#  CAMBRIDGE MINOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

 **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

 Tuesday, February 20, 2024

# Committee Members in Attendance: Jeff Lankowski, Shawn Ezekiel, Kim Ford, Trevor Ford, Kelly Gillespie, Kaisha O’Keefe, Kalin Wilson, Deana Ezekiel, Brady Campbell, Dylan Gillespie, Jason Gillespie, Katrina Campbell, Aaron O’Keefe

# AGENDA

# Director Reports

# Cambridge Day

# Tryouts

**Meeting Called to Order By:  Jeff at 7:05 pm**

# Seconded by: Kalin

# Jeff Lankowski - President

# suggested Shawn look into sublimated jerseys from last year, as we should have a full set in case we can create more than one team this year for certain rep age groups

# will provide first aid kits for teams this year

# will give Jason information for OLA night to post

* create a small committee for a release requested prior to tryouts

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 **Brady Campbell - Vice-President**

* Discussed trying to get tryout dates early enough so that if a team folds or a player is cut then we can at least find them a home in another centre. We don’t want these kids to have to go a season without lacrosse
* Date chosen for registration to end March 15th
* Should have someone reach out to players from last year and from house league to see if interested in rep in case our house league teams fold. Kalin volunteered to reach out, Grant Potocky coach of u9 will reach out to all U9 kids

**Shawn Ezekiel - Director of Equipment**

* picked up nets from Dickson for use at ComDev and now returned back

to Dickson

* organized balls, sticks etc for use at ComDev
* priced out new jerseys and sticks
* which teams jerseys will we replace this season?
* need complete set U22 home and away
* need to replace damaged ones from hot chocolate stains at

 Santa Clause parade (4 so far, need to check rest) [was suggested to look into dry cleaning them]

* sublimated ($41) or stitched on twill front logo arm and back
* numbers ($53)?
* do we need to buy sticks or is the loaning program a better idea to

save cost ($40/stick and gave out 50 last year= $2000)

* purchased 200 balls for this coming season
* fitted new goalies with equipment for upcoming season
* need to watch for CAT 1 equipment as we need to replace this size
* need to determine if there will be more than 1 team for age groups as

we only have 1 set of jerseys per age group currently (will need to order

home and away set for each additional team)

* need to get another set of balls to have enough with extra teams this

year

* working on Cambridge Day committee tasks
* first aid kits (who is supplying or how many do I need to purchase, does

House League need them too)[Jeff has offered to supply them]

* attending SAGM beginning of March
* would like contact info to reach out to each coach to see needs for

tryouts and upcoming season

* pinnies- should we do a loaner program for those as well as big

cost each year. Purchase a set for each team with bingo funds

and have them returned at end of season with the jerseys

**Aaron O’Keefe - Rep/Travel Director**

* Bios and pictures sent to Jason for Media Posting as per request. Other coaching staff?
* Cam Coughlin and Kaitlyn asking me about U17 numbers. Players want to know if they need to register elsewhere ASAP. Need answer today before things close. Parents are asking too.
* Rep #’s are getting high. Discuss chances of forming two teams. If possible for U9, Nathan Lantz and Kyle Rushton could form coaching staff for second C/D Team and Grant and his Coaching compliment coach B team.
* Tournament Registration for U13 Team
* Waitlisted for – Huntsville, Barrie, Niagara on the Lake, and Hamilton (Niagara on the Lake we are #1 on waitlist).
* Registered for Orangeville and Brampton
* Tournament Waitlisting for U9 extra team (just-in-case). I have emailed all potential tournaments for space for U9 C/D. They are as follows:
* Oshawa July 5-7 – waitlisted
* Clarington July 12-14 – waitlisted (4th)
* Stayner – No – waitlist too long
* Centre- Wellington – No – waitlist too long
* Newmarket – No – waitlist too long
* Six Nations – No answer yet
* Oshawa – No answer yet
* Discuss future opportunity to put money together to do mass registration for all age groups on opening day with Cambridge funds, and get account paid back by parents after registration and team formation. Asking coaches to do this is not effective.
* A couple coaching updates:
* Kelly Potocky (Grant’s wife) has expressed interest in coaching U7 alongside Tom this year. Numbers are high so he will need help.
* Also had another U11 Coaching application come in but we are at full compliments with that as well. Form two teams a possibility? Discuss about House league etc.
* Grant wants names for U9 House League so he can discuss pulling kids into Rep for two team formation and doing fun days etc. for C/D Team.
* Nathan Lantz – Sportzsoft (Katrina?) & Register for Coaching Level 1
* Katrina – Provide update/send me list on who’s certifications are missing so I can update with coaching certs and making headway certs.
* Possiblity if I ask Jason Boddam to do a pro-bono Cambridge day visit to adjust people’s equipment? He also mentioned there is warranties on all equipment. Follow-up with issues on any of our Boddam equip such as missing buckles, etc.? Leg plastic not warrantied.
* Discussion about how to host our own Tournament Weekend? Lacking OLA sanctioned Tournament offerings.

**Trevor Ford - Paperweight Director/Helping with Marketing**- Fielding a lot of emails regarding time, location, day of week for paperweight program

* Continue to help run winter sessions weekly
* Secured Tom to run program, need to find a way to get him more volunteers (helpers for try it and winter sessions not great turnout)

**Katrina Campbell - Registrar**.

Activities during the last month
- 76 total registrations for the try it sessions (all 3 floors)

- Current numbers emailed last night

Activities planned during the next month
- Approve coaches registrations

- Send out registration blasts

- Work on MoLax if e get the approval

**Kalin Wilson- Scheduling Director**

* Received the permits for floor time, 4 tryouts per team, can schedule to start March 25th, if not earlier then the 25th then can perhaps look into Guelph ball hockey arena for some floor time to get the tryouts done early enough
* Can do U22 tryouts at a later date as most of those kids are away for school
* Asked how to pay floor time, either installments or lump sum – will send to Kim
* Booked hotels for teams for provincials so there is no last minute hunting this year
* Discussed possible floor time for MOLAX, availability and ideal days – would be 8 weeks, 1 hour per week

**Kelly Gillespie – Director of House league/Helping with Marketing**

**Last Month:**- answered emails and questions regarding local league (mostly days of week)
- local league meeting with CW / KW / Brantford and Guelph
- 2024 Season

Start date - Week of April 22, 2024

U9 and U13 - Mondays

U11 - Wednesdays

U15 - Wednesdays

If we have to combine U13 and U15 they will be on Mondays

Wrap Up tournament - June 21-23 - Location TBD

Rate - $300.00 per team

No changes to Local League Rules.

**Next month:**

- continue to answer emails and questions

- have a numbers meeting on March 19, 2024, at 7:30 pm. (will need a better idea what we are doing with our local league teams)
- will also need coaches/refs/time keepers for the upcoming houseleague season

**Deana** **Ezekiel – Director of Special Events**

* > Cambridge Day-
* > Zoom meeting with the city this Thursday to go over our plans for approval.
* > Awaiting Liquor Licence approval
* > Need to decide on what is being paid for by what (and budgets for each item)

 Bingo coverage

 tents

 bouncy castles

 face painting/tattoo

 Other items Needing covered

 band

 stage

 advertising

 food trucks

* > Zone Meeting
* Shooting for 10 games for U11 and below, 12 games for U13 and above
* Modified Contact for U7 only
* Game Sheets- will bill organizations directly this year
* Officiating clinics starting
* RIC to send info to Jeremey Morrison to ensure up to date, trying to put a supervision team together
* House League- mtg in early March for numbers
* \*Is Cambridge willing to host end of season HL tournament/fun day
* Email to Shane (?) for schedulers
* - teams should download games an hour before to ensure correct, let Shane or Eddie know if incorrect
* Guelph is hosting 8 wk free girls box program
* West Grey is hosting a day similar to Cambridge Day and looking to get tournament next year
* Jeremy Morrison setting up on floor sessions (April in Arthur)
* zone will pay supervision fee if ref needed to supervise new refs ($2500 budget- used $500 last year)
* Team fees- remain at $50, due April 7
* Scheduling Meeting- April 7
* SAGM meeting March 1-3
* Next meeting March 10 in person West Grey arena

 > Bingo-

* Had 4 parents volunteer for bingos but all have either backed out after picking date or never picked a date after doing online portion
* We are currently covered until April 14 date
* > Prepared a form for each manager for their teams informing that they are responsible to cover 2 assignments
* > - do we assign them dates or let them pick
* > - back up plan for not following through attending
* > Jason posted a Feb video from bingo that provides us with a 1/4 share of funds just for showing them we ave posted it on our social media accounts
* > Clothing
* > Received the story board and pricing from All Sports Apparel
* > - disappointed in the designs, nothing unique- just slapped our logo on black clothing, nothing new or different
* > - may be ask for additional pieces for “swag” above the essential pieces

**Jason Gillespie – Director of Media**

**Last month:**

- Facebook 1027 (up 7) / Instagram 1285 (same) / Twitter 866 (up 27)

- continued to work on updating the website

- alumni &amp; current players

- coaches &amp; refs wanted (ref clinic dates)

- coach bios

- registration open

- early bird winner

- bingo volunteers and promo video

- try it and winter session pics

- Jr B tryout dates / Jr B schedule / Jr B Zoom info call

- Jr A draft results

- Provincials save the dates

- got Canva free under non-profit – they refunded renewal

- got Google Ads – free

**This month:**

- continue to update the website

- continue to promote players off-season

- coaches bios (need rest of coaches, names, and bios)

- promote CMLA

- board bios to post on media

- continue to increase social media presence

- registration

- tryout info

- coaches and refs needed

- winter session pics

**Kim Ford – Treasurer/Helping with marketing**

**Last month:**

* Opening Balance CMLA account (Dec 29, 23) $15,496.22
* Closing Balance CMLA account: (Jan 31, 24) $19,853.48
* Peloton deposited $7,933.71 from registration
* Peloton still has $1,668.39 in account as of Feb 19, 23
* Opening Balance BINGO account (Dec 29, 23) $15,544.22
* Closing Balance BINGO account (Jan 31, 24) $16,579.55
	+ To be Reimbursed by Rep Teams:
		1. U11 Tournaments: $950 (Orangeville) + $925 (Peterborough)
		2. U13 Tournaments:
		3. U15 Tournaments: $900 (Hamilton) + $700 (NOTL)

**Next month:**

* Purchasing liability coverage for the board: $1195 (waiting for paperwork)

\*\*\*Motion brought forward by Aaron Re: club paying tournaments or reimbursement to coaches.
The association will cover costs for up to 2 tournaments. Once teams are formed they will have until June 1st to pay back these costs which will be put into team budgets. If this cost is not paid by June 1st there will be a $200 charge to the teams. Coaches who have put in their own money this 2024 season already will be reimbursed.

Seconded by: Kim – All were in favour. \*\*

**Kaisha O’Keefe – Secretary**.

* Will be looking into ONCA guidelines for non-profit organizations to update our bylaws and constitution to comply.

**Dylan Gillespie – Referee In Chief
Past month:**

- spoke with a few more refs/timekeepers.

- ref clinic dates out – April 14 th, 2024 – Cambridge (Clinic fees cost $175)

- 8 timekeepers signed up so far / refs filled out the form on the website, waiting to

hear from a few returning, out-of-town refs willing to help

**Next month:**

- continue to answer questions and emails.

- continue to recruit and post

* Was discussed that we may advertise rates for being a ref to drum up interest. For ex: U9 games a ref receives $31/game, for U22 refs receive $40 per game.
\*\*\*Motion brought forward by Dylan RE: paying ref clinic fees. Ref clinics for 2024 cost $175. The association will reimburse this fee in full after 2 games completed as ref.
Seconded by: Brady – All were in favour. \*\*

## Close of Meeting Moved by: Jeff Seconded by:  Kelly

That the Cambridge minor Lacrosse Association meeting of Tuesday February 20, 2024 be adjourned at 9:12 pm hours.

**Next Meeting : Tuesday March 19th, 2024 @ 7pm**