

Midland Titans Annual General Meeting

Date: October 1st 2024

Call to order time: 6:12 pm

Location: NSSRC

In Attendance	Regrets	No Response
Rachel MacDonald Jon Westbury Jordyn Neller Brooklyn Neller Tracy Neller James Bughiar Jake Stratton Eriks Dalsburg Deb Coughlin Sean Rayton Danielle Smith Johnny Matheson lan Macdonald Ron Richer Anna Hartman Pam Robitaille April Moreau Alison Wilding Sarah Cherry Lesley Johnston Kelly Banks Kayla Lepage Travis Lepage Andrew Cywink Brandy Cywink Melissa Munro	Tyler Pratt Chandra Gervais Emily Seguin Chantal Laurin	

Acceptance of Minutes from last AGM	Moved: James	Second: Jon
Acceptance of current agenda	Moved: Rachel	Second: Kayla

Topic	Discussion and details	Next Steps/Action Items (Name)
Club Report	2024 Coaching and Bench staff breakdown: 33 registered bench staff 16 Coaches (Dev and Comp) 3 Practice coaches 7 Trainers 3 Manager/Trainers 4 Managers +7 Player volunteers *Note all coaches must register at their highest completed level of training regardless of the level they are coaching. 2024 Player breakdown:	-
	92 Registered for try lacrosse 75 attended dropped each week 134 Rep players divided into 8 teams from U9- U17 17 Development players (U7) 10 Tiny Titans Winter Program: Oct-Dec- Not a huge turn out but it was ok. Vic harbor was flexible and affordable but lacked storage space. Not as many coaches are available to run programming due to hockey.	
	Jan-April- Again no space for storage was a challenge. Few more coaches were involved in pre-season. Nice to have players working with teammates and coaches in advance of the season. Great opportunity for new players to get comfortable before games. Numbers increased each week with new registrations and hockey ending. Coaches reported seeing early improvement in new players and good development. They also reported feeling like they had a stronger start to the season.	

Development:

Our first year running U7 was a challenge. Mix of a few players ready for games but with a majority that were not. Without the numbers to support a house league program this was where everyone ended up regardless of skill or interest. We learned alot about how the other centers run their seasons and are better prepared to meet the needs of the U7 age group in the future. The creation of the Development lead position will support this. Setting clear expectations for the level of skill required, Starting earlier with practices, dedicated scheduler for U7. More parent or community volunteers. If there are enough kids involved in practices that we can choose a select team and charge a games fee perhaps. All of this to be discussed for 2025.

Conduct:

Parent conduct will need to be addressed at the beginning of the season with each team including U7. These parents along with U9 are mostly new to the sport and usually new to the league. They need more explanation on etiquette, policies and procedures in advance of games.

Financial Report

*Detailed report and year over year is available for review upon request.

Starting Balance: \$21,961.25 Ending Balance: \$15,413.57

Sponsorship Income: \$9,450.00 Registration Income: \$39,066.69

Major Expense Categories: OLA Costs- \$22,301.15 Equipment- \$12,015.76 Games/Floor- \$ 17,523.69 Coaching- \$1,393.83 Banquet- \$3,261.38 League Expenses- \$12,094.80

Girls Field Report Field- Used Mac McAllen park. Quickly outgrowing this space and will need to work with the town to use the soccer fields or alternative space. Registration- Had 48 players registered. 25 new players and 23 returning. Format- Ran 7 week development program and had a select group attend a house league tournament. Will look at potential for growing the competitive/house league opportunities for players next year. Equipment- Will need another rebounder, balls and pop up creases. Looking at doing a stick buy back, goggles over stick option or alternative registration for next year. *More details in the Fully report. Available upon request. Financials: Total Revenue: \$11,110.22 Total Expenses: \$6, 242.13 Remaining: \$4, 868.09 *Details in full report. Available for review upon request. **Elections** Motion to dissolve the board for 2024 2nd - Lesley 1st - Jon Standing for year 2/2 President - Rachel MacDonald Vice President - James Buhagiar Treasurer -Jon Westbury Secretary - Nominations - Kelly Banks *No objections- All Claimed Nominations for Other positions and interest for committees: Registrar -Nomination-Lesley Johnston *Claimed **Sponsorship**- No Nominations Accepted position: Sarah to lead the committee with Deb, Chantal and Melissa.

RIC- Tyler Pratt

<u>Scheduling:</u> No Nominations

Accepted position: Pam and Rachel

Assisting

Timekeeping: Kelly Banks

*Agreed to return.

<u>Tournament Coordinator</u>-Nomination-Jake Stratton *Claimed

<u>Tournament Committee</u>: Eriks, Emily and Sean.

<u>Special Event Lead:</u> Nomination- Kayla Lepage *Claimed

<u>Special Events Committee:</u> April, Allison, Chandra and Kelly

Development Coordinator:

Nominations- Travis Lepage and Ian McDonald

*Vote was held after hearing from Ian and Travis about their plans for the position. Travis was selected with 11 votes to 8.

lan has agreed to join the committee to assist at the U7/Tiny level and would get his coaching certificate. Ron Richer has agreed to help Travis with development of the older age groups.

<u>Girls Field Coordinator:</u> Nomination-Danielle Smith *Claimed

<u>Website:</u> Vacant (Potential new website TBD)

<u>Field and Sixes Committee:</u> Created to look at the potential of a new program for Titans. Will develop a plan including projected costs and feasibility.

Accepted: Sean Rayton, Jake Strattonlan McDonald, Sarah Cherry, Eriks Dalbergs, James Buhagiar, Travis Lepage, April Moreau, Jordan Munro and Andrew Cywink.

	For everyone new to a board position or committee. We communicated through Heja all year round for meetings, group discussion and more. If you have accepted a position and are not already part of the group please join with team code: QG-329656	
Other	Discussions:	
	Programs we would like to see: Winter skills even once a month. Camps, clinics, skill building, off floor training and goalie clinics during the on and off season.	
	Development would like to build a positive atmosphere to encourage U7 players to join/stay on as we grow opportunities for that age group. Developing the skills for older players to include additional programming such as working with the Toronto rock and dry land training.	
	Barriers we have to current, growing and additional programming:	
	Arena floor time is not equitable. Preference given to ball hockey specifically adult programs over youth lacrosse. We have limited floor time and when asking for additional times are given late night floor times (9-11pm). This is too late for youth under the age of 17 on a school night. Fridays have been offered and were utilized a bit this summer as needed but have minimal success in turn out during the summer due to families traveling and tournaments.	
	Gym space has been denied for various reasons such as damage to the floors with use of lacrosse sticks (only applies to the regular programming not try lacrosse), claim the gym is fully booked or unavailable when we can see that it sits empty majority of the time.	
	Request for field use for outdoor training and building the field lacrosse program. Was told they don't want lacrosse on the field with no clear explanation as to why.	

Due to the inability of the Midland arena to work with us we have had to take our business to neighboring communities. This year we used Port outdoor rink, Victoria harbour community centre, Mundy's Bay and Little lake park to satisfy the needs of the program. In the past we have had to use the YMCA, Perkinsfield rink and Wyevale Community centre. All of these alternatives have posed various challenges that could be avoided if we had the use of our home arena.

*Tracy agreed to reach out to Kevin Beauvais for goalie training. Potentially some past Toronto rock players as well for development in Midland.

Interested in coaching clinics:

Ian McDonald- Intro
Ron Richer- Intro
Andrew Cywink- Comp/Field
Chris Neller- Intro
*Anyone else interested in Box or Field
coaching should contact Rachel
midlandtitanslacrosse@gmail.com

Next Meeting	November 21st - Thursday - 6pm
Motion to adjourn: Rachel	Second: Jon
Meeting Adjourned	7:34pm