



## 2014 President's Report: Mike McKay

Hello GLA,

Thank you very much for taking time out of your busy lives to come out to the 2014 GLA AGM. The biggest asset an association can have is dedicated volunteers such as you to do all of the necessary work that allows our kids to play the great game of lacrosse. As you are well aware, the GLA is run entirely by volunteers and as I mentioned at this time last year, we are always looking for new and interested people to spend those precious spare personal hours to make a difference for our kids.

I must say that I am quite sad by the fact that my term as President is coming to an end very soon because I love being involved but I am also very confident that our incoming President will do a fantastic job. Greg is one of those parents, coaches and volunteers that is always available to help out and he has already done a ton of work for the GLA over the past few years. He interacts well with the kids and always listens intently to parents or coaches and tries to apply all of these comments and inputs to make the GLA better. He truly cares about all aspects of the game and I know that he will represent us all in the most positive manner.

As I was winding up my term, I tried to think of a few things that I feel best represent the positive momentum of the GLA.

I think that as an association we need to continue to work hard at communicating to our membership and hopefully that will in turn lead to more good ideas making their way back to the good volunteers of the Board. I think that the new website, active volunteers and an open and transparent Board has moved this in that direction and I know that we will continue to keep the communication lines open and transparent.

Financially we are doing quite well and our outgoing VP Finances, Jim Fowles will summarize this so I think that is a positive note.

I also wanted to make a quick report on how I saw the 2014 year from a player's perspective;

Personally, I consider the 2014 GLA season to have been a success. With approximately 580 players registered, the GLA operated:

- A very successful peanut/paperweight program
- A house league program consisting of 24 house league teams (19 boys teams, 5 girls teams); and
- A competitive program consisting of 10 competitive teams (8 boys teams, 2 girls teams).

The GLA House League program was able to host a Midget Division for the first time and there were sufficient numbers for two teams. This is typically a very difficult age group to get enough players and also the style of play can be quite daunting for newer players. However, I must compliment all of the players on their style of play. There were no incidents at all once the season got underway and I believe that the players all thoroughly enjoyed it.

Our Competitive teams competed in Zone games and tournaments across Ontario and represented us very well with a number of championships. This year the association hosted a very successful tournament, our annual Ray Broadworth Memorial tournament. We had growth in the overall number of teams that attended with XX teams from Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick.

We had 4 Griffins represent the GLA at the Nationals this year:  
Bantam Girls: Camryn Gallagher (Silver Medal)  
Midget Girls: Kristen McKay and Kamryn Simard (Silver Medal)  
Midget Boys Field: Cameron Badour (Gold Medal)

We also had three of our referees (Frederick Hartley, Michio Clark and Caleb Grant) selected to officiate at the Provincial Championships and our Referee in Chief (Dominique Hartley) was selected to officiate at the "A" Qualifiers and Nationals.

Additionally, our Jr C team received some very well deserved awards that we should be very proud of. The Coaching Staff was named the Eastern Conference Coaching Staff of the Year and David Plotts was once again named the Eastern Conference's Most Sportsmanlike Player. Well done to our Jr C team!

Besides all of the great successes, there are some things that I think that we need to keep addressing:

- More involvement from the parents of the House League players
- Better development for coaches at all levels

We have some more reports followed by some awards and I don't want to steal anyone's thunder so let's move on to the financial report.

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