

Zone 5
2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 3RD, 2016, 7:30 pm
Room F, Benson Centre, Cornwall

Attendance:

Tanya Thompson, Zone Director
Andrea Firth, Nepean
Ryan Jacobs, Akwesasne
Vicki Aikins, Cornwall

Greg Rampley, Zone Secretary
Ian Woolridge, Gloucester
Lori Delaronde, Kahnawake
Tom Hughes, Cornwall

Regrets:

Ian Garrison, Ast. Zone Director & RIC
Colin Ross, Zone Scheduler

Yolaine Richer, Zone Registrar
Tana Wells, Kingston

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

Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm

1. **Reviewed 2015 AGM minutes (Zone Secretary)**

Motion to accept the minutes of the 2015 AGM made by Andrea, seconded by Tom. Carried.

2. **Zone Director Report**

- Successes
 - o Good season overall with overall caliber of play in the zone increasing year over year.
 - o Continued to grow girls lacrosse entering a Zone 5 PW girls team into the Girls tournament held in Gloucester this past season.
 - o Virtual meeting was widely appreciated with only minor complaint about microphone feedback.
- Need to work on
 - o Zone needs to find ways to improve volunteerism.
 - o Coaching clinic for HL coaches.

3. **Finances (Tanya)**

- Tanya provided a verbal update on zone finances.
 - o Zone account balance \$562, but owes:
 - \$295.74 to GLA for covering Zone 5 Registrar admin costs (to be deducted from the GLA's 2017 Zone fees),
 - ~\$260 to Ian Garrison for Zone business travel expenses.
 - ~\$100 to Tanya Thompson for Zone business travel expenses.
 - o Major expenses this season:
 - OLA AGM & Ref Clinic travel expenses (Ian Garrison): ~\$1400

- OLA SAGM travel expenses (Tanya Thompson & Ian Garrison): \$720 + \$745
- Zone Registrar (Yolaine) admin costs (courier, envelopes, printing): \$295.74
- Tanya indicated that the Zone did not collect player infraction fines due to the vacancy in the Zone 5 treasurer position and the clause in Article 17 stating that fines cannot be collected without the position being filled.

Lori motioned for Zone 5 to proceed with invoicing clubs for 2016 player fines without a treasurer in place. **Seconded by Ryan.** Voting: 5 votes for (Lori, Ryan, Tom, Vicki, Tanya), 3 against (Greg, Ian, Andrea). **Motion carried.**

Club reps provided with player fine invoices. Zone secretary to send Kingston their invoice.

4. RIC Report

- None

5. Club 2016 recaps:

Cornwall (Tom)

- Current president: Tom Hughes, AGM to be held 3rd week of November
- Registration up ~20
- Financials are in the black.
- Successes – Tyke, Novice, PW's won C gold at provincials
- Got lots of new volunteers on the CMLA executive

Kahnawke (Lori)

- Current President: Lori Delronde
- Registration ~175 (growing)
- Financials: negative
- Successes
 - 35 paperweights – good organic growth
 - Good volunteerism on the exec
- Challenges
 - Referees
 - Uncertainty around moving to online registration.

Nepean (Andrea):

- Current president: Andrea Firth
- Club AGM notes: Kevin McKewn stepped down, Colin Ross taking his place.
- Registration steady (~900)
- House league fairly healthy, but would like to grow paperweight.
- Competitive – good success with 5 A teams. PW and Bantam went to final 6.
- Financial results – even

Akwesasne (Ryan)

- Current president: Arlene Thomas
- AGM results: new treasurer.
- Registration is steady
- Midgets went to 'A' qualifiers.
- Financial results – unsure.

Gloucester (Greg)

- Current president: Greg Rampley
- Registration is up (~480) – growth at Novice HL and girls.
- Financial results – even.
- Provincial success – silver at Novice D and Bantam B.
- Focusing on recruiting new players to the club this season

Kingston (updated provided post meeting by Tana via email):

- Registration was down around 180 from just over 200 in 2015
- Just one boys rep team, 2 girls rep teams (down from 2 boys and 3 girls in 2015)
- Small executive last year but looking better this year
- Finances are okay
- Entered our first field team (Boys U15 Spring). It was successful and everyone really enjoyed it. Hope to enter a U15 and U17 this spring
- Had an issue with box referee numbers this season (had just a small handful)

6. By-Law Amendments

Lori motioned to **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.). The members of the Zone 5 council shall include: Akwesasne Minor Lacrosse Association, Cornwall Minor Lacrosse Association, Gloucester Lacrosse Association, Kahnawake Minor Lacrosse Association, Kingston Lacrosse Association, and Nepean Knights Minor Lacrosse Association.

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 Lacrosse Association, Kahnawake **Mohawks** Minor Lacrosse Association, Kingston Lacrosse Association, and Nepean Knights Minor Lacrosse Association.

Seconded by Andrea. No Discussion. All in favour. Carried.

Tanya motioned to **amend Article 14 a) of the Zone 5 Operating Policy from the *current* to the *revised* as listed below:**

Article 14. OFFICERS – Job Description: (current)

a) Zone Director: Will call, chair, and set the agenda for all Zone Council meetings; may be an ex officio member of all committees of the Zone Council. Must have served one (1) year on Zone Council prior to election as Director. Will be a signing officer. Term of office – one (1) year. Voting position.

Article 14. OFFICERS – Job Description: (revised)

a) Zone Director: Will call, chair, and set the agenda for all Zone Council meetings; may be an ex officio member of all committees of the Zone Council. Must have served one (1) year on Zone Council prior to election as Director. Will be a signing officer. Term of office – one (1) year. Voting position.

Note: In the event the position is not filled, a Zone Director can be elected/acclaimed who has not previously served on the Zone 5 council.

Seconded by Vicki. No discussion. All in favour. Carried. The motion passed.

Andrea **motioned for an amendment to Article 17 of the Zone Operating Policy to ADD the following clause in order to clarify and make transparent what expenses the Zone will reimburse for a person(s) conducting business on behalf of Zone 5:**

To be inserted at the end of Article 17

Reimbursement of Travel Expenses

A member of the Zone 5 executive, Zone 5 council member or approved 3rd party, who is traveling for the purpose of conducting Zone 5 business can be reimbursed for the following expenses:

- **Hotel (1 day meetings = 1 night at hotel as needed) with receipt**
- **Car rental with receipt**
- **Gas with receipt**
- **Meal per diem (Breakfast \$15, Lunch \$20, Dinner \$25)**
 - **Note: Per diem rates are to remain consistent with OLA approved meal rates.**

Seconded by Greg.

Discussion

- Vicki asked if we should pay straight mileage rather than car rental + gas. Greg indicated that he felt there would be increased savings to the Zone for people to rent a car rather than take their own. Regardless, the importance is to add clarity around reimbursement. If we find that car rental + gas is problematic we can amend the operating policy at the next AGM.

Voting: 5 for (Andrea, Ian, Greg, Ryan, Tom), 2 against (Vicki, Lori), 1 abstain (Tanya). Carried. The motion passed.

Greg **motioned** to amend Article 17 of the **Zone 5 Operating Policy from the *current* to the *revised* as listed below:**

Article 17. FINES & FEES SCHEDULE (current)

Fees:

- Annual Zone 5 Membership* \$500 (2016)

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Article 17. FINES & FEES SCHEDULE (revised)

Fees:

- Annual Zone 5 Membership* **\$1000 (2017)**

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Discussion

- Greg indicated that it costs approximately \$6000 per year to run Zone 5 and cover the expenses need to properly represent the zone in the OLA and at Minor Council. In the past, fines have helped offset the difference between zone expenses and annual fees. With fewer clubs in the zone now (i.e. no Kemptville, Brockville, Russel) and fewer fines, the financial position for the zone has resulted in reduced participation in OLA meetings.
- Tanya indicated that there may be a problem for smaller clubs to absorb such a big increase in one year.
- Ian indicated that maybe a smaller increase would be more acceptable.

Ian **motioned to amend the motion to Article 17 and set the annual fee to \$750 annually. Seconded by Vicki. No discussion. All in favour. Motion carried.**

Amended motion:

Article 17. FINES & FEES SCHEDULE (revised)

Fees:

- Annual Zone 5 Membership* **\$750 (2017)**

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No additional discussion. All in favour. Motion carried.

7. Elections & Appointments

Elections

- a) **Zone Director – Mike McKay acclaimed Zone Director for 2017 season.** (Greg Rampley nominated Mike McKay. Ian Woolridge seconded. No other nominations.)

- b) **Assistant Zone Director – Ian Woolridge acclaimed Assistant Zone Director for 2017 season** (Andrea Firth nominated Ian Woolridge. Greg Rampley seconded. No other nominations.)
- c) **Zone Registrar –Yolaine Richer acclaimed Zone Registrar for 2016 season.** (Applied through email for Zone Registrar position. 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. **Immediate Past Zone Director – Tanya Thompson**
- ii. **Referee-in-Chief – VACANT**
- iii. **Scheduler – Colin Ross**
- iv. **Website coordinator – Krista Swanson**
- v. **Statistician – VACANT**
- vi. **Director of House League - VACANT**
- vii. **Director of Girls - VACANT.**

Motion to adjourn by Andrea, seconded by Vicki.

Meeting adjourned 9:48pm.

Upcoming Calendar:

- OLA AGM: November 11-12, 2016, Niagara Falls, ON
- Zone 5 Council Meeting: TBD
- Zone 5 Scheduling Meeting: TBD