



## ***Fort McMurray Lacrosse***

*November 2009*

### *Players and Parents:*

If you haven't received your pictures etc, please call Sue at 780-713-7758

Jersey deposits will be sent out this week along with registration receipts. Sorry for the delay.

Drop-ins have begun again on Mondays at SSWC - 7:30 – 9:00 pm. This is an opportunity to keep your skills up or learn some new ones. They will continue until December 14, then resume in the new year.

We will be holding a lacrosse clinic on Monday November 30. The development officer from ALA and a couple of Calgary Roughneck players will be available to provide some tips. Floor time from 6:30 – 7:30 for ages 5 – 12 (mini-tyke, tyke, peewee and Novice) and 13 – 21 from 7:30 – 10 (Bantam, Midget and Junior). Sticks and gloves will be available for the younger players on a first come basis.

There will also be demonstrations occurring in the schools during the week of November 30 to expose new players to the game.

Although the lacrosse season starts officially in March, planning starts now. We are still looking to fill a couple of vacancies on our board that are a result of key people moving out of town. If you are interested in opportunities to be involved, please contact one of our current board members. Email [fmmla@hotmail.com](mailto:fmmla@hotmail.com)

Our current board members:

Past President - Wes Price

Head Coach - Lesley McGlenen

Registrar - Johanne Hayward (vacancy)

Ref allocator - Lucille Price

Promotions - Debbie McGlenen (vacancy)

Secretary - Yvonne Ryan

Treasurer - Anna Clarke

Head Ref - Tyler Price

Web master - Lori Weinberger

President - Sue Demers

We have become a bit more diverse this year from a player age perspective. This is great. Many of us are parents of older players, and for some, it is a family affair. If we are going to continue to grow this sport in Ft Mac, we need to get parents involved when their kids are younger and we need to keep the ideas fresh. Please consider how or if you might want to be involved for the upcoming year. We had lots of people step throughout the year to assist with tournaments and the casino. This help is greatly appreciated.

This past year has been one of positives and not so positives.

- Overall numbers were down from previous years, but we had strong 'pup' numbers (mini-tyke and tyke) and hopefully these guys had lots of fun and will continue with the game. We really enjoyed them playing at the intermissions for the Junior games.
- This year we provided sticks and gloves to the 'pups' to allow new players to have an opportunity to check out the game before investing in equipment. This was popular, and all equipment was checked out for the season.
- Our bantam team participated in 2 tournaments this year and got valuable experience. We were also considering them for provincials but the lateness of this consideration made it difficult to have sufficient players. We will be ready for 2010!
- Our Junior team finished in second place in the north division, after never having won a game in 2 previous years. We had a number of home games for them, although we suffered a couple of cancellations. This gave us great exposure for the younger players.
- We attempted to provide tournaments for the peewee/ novice and midget players but the number of players who could commit made this difficult. We certainly apologize for those who were looking forward to this opportunity and hope we will be more successful this year.
- We recognize that it is difficult to keep interest when the players are competing against the same team every week. Depending on registration numbers, we have some options for this year. These include planning to be tournament teams only (there are several throughout the season) or becoming involved with the Wheatland or Edmonton districts. Either option will require some weekend travel. We will work through these options, but would appreciate feedback.
- We had another very successful casino on Valentines day, netting approximately \$50,000 that will help support travel and equipment. Our next casino is May 24. Please contact [fmmla@hotmail.com](mailto:fmmla@hotmail.com) if you are able to assist.

The attached survey will help in our planning for the upcoming season. Please take a minute to complete and drop off either to Fort McMurray Lacrosse - Box 6481 – Fort McMurray, or at Keyano SSWC on Monday evenings. Any additional comments that are not considered here are certainly welcome.

*Survey - Please take the time to complete and return this to make our association better.*

Times – this past year all games and practices were scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday to minimize the number of nights for multiple player families, and to allow for other activities. How did this work for you?

- Prefer Tuesday / Thursday       Prefer Monday / Wednesday  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Competition

- Interested in Tournament teams (specify age group) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interested in participating in league play outside of Fort McMurray  
 Intra-league play is sufficient

Development

- Participated in drop-ins - Thickwood School (in March)  
 Participated in drop-ins - SSWC (9 – 10 pm)  
 Would participate if time was earlier  
 Would participate if a different day – (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Practice and Games

- Satisfaction with coaching on a scale of 1 – 5, (5 being excellent, 1 needs improvement) -- (specify age group) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Satisfaction with reffing on a scale of 1 – 5, (5 being excellent, 1 needs improvement) -- (specify age group) \_\_\_\_\_

Information Sharing – please indicate the method of information sharing that you prefer or find most useful

- Internet website  
 Newsletters  
 Email  
 Newspaper

Information content/ timing

- Information is useful and available when required  
 Information could be timelier  
 Information is not complete or requires clarification

Value

- Registration fees provide value for the amount  
 Sticks and gloves provided were helpful in decision to try lacrosse

Additional Comments

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