jolly**

- Zone 4 still does not have a Junior Goalie; so far this year they have been using Senior Goalie, Kelly. There was an e-mail sent out to the MLD which confirmed that the movement from Sr. to Jr. would be allowed until a Goalie of the appropriate age could be recruited or moved from another zone.
- It was asked that teams not run up the scores past 7 goals. There was some discussion about which is more disrespectful to the losing team; running up the scores or pulling back your team to not score further goals. The suggestion to coach the teams to hold off on 'full court press' in these situations would be perhaps more sportsman like.
- There is concern that the reffing allotment has not been equitable to this point. It appears that some refs are getting plenty of games while others are getting minimal games and still others have yet to be called to ref at all. We were informed that Level 3 refs should be 18 or older and will ref games from Bantam up to Senior and Level 1&2 refs are used to for Novice and Peewee games. If the league wants to retain refs there needs to be a more equitable, rewarding distribution of games

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm by: Dave Gill  
Seconded by Laurie From

Minutes by  
Laurie From