

Zone 5
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DECEMBER 6TH, 2015, 10:00 am
Room F, Benson Centre, Cornwall

Attendance:

Tanya Thompson, Zone Director	Greg Rampley, Gloucester
Ian Garrison, Assistant Zone Director /RIC	Tana Wells, Kingston
Andrea Firth, Nepean	Maggie King, Akwesasne
Vicki Aikins, Cornwall	Lori Delaronde, Kahnawake

Note: All Clubs in good standing and eligible to vote.

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am

Motion to accept the minutes of the 2014 AGM made by Ian, seconded by Maggie. Carried.

1. Zone Director Report (Tanya)

- Good season overall with fines being down significantly.
- Update from Minor council (all Zone directors, VP Minor, VP Development):
 - o Online registration was discussed but the provider could not meet the anticipated registration demand from across the province.
 - o As a result, no clubs in the province are doing “complete” online registration
- Festival – looking for volunteers for the 2016 Festival.
- Tanya acknowledged and gave a special note of thanks to Ian for all of the help he provided operating the Zone in 2015.

2. Assistant Zone Director Report (Ian)

- Brought forward the recommendation to change the tournament fighting suspension rules to minor council. No decision at present.
- Had challenges this past season getting gamesheets reported within the time frame outlined in the Zone policy documents.
- Travel costs for Zones are disproportionate across the province. If it is not possible to move minor council meetings around the province, then we should recommend that all zones pay a fee to belong to minor council and the funds are used to reimburse costs associated with being part of minor council.

3. Finances

- Tanya showed zone finances electronically (printer problems) to be added to the summary meeting notes.
- Zone account is has approximately \$300. Reduced income from fines and significant travel costs have made the financial situation very tight. May need to consider a fee increase or fundraising.

4. RIC Report (Ian)

- Ian reported that we have approximately 90 referees in Zone 5 between the various clubs (more than half in Gloucester & Nepean).
- Ian had difficulty getting referee assignments forwarded to him by club RICS this past season.
- Clubs should be able to view referee evaluations from provincials. Ian to follow up and provide information on how.

5. Club 2015 recaps:

Kingston (Tana):

- Current president: Tana Wells.
- Registration is down (~200) due to not operating HL in Napanee.
- Financial results – club is in black for the year.
- 3 comp girls teams and 2 comp boys teams. Midget Girls were provincial A champions this year. PW boys won E gold at provincials.
- Challenges – Executive volunteers
- Looking to introduce a field program for the coming season

Nepean (Andrea):

- Current president: Andrea Firth
- Registration steady (~950)
- 11 rep boys team and 2 rep girls team
- Financial results – club is in black for the year.

Gloucester (Greg)

- Current president: Greg Rampley
- Registration is down (~430)
- Financial results – club made investments in equipment, and with reduced registration, operated at a loss for the year.
- 7 rep boys teams, 1 rep girls teams, HL for Peanut->Bantam Boys and four Girls house league teams.
- 3 players represented Team Ontario this year
- Focusing on recruiting new players to the club this season

Akwesasne (Maggie)

- Current president: Arlene Thomas
- Registration is steady
- Financial results – unsure.
- Successes: Bantam's won B gold provincials

Cornwall (Vicki)

- Current president: Tom Hughes, VP: Vicki, Technical Director: Chad Fairfoul, RIC: Eric Laffing
- Registration is roughly the same

- Financials are in the black. Lots of success with BOT fundraiser.
- Successes – PW's won C gold at provincials
- Challenges – getting new volunteers on the CMLA executive

6. By-Law Amendments

Motion # 1 (received from: Greg Rampley, President, Gloucester Lacrosse Association) – **Modify Article 1 of the Zone 5 Operating Policy from the *current* to the *revised* as listed below:**

Article 1 NAME (Current):

The name of the organization shall be the Zone 5 Council of the Ontario Lacrosse Association (O.L.A.).

Article 1 NAME (Revised):

The name of the organization shall be the Zone 5 Council of the Ontario Lacrosse Association (O.L.A.). **The members of the Zone 5 council shall include: Akwesasne Minor Lacrosse Association, Cornwall Minor Lacrosse Association, Gloucester Minor Lacrosse Association, Khanawake Minor Lacrosse Association, Kingston Minor Lacrosse Association, and Nepean Minor Lacrosse Association.**

Motion made by Ian Garrison to amend Motion #1 to correct the spelling mistake in Kahnawake and use the club names as documented in their constitutions. Seconded by Tana. All in favour. Carried.

Article 1 NAME (Amended):

The name of the organization shall be the Zone 5 Council of the Ontario Lacrosse Association (O.L.A.). **The members of the Zone 5 council shall include: Akwesasne Minor Lacrosse Association, Cornwall Minor Lacrosse Association, Gloucester ~~Minor~~ Lacrosse Association, ~~Khanawake~~ Kahnawake Minor Lacrosse Association, Kingston ~~Minor~~ Lacrosse Association, and Nepean Knights Minor Lacrosse Association.**

All in favour. Carried. The amended Motion #1 passed.

Motion #2 (received from: Greg Rampley, President, Gloucester Lacrosse Association) – **Modify Article 8 of the Zone 5 Operating Policy from the *current* to the *revised* as listed below:**

Article 8 - COUNCIL MEETINGS - Attendance (Current):

The Zone 5 Council will meet a minimum of five (5) times per year. All members of the Zone 5 Council must attend all meetings. Failure of member associations to attend will result in a fine of \$50. If an elected Executive Officer misses three (3) meetings in a row they will be removed from their position and replaced by the Zone 5 Council prior to the next meeting.

Article 8 COUNCIL MEETINGS - Attendance (Revised):

The Zone 5 Council will meet a minimum of five (5) times per year. All members of the Zone 5 Council must attend all meetings. ~~Failure of member associations to attend will result in a fine of \$50.~~ **Failure of Club Reps to attend will result in the following fines: first transgression \$75, second transgression \$150, third transgression \$200. Failure of Club reps to attend three meetings in one season will result in possible suspension from the Zone for the up-coming season. Note: the process for suspension of a club will**

include a review by all member clubs. If an elected Executive Officer misses three (3) meetings in a row they will be removed from their position and replaced by the Zone 5 Council prior to the next meeting.

Discussion

- Ian asked about the rationale for the motion. Greg explained that we need to ensure club participation in Zone business and this was in line with other OLA zones (specifically zone 10) policy.

All in favour. Carried. The Motion #2 passed.

Motion #3 (received from: Greg Rampley, President, Gloucester Lacrosse Association): Replace the Technical Development Committee in Article 15 with a Referee Development Committee.

Article 15 (Current – partial listing):

Technical Development Committee

To deal with development of referees and coaches in the Zone. This Committee will consist of the R.I.C. and a minimum of two (2) Council members. This committee will meet regularly and make recommendations to the executive board and help to implement strategies that ensure the continuing development of referees and coaches within the Zone.

Article 15 (Revised)

Referee Development Committee

To deal with development of referees in the Zone. This Committee will consist of the R.I.C. and a minimum of two (2) Council members (whose designate can be their club R.I.C). The Zone R.I.C. will be the chairperson for the committee. This committee will meet regularly and make recommendations to the Zone Council and help to implement strategies that ensure the continuing development of referees within the Zone.

Discussion

- Ian asked about the rationale for the motion. Greg explained that in his opinion clubs are focused on technical development of players and coaches internally. Making this modification would emphasize the importance of developing referees at the Zone level.

All in favour. Carried. The Motion #3 passed.

Motion #4 (received from: Greg Rampley, President, Gloucester Lacrosse Association): Add the “Grow the Zone” Committee to the list of Zone 5 Committees listed in Article 15.

Article 15 (New)

“Grow the Zone” Committee

To increase the number of minor lacrosse clubs in Zone 5. This Committee will consist of the Zone Director and a minimum of two (2) Council members. This committee will meet will develop outreach strategies and coordinate activities (i.e. Try Lacrosse clinics, host a neutral site game, info sessions, etc.) in communities within Zone 5 where there is currently no minor lacrosse association with the aim of identifying community members who would start a local association. Example communities include but are not limited to Kemptville, Brockville, Smiths Falls, Perth, Arnprior, Renfrew, and Hawkesbury). The committee will endeavour to organize a minimum of one outreach activity per year.

Four in favour, two abstained. Carried. The Motion #4 passed.

Motion #5 (received from: Greg Rampley, President, Gloucester Lacrosse Association): Add an Article to the Zone 5 Operating Policy to capture the Fines & Fees Schedule as listed below:

Article 17 FINES & FEES SCHEUDLE (Add)

Fees:

- Annual Zone 5 Membership* \$500 (2016)
- Registration Card Processing \$0.50 per card (per club) payable to Zone 5 Registrar

Note: *See Article 9.

Playing fines:

- Gross Misconduct \$25.00
- Match Penalty \$25.00
- Game Misconduct (Coach) \$10.00
- Game Misconduct (Player) \$10.00

Administrative Fines:

- Late Gamesheets/Scores (see Zone Gamesheet Reporting Policy)
 - \$25 (first offense)
 - \$50 (second offense)
 - \$100 (third and subsequent offenses)
- Immediate Penalty reporting – Failure to report within proper timelines (Specific to a player receiving game misconduct (GM), match (MP) or gross misconduct (GRM) penalties which MUST be reported to the Zone 5 RIC within 24 hours of the occurrence). Applies to ZONE games only:
 - Failure to report within 24 hrs \$100
 - Failure to report within 72 hours \$200
 - Failure to report beyond 72 hours \$500 (and immediate suspension of head coach)
 - Using a player that should have been suspended but reporting was delayed: \$500
- Game Cancellation or Scheduling Changes
 - No Show \$500
 - Reschedule with less than 48 hrs \$500
 - Reschedule with less 10 business days \$100
- Attendance at Zone Meetings (see Article 5)
 - \$75 (first offense)
 - \$150 (second offense)
 - \$200 (third offense)

Note: Fines can only be assessed if the Zone 5 Council has an elected or appointed Treasurer.

Discussion

- Ian asked about the rationale for the motion. Greg explained that a number of people have historically asked about where to locate fine & fee information. This pulls the information into a central location for reference.

All in favour. Carried. The Motion #5 passed.

Motion #6 (received from: Andrea Firth, President, Nepean Knights Minor Lacrosse Association): Motion to amend Article 10 and change the required meeting notification date to 30 days:

Current

Article 10. COMMUNICATION

1. All minutes of Zone Council meetings must be forwarded to the Council Members and the O.L.A. 14 days after meeting date.
2. Prior to all Zone Council meetings, dates, times, and locations must be forwarded to all Council Members and the O.L.A within 10 days.

Revised

Article 10. COMMUNICATION

3. All minutes of Zone Council meetings must be forwarded to the Council Members and the O.L.A. 14 days after meeting date.
4. Prior to all Zone Council meetings, dates, times, and locations must be forwarded to all Council Members and the O.L.A within ~~10~~30 days.

All in favour. Carried. The Motion #6 passed.

7. Elections & Appointments

Elections

- a) **Zone Director – Tanya Thompson acclaimed Zone Director for 2016 season.** (Greg Rampley nominated Tanya Thompson. Tana Wells seconded. No other nominations.)
- b) **Assistant Zone Director – VACANT - Clubs are asked to solicit volunteers and report back to the Zone Director to be considered for appointment.**
- c) **Zone Registrar –Yolaine Richer acclaimed Zone Registrar for 2016 season.** (Tanya Thompson nominated Yolaine Richer for Zone Registrar. Seconded by Greg Rampley. No other nominations.)
- d) **Secretary – Greg Rampley acclaimed Zone Secretary for 2016 season.** (Tanya Thompson nominated Greg Rampley for Zone Secretary. Seconded by Andrea Firth. No other nominations.)

- e) **Treasurer – VACANT - Clubs are asked to solicit volunteers and report back to the Zone Director to be considered for appointment.**

Appointments

- i. Referee-in-Chief – VACANT
- ii. Scheduler – VACANT
- iii. Website coordinator - Greg Rampley is appointed Zone 5 Website coordinator
- iv. Statistician – VACANT
- v. Director of House League - VACANT
- vi. Director of Girls - VACANT.

Motion to adjourn by Greg, seconded by Lori.

Meeting adjourned 1:20pm.

Upcoming Calendar:

- Zone 5 Council Meeting: Jan 31, 2016 (by WebEx)
- Zone 5 Scheduling Meeting: Feb 28, 2016
- Zone 5 Council Meeting: March 6, 2016 (at the OLA SAGM March 6-8)