



**PMLA Executive Meeting Minutes
May 24th, 2022**

PRESENT: Allen Wales, Jamie McMurray, Derek Wood, Tamara Brooks, Nicole Jensen, Jessica Lancaster, Sara Engle, Lisa Gowans, Nicky Land

REGRETS: Dave Zille, Stuart Doyle, Russ Augner, Kathy Bolam, Alona Maksimenko

1.0 Start of Meeting: Called to order at 7:04

- 1.1 Additions to Agenda:
 - Ref Allocator report -From Errin Morrison
 - Goalie Equipment Update and Request
 - Student Volunteers for Friendship and Golden Spike Tournaments
- 1.2 Approval of Previous Minutes: April 12th, 2022
 - Approval motioned by Sara, seconded by Tamara, Approved
- 1.3 -Nicole made a Motion to buy a tablet and a new square for the association. This tablet and square will be used at all PMLA events including upcoming friendship tournament next weekend. Total cost \$375. All Approved by Executive via email.

-Mailbox 274 is up for renewal, June 14th, 2022. Discuss 1
Sarah Motioned the approval to renew the mailbox for the association for (\$244.00/12 months) with tax \$256.20. Seconded by Allen, All Approved.
- 1.4 Two pieces of mail received and passed along to Derek

Upcoming Calendar Dates:

June 1st Provincial Declarations to BCLA

June 5th Picture Day

Last regular season games must be completed by:

16U and Pee Wee by June 12th

Bantam and Female by June 19th

Novice and below mixed and female by June 26

2.0 President Report

- Adanacs and Burrard's Fundraiser/Social

Thank you to everyone that Volunteered and to Dave for Organizing it. Raised about 3K. Lisa already contacted all of the Managers and Derek and Lisa have been collecting \$10 from each player in attendance. Adanac's offered for the Tykes to come and play during half-time and offered for fundraising opportunities with Frisbee toss.

-May 30th/31st Second Tiering before provincials. Any changes need to be requested before then and you have the ability to withdraw before June 4th. Any decisions on provincials need to be made now.

[ACTION Allen will check in with the Stu and Russ to ensure all teams have been made aware of this and determine teams that are declaring and will let NICKY know ASAP for the City to book floor time]

-Banners have been sent off to the printers

-Allen will be going to pick up the Square and unit needed for tap and

-We have received multiple (~6) coaches penalties/Bench Minors against coaches/parents on the bench. We have a zero-tolerance policy for speaking back to the referees. We need to support the Refs. There is no excuse. The only person to speak to the refs is the head coach. There is a process to make a complaint against a ref which needs to be followed.

-Junior B's would like ball boys for before games and will organize that with some of the younger players. It will be a feeder team for us.

-Put a bunch of Midget players through Level 1 coaching which is great step for our Junior Coaching program. We will explore this more for next year.

3.0 REF Allocator Report

-Entry Level Refing Clinic

On May 7 Cam Comeau (of the BC Lacrosse Officials Association) and Keith Dunne (our Head Ref) held an on-floor clinic for our entry level referees. The clinic ran from 11:00-12:30 at Westhill and was followed by a BBQ. By all accounts it was a successful session and a great opportunity to help our newer refs figure out positioning on the floor and other skills they don't necessarily learn in the classroom.

A second clinic is planned for Level 1 and Level 2 referees on June 4 - also from 11:00-12:30 at Westhill, and also followed by a BBQ.

An important take-away from the first session is the need to hold these on-floor clinics earlier in the season before things get so busy. It's been a challenge finding floor time that works for our instructors and most of the referees. Next year we will try and do a refresher clinic for returning refs before the season gets underway and maybe look to hold a clinic for entry level refs shortly thereafter. A third clinic for everyone who is available later in the season would also be great if we can fit it in.

-Friendship Tournament

Referees have been assigned to all Friendship Tournament games. We only had to seek outside assistance for 6 games on Sunday afternoon, which is fantastic. The other 58 games are all being covered by our own referees.

Ref fees for this tournament will be significantly higher than in past years due to the cross-floor format for tyke games. We've scheduled one ref per cross-floor side for all mini-tyke games, but for many of the tyke games we'll have two refs per side. While this might seem like overkill, it's important to remember that there have been very few regular season tyke games this year, so a few of our new refs haven't reffed a game yet and others have only had one or two games. This tournament will give them much-needed experience so that we can move a few of them up to Level 1 next year.

-Referee Performance

I am incredibly impressed with our referees. With the exception of illness and scheduling changes due to their own games, they have all showed up at their games, on time and ready to go. Several of them have stepped up to fill last-minute openings, and they are all very responsive when I contact them. I'm giving some thought to a way to thank them all for the season and encourage them to come back next year. We could do a wrap up of some kind, maybe a BBQ at one of the lakes? If anyone has any suggestions, please let me know.

-Actions

- Upcoming L1/L2 on-floor clinic June 4
- Golden Spike Tournament staffing
- Season wrap-up planning

Thank you to Errin, Keith and Kim for this structured work with our Refs!

4.0 3st VP Discussion ---

-Safety Person. Every team should designate a Safety person. It is not required for them to have extra training. This person should be available if there is injury. They are not there to decide if play on the arena floor is dangerous... that would be the coaches decision.

-At any point a parent can remove their player and then there is no fine with a short team. Player safety is paramount and if there is a fine the association would prefer that to playing in an unsafe situation.

[Action Lisa: Contact Managers to Identify if there are players parent/coaches on the team that can act as a safety person, see what kinds of coverage we have, and then evaluate where we are short]

[Review for next year to ensure there is a designated safety person]

5.0 Anything else to add

-Goalie Equipment Update and Request

[ALLEN ACTION to follow up on the 6XL jerseys and legs]

Alona MOTIONED to buy a jr and sr. stick for the goalies as we have no spare sticks. Allen approved, Derek Approved

-Student Volunteers for Friendship and Golden Spike Tourneys

Some of the older players are available and Allen has made himself available to help in-case of no-shows etc.

-Tyke challenges with changes in rules. We will follow league rules.

6.0 Next Meeting: PMLA EXC Meeting June 14th@ 7pm

7.0 End of meeting 8:24pm Motioned by Sara, Jessica seconded. Approved.

