

Uxbridge Minor Lacrosse Association

The Ontario Lacrosse Association

AGM Meeting Minutes: October 23, 2023

Location: Williamson Boardroom, Uxbridge Arena

Present: Dalton O'Neill, Steven Proctor, Mark Stoddart, Leo Taillon, Ben Weatherbee

New Members: Sandra Ross, Jess Small

Recorder: Jaclyn Pollard

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm: Tyler Pollard, Dalton O'Neill

President report – Dalton O'Neill

- \$13,078.58 in active account
- \$2,697.11 in former lottery account
- \$15,775.69 grand total in the bank
 - Parents of rep teams will be paid surplus funds from their teams
 - U9 and U11 specifically
- The stick purchased for the U11 team will need to come out of the U11 team's budget
- Leo going to AGM meeting
- Uxbridge Enforcers in good standing with the league and will have a vote
 - Paid for PPWT, U9, U11, U13 - \$1135 total
- The 8 km rule will be tabled at the AGM meeting by Leo
- Dalton to help next year as he leaves the role of President tonight

Director of Field / Vice President of Rep Program – Steve Proctor

- Steve Proctor will stay active with the board but will be stepping down from the VP of Rep role

Registrar / Web / Uniforms & Apparel / Equipment - Leo Taillon

- 95 players played house league
- 20 players registered U13 Field
- 71 players registered for Box
 - 18 PPWT Box
 - 16 U9 Box
 - 19 U11 Box
 - 18 U13 Box
- 21 Volunteers
- House League up by 25 kids in 2023
- Registration for 2024 to open 2nd week of January
 - All players to register for house league
 - Players interested in rep will e-transfer a small amount to the treasurer with a set password. Tryouts to have a Google form to register with.
 - Players successful in making a team will have a portion of their registration put towards Rep.

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- Those who do not make rep will be notified to when house league starts.
- Releases can be received and submitted after February 15, 2024
- PLAYERS MUST REGISTER WITH THEIR HOME CLUB BY THE 3RD SUNDAY IN MARCH 2024 (**March 16, 2024**)
- Field Lacrosse Starts April 12-13, 2024
- Continue to recruit local players starting now.
- Run Try Lax in January and then hold development sessions for registered players ahead of Rep Tryouts. All tryouts to be held and scheduled by association.
- UnCommon great for uniforms. Apparel had multiple complaints about quality and sizing. POD store exists for community with little to no sales. Possibly because of late launch. Working on new designs from apparel seen at provincials. Looking at local supplier Choko for better hats, t-shirts and house league reversible jerseys.
- Website domain pointed to Shopify and website is launched. SportsEngine has been cancelled. Shopify is billed annually to Take Root Creative and invoiced to UMLA until UMLA can produce Credit Card.
- Gamesheet scores and game schedule is published online only.
- Practices and communication will be done through teamsnap. Each team to purchase their own licence and add VP of rep to their roster.
- Equipment sorting needs to happen and funds to be found for goalie equipment as there will be more rep teams in 2024.
- Portable Box nets should be purchased for gym training in 2024.
- Registration for gym sessions and Try Lax

Director of House League / Scheduling – Tyler Pollard

- More games next year; 2:1 ratio practices to games
- Skills and drills were done most of the year this year. With parent feedback, sounds like there's a need to shift to 2/week with games running on rotation
- Run all of house league out of Scugog arena
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Director of Sponsorship - Jaclyn Pollard

- Sponsorship plaques have been delivered to sponsors
- Will provide list of current sponsors to the new

Director of Coaching and Player Development - Mark Stoddart

- Build a pool of coaches for this year
 - Start an email group or chat group to communicate with coaches
- Work on getting equipment for next seasons to get the teams ready

The current board is dissolved. Conclude meeting at 6:56pm and start AGM immediately.

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AGM

Approval of Minutes

Board Members Director's Review

Dalton O'Neill

- Final meeting of the year indicated we are in a good financial situation with just over \$15,000 in the bank
- The financial situation looks good for the new season
- Dalton will be stepping down and looking to pass the torch onto someone with younger kids in the organization
- Good past season with 4 competitive rep teams and 1 field team
- Managed to compete well and the kids enjoyed the season
- House league numbers are up 25 kids, 95 total
- Looking to grow the association each year after losing many during the COVID years
- Upcoming AGM for the OLA - Leo attending as our rep - will have a vote because we are in good standing
- Biggest issue in the Uxbridge Association in the past year was the releases from Port Perry residents Leo will table the 8 km rule to return to support the ability to attract new players from the Port Perry area.
 - Zone 8 is also requesting the 8km rule be reinstated
 - Will know about the approval of 8km rule by Nov 11, 2023.
- Will purchase new equipment for next year - overhaul the goalie equipment and portable box nets for the sessions in the gym
- Looking to do a rehaul on the house league program to include games and 2x week practices
- Looking to add a U15 team this year
- Encourage teams to put together a field team this year
 - Difficult to mandate playing field lacrosse because of the number of players we have playing competitive hockey
- No program releases will be provided where there is no program running in Uxbridge
- Objective is to grow the program and provide a safe and fun place for the kids to learn lacrosse
- Tryouts to be done early this year to give people the best opportunity to tryout at other centres
- Looking to partner with some of the smaller centres, especially with field lacrosse
- Spring tryouts could be held at: Children's arena, Stouffville arena, a dome... will investigate and will have location booked for the next meeting
- Email went out to the membership about vacancies on our board
 - Rules - senior positions are difficult positions and need to be filled by someone that has been on the board for at least one year
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- Ben sends around paper to gather new board member information, including positions and best contact info.

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Election of Board Members - Voting

President: Leo Taillon. Tyler first, Will seconds - Leo accepts

1st Vice President – House League: **VACANT**

2nd Vice President – Rep: Tyler Pollard by majority vote

Registrar/Privacy officer: Jess Small. Leo first, Tyler second - Jess accepts

Sponsorship and Fundraising: Sandra Ross. Tyler first, Leo seconds. Sandra accepts.

Director of Media Relations: Sarah Douglas. Jaclyn firsts, Tyler seconds. Sarah accepts.

Treasurer: **VACANT** - will be occupied by Sandra and Jess right now

Director of Operations: Chris Webber. Dalton firsts, Steve seconds. Chris accepts.

Secretary: **VACANT**

Directors at large: Dalton O'Neill, Steve Proctor, Will Bernier, Mark Stoddart

Director of Coaching & Development: Ben Weatherbee. Tyler firsts, Jaclyn seconds. Ben accepts.

Director Scheduling, Officials and Tournaments: Jaclyn Pollard. Tyler firsts, Leo seconds. Jaclyn accepts.

Director of Equipment and Apparel: Ashley Austin. Leo firsts, Tyler seconds. Ashley accepts.

Motion to adjourn at 8:47 pm – first Dalton, second Jaclyn, all in favour.

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 15th, 2023 at 8 pm.