

Kingston Lacrosse ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting Minutes

- Date:** Wednesday, September 17, 2008
- Chaired by:** David Austin, President
- Attendees:** Hal Cowie (Vice President/Treasurer)*
Tammy Drew
Paul Eskerod
Nicole Fowler (Sponsorship and Fundraising Coordinator)*
Pete Fowler
Glen Leeder
Joe MacInnis
Greg Masterson
Chris Morrison
Andrea Prout
Shane Prout
Dale Robertson (Vice President)*
Lori Rombough
** denotes Executive Committee member*

Regrets:

Subject: 2008 Season Wrap and Elections

~ Meeting minutes record by Nicole Fowler

Meeting handouts distributed:

- AGM Agenda
- KLA Statement of Revenue and Expense
- KLA Financial Statement Overview

David Austin called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35 pm.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

David opened the meeting by stating the challenges that will face the 2009 executive:

- Enrolment numbers need to increase – need to target the minor hockey players to increase enrolment.
- Zone 5 Executive needs improvement – issues with scheduling, playoffs, etc – a lack of leadership.
- New arena a good location however presented its share of challenges in the 2008 season.
- KLA was unable to have a novice division this year due to low enrolments that were a direct cause of the OLA/Zone 5 awarding Gananoque it's own association (peewee and novice divisions) – note: Gananoque failed to meeting Zone

commitments and defaulted at the OLA Provincials – these actions carry huge fines as well as lose of OLA bond. Association is not expected to survive.

David also took the opportunity to mention that there were a great group of coaches, parents and volunteers for the 2008 season. A note of thanks to the parents, players and coaches was given by David.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Hal Cowie presented the KLA Statement of Revenue and Expense, along with the Financial Statement Overview – *financials to be posted on web with meeting minutes.*

Comments from Hal on the 'Statement of Revenue and Expense' were as follows:

- Income is slightly higher however expenses were significantly lower.
- Small surplus experienced in 2008, however in the 2007 season, the KLA needed to use reserve funds.
- 2008 notes:
 - Storage unit paid until January 11, 2009;
 - Mail box paid until April 2009;
 - One team registered (peewee) with OLA for 2009 in order to keep the KLA in "good standing" for purposes of the OLA AGM, etc.
- The Jurassic group is now operating as its own separate identity from the KLA.
- The registration for 2008 was 75 players; in 2007, registrations were 98 players – note: these numbers are registrations not paid enrolment – some players are subsidized for various reasons.

Comments from Hal on the 'Financial Statement Overview':

- Balance going into 2009 season is in good shape.
- In both the 2007 and 2008 seasons, Rep fee were considered 'revenue neutral'.
- Fundraising and sponsorship helped covered low enrolment numbers – enrolment and registration fees are a "best guess" for the Executive; you need to pick a number for enrolment (realistic) and calculate the registration fee based on that number.
- A significant portion of the Association's fees go towards the governing bodies (OLA, CLA and Zone 5) – 41%. The KLA has no choice on these expenses – must be paid in order to operate under the CLA/OLA umbrella.
- Financial pressure points for the KLA;
 - With declining enrolment, revenue drops.
 - Uniforms will need to be replaced; not conforming to OLA regulations.
 - KLA needs to wait until CLA AGM has taken place for change of regulations regarding equipment – will need to look at replacing some equipment for the 2009 season.
 - No official notification as of yet however impression is, the City of Kingston will be increasing floor time costs for the 2009 season – note: the KLA pays the highest floor time rate in the Zone 5 region (this includes: Brockville, Cornwall, Gloucester, Kahnawake, Kemptville, and Nepean).
 - Huge competition for local sponsorship funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dale Robertson informed the group on the status of the junior "C" application for Kingston:

- Dale and Peter Bergin (proposed Head Coach for a Kingston junior team) attended a junior "B" and "C" representatives meeting in Brockville on September 4 with other Associations within our Zone.
- Kingston is the only association within Zone 5 putting forth a junior "C" application. Application was submitted to the OLA Junior "C" Commissioner and League on Friday, September 12. No information as of yet, will post once a decision has been made – i.e. application declined or Kingston has advanced to the next step.
- A junior franchise could be used as an advertising tool to help increase the enrolment in the minor program.
- If Kingston is not successful in the bid, then an Intermediate division will run in the 2009 season.
- Concerns from group are:
 - Is there enough of a minor association to support the growth of a junior franchise? *Currently there are 14 graduates of the midget program; 6 KLA alumni playing junior in other centres (Guelph, Ottawa, Tyendinaga) and there are numerous other past graduates of the KLA that are of junior age however not prepared to travel two hours for a lacrosse practice. Promise of future junior players with the enrolment of two bantam teams in 2008.*
 - Can Kingston compete against other teams within the Junior "C" loop? *Based on the current talent level that was put on the floor in junior C for the 2008 season, Kingston feels that they could compete at the upper level in that group. Concern from Kingston, if we don't act now then we are going to lose some very talented junior lacrosse players.*
 - Can other junior players (i.e. from Brockville) try out for the Kingston team, if we are successful in our bid? *Yes, junior lacrosse operates the same as junior hockey.*
 - Financially can Kingston support a junior lacrosse team? *Operating costs are the responsibilities of players with minimal sponsorship support required. Much the same as in rep lacrosse.*
 - How will the junior team be governed? *If the application is successful, than the junior operation will be governed by the KLA for the 2009 season. Starting in 2010, the junior franchise will operate separate from the KLA with its own board of directors, etc. Financials for the team will be maintained separate from the KLA from the start.*

Other business presented:

- Advertising the KLA – huge concern that lacrosse is not known in Kingston. Suggestions included, targeting hockey groups, more promotional material displayed (i.e. posters, brochures, etc.); work with the K-ROCK Centre to secure advertising during the Kingston Frontenacs season, etc. These initiatives to be addressed by the new executive.
- Fines mentioned in financial statements – suggested that players are not permitted to enroll in the next season until fines are paid.
- Post a link on our website to the OLA website regarding bursaries, awards, etc. that our players can apply for (promote).

KLA EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS:

Positions being vacated: President and Vice President/Treasurer. Executive members staying on: Nicole Fowler, Deryck Perault and Dale Robertson.

Nominations:

President:

Nicole Fowler nominated by Dale Robertson, seconded by Joe MacInnis

* No other nominations and/or volunteers

~ Nicole Fowler acclaimed as President

Vice President:

Joe MacInnis nominated by Dale Robertson, seconded by Peter Fowler

* No other nominations and/or volunteers

~ Joe MacInnis acclaimed as Vice President

Important positions still outstanding:

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Registrar
- Equipment Manager

Hal Cowie turned in his official resignation letters. David Austin to turn in his official resignation to Nicole Fowler along with administrative binders and keys for storage unit.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.

POST-AGM

- Lori Rombough has volunteered for the position of Treasurer for the 2009 season. New executive accepted Lori into the position.

- Karen Baker-Joyner has volunteered for the position of Secretary for the 2009 season. New executive accepted Karen into the position.