



## PMLA Executive Meeting Minutes November 20, 2024

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**PRESENT:** Allen Wales, Dave Zille, Jen Dolsen, Alona Maksimenko, Kristi Loewen, Derek Wood, Scott Styles, Jamie McMurray, Jessica Lancaster, Brent Thompson, Errin Morrison, Jake Healey, Errin Morrison,

**REGRETS:** Nicole Jensen, Michael Druce, Russ Auger, Nicky Land, Stu Doyle

### **Start of Meeting: Called to order at 7:01 PM**

Approval of Previous Minutes: October 16, 2024 moved by Allen, seconded by Dave, and approved.

### Presidents Report:

- **Presidents still calling for a change at BCLA, meeting scheduled for Dec 3.**
- **Allen good to finish term as President but is becoming increasingly challenging to balance with work and travel**
- **Pressing topics for discussion tonight are registration and update on the budget**

### AGM Planning

- Need to determine who will be staying in their roles so we know what is up for election at AGM.
- ACTION: Kristi to review last AGM minutes to determine roles for election
- ACTION: Advertise for new roles at the AGM and post the event if necessary.
- ACTION: Will hold a subcommittee meeting on November 27th to discuss the AGM.
- Dave working on a presentation about graduating players.
- Kristi and Jessica picked up all the trophies and plaques from the showcase.

### 2025 Calendar of Events

- Discussed the need for a 2025 calendar of events, which was found in the Google Drive.
- ACTION: Agreed to update this calendar to help the new leadership team.

### Registration for 2025 Season

- Jamie is ok being registrar another year, Jen will be assisting her this year.
- Discussed the registration fees for the upcoming season, with a proposal to increase fees for older age groups to cover increasing costs. Also discussed the possibility of offering a discount for full-time goalies who have their own gear, with a suggestion to offer a 50% rebate.
- Discussed the idea of offering a free stick for new players in the U7 age group to encourage registration.
- Agreed to continue offering socks for teams to pay for, rather than including them in team fees.

- Also discussed the possibility of offering a free registration for early bird registrants, but decided against offering a free registration at the AGM.
- Agreed to hold firm on December 1 opening of registration

#### **Renting Lacrosse Box at Confederation Park**

- Discussed the possibility of renting out the new lacrosse box at Confederation Park and the need for separate insurance for new players. It was clarified that the existing insurance would cover all existing players, but new players would need a waiver.
- Also discussed the potential cost of renting the new box, agreeing that it should be at city level and not outrageous.

#### **Round Table:**

#### **Pre-season and Team Mergers:**

- Discussion of the upcoming pre-season and potential team mergers with Poco. Jen raised concerns about the lack of preseason for U-9 teams and suggested starting discussions in January. Allen suggested that the preseason should be approved before advertising and will be contingent on getting coaches. It should ideally start in the second weekend of January. He also mentioned the possibility of merging teams, particularly female teams, but emphasized that this would need to be approved by both boards. There was also a discussion about the naming of teams, with the consensus being to use 'female' for girls' teams and no additional descriptor for boys' teams.
- Jake and Russ tasked to organize the internal sessions and vet coaches

#### **Tournaments:**

- Agreed to swap the dates of the Friendship and Golden Spike tournaments to avoid tiering conflicts for U11.

#### **Action Items:**

1. Kristi to review last AGM minutes to determine roles for election
2. Advertise for new roles at the AGM and post the event if necessary.
3. Book subcommittee meeting on November 27th to discuss the AGM.
4. Update the calendar of events for 2025 to help the new leadership team.
5. Book time outside of meeting to discuss preseason (Jen)
6. Jake and Russ to organize the internal sessions and vet coaches

#### **End of Meeting:**

- End of meeting 8:24 pm Motioned by Dave, seconded by Jamie , approved.
- Next meeting: January 16<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)