



## PMLA Executive Meeting Minutes Sep 28, 2023

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**PRESENT:** Allen Wales, Dave Zille, Brent Thompson, Derek Wood, Stuart Doyle, Nicole Jensen, Jamie McMurray

**REGRETS:** Russ Aunger, Scott Styles, Errin Morrison, Alona Maksimenko, Nicky Land, Jake Healey, Jessica Lancaster

### 1.0 Start of Meeting: Called to order at 7:08pm

- 1.1 Approval of Previous Minutes: May 3, 2023  
-Approval motioned by Nicole, seconded by Jamie, and approved

### 2.0 President Report

Allen reported on the season successes, Provincial playoff appearances, etc. U18 Girls' Provincial banner has been mounted in the Arena. Thank you to everyone for such a great season.

Allen reported that there is still discussion in U9 about 3 on 3 vs 5 on 5. Allen also mentioned we have exec roles to fill, including Secretary, Player recruitment and Equipment manager.

The topic of a volunteer deposit system was discussed, and it was agreed to bring this up before next season.

**Action:** Allen requested Jamie draft a forecast of team sizes, etc for next year based on last year's registration.

### 3.0 AGM & Awards Planning

Dave reported that the AGM has been scheduled for Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Action:** Dave to send Award nominee information to the exec for review prior to a special meeting on Thurs Oct 12<sup>th</sup> to select award winners.

**Action:** Dave to contact Errin about helping out with the AGM BBQ and to book Thor's Hammer game.

**Action:** Derek to provide Finance report for the AGM in advance.

Allen has ordered jerseys for the graduating players. Brent asked about the Junior team and how Derek will present Junior team finances, etc, at the AGM. Derek to investigate.

#### **4.0 Head Coach Report**

**Achievements:** Strong performance in provincials for both boys' and girls' teams. Learnings from year 1:

**Coaching Gaps:** Need more coaches for B and C teams, especially in 15u, 13u, and 11u. Paid coaches might be required

**Coach Development:** Many coaches need to upgrade their training levels. Plan to maintain a list and ensure timely training completion.

**Player/Goalie Development:** Focus on securing development sessions; seeking new partnerships.

**Equipment Management:** Early coordination needed for coaching gear.

**Focus Areas:**

**Coaching Enhancement:** Increase and improve coaching resources, including best practices sharing and expert-led sessions.

**Player Development Sessions:** Offer more skill development opportunities.

**Impact and Outlook:** These efforts aim to boost player retention and overall lacrosse experience. Positive outlook for 2024.

#### **5.0 Refing Report**

Transitioned from Assignr to Arbiter for referee management in 2023, leading to a successful season.

Need for more experienced Level 2 referees, but situation improving post-Covid.

Junior B players effectively contributed as referees, particularly in U17 games.

Arbiter's feature to assign referees from other associations was beneficial.

Training enhanced with BCLA's on-floor sessions and additional sessions by Keith Dunne and Cam Comeau.

Challenges included managing enthusiastic parents and coaches.

Plans to retain and encourage current referees for 2024, with a focus on promoting Level 1 to Level 2.

Recruitment drive for new referees from 2011 birth year onwards.

Suggestion for 2024:

Integrate Arbiter and RAMP training in pre-season meetings; Establish clear communication policies; Incentivize referees with \$20 for attending PMLA training; Enforce 2 years at Level 1 before Level 2 training.

## **6.0 New Business**

Dave mentioned we are still waiting to hear from the Sr Adanacs about the possibility of hosting an exhibition game, hoping to have an answer soon.

Dave mentioned we are still in need of a secretary.

## **7.0 Next Meeting**

AGM Nov 2 2023 @ 7 PM.

## **8.0 End of meeting 8:05 pm Motioned by Nicole, seconded by Brent, approved.**