

**GLOUCESTER LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Orleans Rec Centre
Wednesday, May 7, 2014
7:00pm-9:30pm**

In Attendance:

Mike McKay, President; Laura Hudson-Grant, Past President Jim Fowles, VP Finances; Aaron McCaffrey, Director Competitive; Jeff Hartley, Director Player/Coach Development and GM Jr C; Jill Gagnier, Director Winter Lacrosse; Greg Rampley, VP Operations and Scheduler; Leasa Kay, Registrar; Ann Maurice, Director Girls; Kyla White, Director Tournaments; Dave Smith, Lifetime Member; Steph Brunet, Dir Initiation; Doug Nahirney, Equip Mgr, Reese Adeney, Culture Keeper; and Angela Lamoureux, Director of House League

Absent:

Carol Brazeau, Purchasing/Apparel and Dominique Hartley, RIC

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm by the GLA President.
2. The Board received the nomination of Yolaine Richer as Executive Secretary. After initial introductions and a quick opportunity for the Board to ask Yolaine questions about her skills and qualifications, a motion was made to accept Yolaine Richer as the Executive Secretary for the remainder of the 2014 season. **Motion: passed**
3. Review of past Minutes – The Minutes of the **Mar 31, 2014** Meeting were read and approved.

4. New GLA Bylaw was discussed and approved to read as follows:

XX. Affiliate Players (Aps)

“APs can practice as often as required throughout the season at any level in order to benefit both individual players and teams. Prior to any affiliation, discussions must occur between both Coaches and the parents. The player’s primary team games will take precedence over practices. For example, a PW HL player will not miss a HL game to participate at a PW II practice. In the event of a conflict, the player must receive permission from his primary team.

The AP must be taken from the team seeded immediately below the affiliating team if within the same age group/division i.e. Bantam HL up to Bantam II or Bantam II up to Bantam I. HL players will not be affiliated to a I team unless there is no II team that season.

In the event of any conflict not clearly defined above, the Director of Competitive and the House League Director will make the final decision.”

MOTION APPROVED

5. Doug has brought forward a request for a motion to approve the purchase of \$1,500.00 worth of new goalie equipment (2x Warrior goalie gloves, 4x goalie shafts, 1x Cat #2 shin pads and 1x Cat #2 uppers);

MOTION APPROVED

Doug also mentioned that approximately \$3,000.00 has been recovered from the sale of equipment the GLA had in stock. At this rate a profit is expected and the purchase was definitely a benefit.

6. Leasa Kay gave a brief description on the Status of Registration:
 - 466 players registered, includes 72 girls, Junior “C” has 29 runners and 4 goalies;
 - 17 refunds have been made which includes 2 for medical reason.
 - We have 200 new players registered this year;
 - Suggestion on reducing the registration fee at the Initiation level if new players register after June 1st (\$55.00 instead of \$110.00).

MOTION APPROVED

- Leasa mentioned the issues on getting the competitive team’s card back from the OLA.
- Leasa confirmed that all cards are being sent tonight (May 7th, 204)
- Leasa mentioned that all volunteers (coaches, assistant coaches everyone stepping on the floor is registered and has signed a blue card) which will facilitate the recruitment of volunteers next year.
- She asked for volunteers to distribute the water bottles given by the sponsor - no one volunteered. She volunteered to do it herself.

Mike McKay – “Any further to discuss?” **There was nothing**

7. House League update made by Angela Lamoureux;
 - She advised that the balancing of the teams will be required in order to balance the teams. She advised that it was a nightmare at sort outs this year and she will be bringing forward some suggestions for next year at a later time.
 - Angela mentioned that a meeting was scheduled for the all the volunteers (coaches/bench staff etc...) but unfortunately it wasn’t a good turnout.
 - There was a team with no coach (midget level) and an email was sent to the parents advising that someone had to present themselves as a volunteer otherwise the team will have to fold. A father volunteered.

Mike McKay – “Any further to report?” **There was none.**

8. Ann Maurice gave an update on the House League girls. She mentioned that everything was going well. No issues.

Mike McKay - asked if there was anything else – **Nothing Further**

9. Aaron McCaffrey talked about how well the competitive teams were doing. Aaron also mentioned that an Intermediate team had been created.

- We spoke about the issue that took place with the Midget team. They went on the floor after being told not to by the city attendant. City was upset with this situation due to liability issues.
 - It was mentioned that the insurance covers pre-game warm ups (inside/outside);
 - Discussion on booking half hour prior to schedule times to prevent from this happening again - but it was agreed that it was best to leave it the way it was. Coaches will need to be made aware that all warm-ups are to be done outside if the floor is not available. **EMAIL to be sent to all coaches.**
10. Jill Gagnier gave an update on the “Mom’s Lax” apparel order. (She ordered 100 shirts (50 with Griffins logo and 50 without). UA Hoodie sizing will occur on Saturday at Armstrong between 12 – 4pm for GLA members and Executive.
11. Greg Rampley introduced a new Bylaw regarding “Competitive Player Performance Bond”
- Suggestion on charging a tryout fee of \$50.00;
 - Someone will need to be tracking the families that pull out of the competitive team once making the team.

NEW BYLAW introduced by Greg is as follows: (for The 2015 Lacrosse Year)

"GLA players who tryout for, and are selected to, a GLA competitive team and subsequently withdraw from the competitive program after being selected due to program commitment requirements:

(a) will be required to post a performance bond of \$150 in the next season should they wish to tryout for the competitive program in future seasons. If the player pays the bond and completes the future competitive season the performance bond will be refunded and requirement for posting a performance bond rescinded. If the player fails to complete the future season in the competitive program then the performance bond will be non-refundable.

(b) will not be permitted to affiliate or act as a call-up for a competitive team in the season that they withdrew from the competitive program due to commitment requirements.

The Director of Competitive will be required to maintain a list of players required to post a performance bond and ensure that it is consulted prior to competitive team tryouts."

MOTION APPROVED

Mike McKay - asked if there was anything else ...

Greg Rampley brought forward Callum Crawford’s request. 1) Callum is asking if the GLA would be willing to pay for the goalie being brought in for his goalie camps/clinics.

Mike McKay is asking that Callum Crawford present the GLA in writing details of his proposals. Greg is to forward the GLA’s message to Callum Crawford.

Mike McKay mentioned how important it is for us to focus first on our clinics.

Upon receiving Callum Crawford's proposals, the matter will be reviewed at that time.

12. Kyla White gave an update on our upcoming tournament:

- It was mentioned that most divisions were full;
- There are 3 out of town teams registered (Quebec, Sherbrook and New Brunswick);
- It was mentioned that the games played against the out of town teams will not count for the games required for provincial.
- A rep from Fundy Lacrosse (NB) asked Kyla if a Bantam girl could play with a Pee wee team. She advised them to contact the OLA for permission.

Mike asked if an answer was given, – nothing yet.

- Aaron is to send an email to all competitive coaches with a volunteer time sheet for the parents.
- Lorenzo Restaurant was approached for the BBQ;
- It was suggested that the junior player's help with the BBQ and half the proceeds would go to their team as a fund raiser.

13. Jim Fowles - Financial Status Update – provided a brief summary of the account. The account is in good standing.

14. New Business:

- Leasa asked if we would approve paying up to \$150.00 for the logo to be redesigned.

MOTION - Seconded - MOTION APPROVED

- Mike McKay mentioned that a guideline needs to be put in place with regards to the per diem allowance for non-parent coaches. Until the amount can be officially adopted, the GLA will use: \$10.00 for breakfast, \$15.00 for lunch and \$25.00 for supper. Hotel and gas expense also to be reimbursed with presentation of the original receipts.
- Angela Lamoureux asked if the GLA would pay for emergency kits or reimburse the trainers expense. **The answer was NO at this time from the GLA.**

Mike McKay - asked if there was anything further... there was nothing.

Next meeting scheduled for June 4th – location TBD.

MOTION APPROVED

Meeting adjourned at 10:12pm