

Zone 5 Council Meeting Notes - DRAFT
January 31st, 2016, 10:00 am
Conference Call/Webex

Attendance:

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

Absent: Akwesasne, Yolaine Richer (Zone 5 Registrar)

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am

Note: Akwesasne to be fined (\$75) for not having representation at the meeting as per Article 8 of the Zone 5 By-laws.

1. Zone Director Recap

- Bank balance was at \$3k prior to expenses for AGM (Ian) and minor council meeting (Tanya)
- Tanya noted that Mike Varanesi (New OLA VP Development) wants to help any and all clubs and is open to change (a refreshing and encouraging sign).
 - o Considering running four All-Star Teams through Team Ontario Lacrosse and then selecting Team Ontario from the All-Star rosters as a way to improve player development. This would require changes in Tryout locations and see more interaction between players & Team Ontario coaches.
 - o Mike distributed the Skill & Drill cards (coaching aids) to all clubs.
 - o Mike V. has asked for a correspondent from each Zone to work with him.
- Online registration clarification – Whitby is continuing with online registration on the condition they use the same provider and have fixed last season’s problems (approved by Board of Governors).
 - o Andrea (Nepean) asked what the OLA’s vision is for online registration.
 - Tanya indicated that the OLA knows it is a priority.
- Tanya indicated that Lynn Orth (OLA VP Promotion) wants clubs to ensure that their incorporation papers with the province are updated annually when there is a change in the clubs Board of Directors.
- Tanya indicated that clubs should also send a list of facilities that they use to Lynn
 - o **Action Item:** Greg (Gloucester) asked Tanya to clarify the request with Lynn as no official communication from the OLA has gone out with this request and it doesn’t appear to be written down anywhere.
- Tanya indicated that Minor Council discussed MR 2.08B at length during the most recent meeting. Siblings of players in another territory can receive an unconditional release to that territory (and only that territory). This is an effort to keep families together.

- **Coaches – PRC** – Tanya indicated that for coaches who are working with both Junior and Minor teams, the minor club privacy officer can sign saying they've seen the embossed PRC. Coach can take that to the Junior club who will accept the privacy officer signature.

2. Assistant Zone Director Report

- Ian raised the issue of the current vacancies in the various Zone volunteer positions
 - o We need a treasurer, zone statistician & scheduler
 - o Ian asked clubs are asked to engage with their membership to try and find volunteers.
 - o Ian will use Google Survey/Forms to automate gamesheet, score & penalties warranting suspensions submission
 - Vision is to have these on the website and ask team managers to report through the automation forms.
 - Potential to send fine notifications when reporting timelines are not meet for gamesheet submission.
- Ian raised the issue of succession planning in the Zone (in particular for the assistant zone director position).
 - o Andrea (Nepean) recommended that each club nominate 1 or 2 people who might be interested in 'job shadowing' this year in hopes they will step forward next season.

3. RIC Report

- Association RICS: all have one, except Kahnawake.
 - o Ian to follow-up after the meeting to discuss with Kahnawake (attempting to recruit Keith Rice).
- April 3rd – Referee Clinic at Merivale High School (Ottawa)
 - o Online registration for referee clinics (for clubs that pay for their referees more information will be coming via email in early Feb from Ian)
 - **Post meeting edit:** Zone 5 clubs will get codes, refs don't pay at time of registration. OLA will tally codes and invoice clubs.
 - o Association RIC meeting after the April 3 clinic - mandatory! Ian will send notice to RICs but Ian also asked club presidents to ensure that their RIC's are in attendance at the RIC meeting on April 3rd.
 - o Lori (Kahnawake) raised the issue of being charged for the full course for a no-show last year.
 - Ian to follow-up, he indicated that this is not the typical practice and Kahnawake should be reimbursed or be granted a spot at the upcoming clinic.
- Assigning of Zone Games: associations will do their home games (instead of emailing Ian the schedule, he will create an online form to be completed so information is tabulated automatically)
- Tournament RIC Names – Gloucester (Dominique), Nepean (Kirk), Cornwall (Shane)

4. Tournaments

- Cornwall applied for a boys tournament B/C Tyke->Midget on May 27-29
- Gloucester applied for a girls tournament OPEN ALL AGE GROUPS on June 3-5
- Gloucester applied for a boys tournament OPEN Paperweight, B/C & C/D Tyke->Midget July 1-3
- Nepean will host tournament B/C & C/D Tyke->Midget July 15-17 – also applied to add Girls to the tournament but is happy to have Gloucester host (as long as one of the two are awarded a girls tournament).

5. Registrations

- Tanya reminded clubs of the procedure for registering players from QC. Players must email Pierre Fillion of the QLF to ask for release. If approved, a copy of the email is attached to the registration form and sent to the Zone Registrar.
- Intermediate players must have played in an Intermediate game by Jun 1st in order to be eligible to play in a Junior game. Club must also have paid the fees for the Intermediate team.
- QC Clubs attending OLA tournaments must have a performance bond in place, must have approval to attend from QLF (Pierre) and OLA (Marion).
- Tanya reviewed the release process (actions & timing).
 - o http://ontariolacrosse.com/content/pdf/ola_form/UPDATED%20Player%20Release%20Form.pdf
- Tanya reviewed the non-zone game procedures (form & application process).
 - o http://ontariolacrosse.com/content/pdf/ola_form/2015OLANonZoneGameGuidelines.pdf

6. Girls Lacrosse

- Tanya indicated that Jen Matheson (OLA Girls Director) sent a memo indicating that we would no longer be treating the girls' teams different from the boys (i.e. girls teams will follow the same procedures for scheduling as the boys teams). There will no longer be a separate girls scheduling meeting.

7. Club Round table

- Cornwall (Vicki)
 - o Starting a 15 week winter program at the beginning of Feb
 - o Registration opens Feb 2
 - o Applied for tournament May 27-29
- Kahnawake (Lori)
 - o Registration is open
 - o Looking for an RIC
 - o Looking for more people to help administer the minor club

- Kingston (Tana)
 - o 50 kids signed up for the Winter program (full)
 - Queens players are helping run the sessions
- Nepean (Andrea)
 - o Registration opened the 3rd week of January
 - o Winter lacrosse underway
 - o Away tournaments for the Competitive #1 teams have been picked, ready for Zone scheduling.
- Gloucester (Greg)
 - o Registration opened in early January (~140 registered to date)
 - o Application period for comp coaches wrapped – currently under review.
 - o Winter Lacrosse starting Feb 20
 - o Free Try Lacrosse sessions on Feb 7/21
 - o Conducting a Joint promotional event with Nepean on March 12/13 at the Youth Sport Expo in Ottawa.
 - o Gloucester applied to host the **OLA Coaches clinic**. The application has been accepted: Level 1 will be on Saturday April 23, Level 2 will be April 22/23rd – at Armstrong arena. (complete list of dates here: http://ontariolacrosse.com/content/pdf/ola_form/2016%20OLA%20Coaching%20Clinic%20Dates.pdf)

8. New Business

- For information – Jr A Draft held January 30th, featured four players from Zone 5 selected in the two round draft
 - o Carter Brand from Gloucester selected by Peterborough Lakers
 - o Nathan Grenon from Nepean selected by Toronto Beaches
 - o Teioshontathe McComber from Kahnawake selected by Six Nations
 - o Myles Jacobs from Akwesasne selected by Six Nations
- General feedback on the conference call format
 - o Good timesaver (eliminates driving)
 - o Need to prompt council members more for discussion.
 - o Some participants had microphone feedback, so we need to mute mics more often.
- Next meeting Friday March 4th (evening) at the SAGM in Mississauga.
 - o Tanya to arrange meeting room and send out details.

Motion to adjourn by Greg, seconded by Tana.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 am.