



Newsletter – September 2007

This promises to be an exciting year for Minor Lacrosse in Fort McMurray. The new executive is in place and eager to prepare for the upcoming season. They include:

President – Wes Price	Vice President – Sue Demers	Treasurer – Richard Jebbink
Registrar – Joanne Hayward	Head Coach – Lesley McGlenen	Head Ref – Mike Cyrenne
Equip Manager – Simon Adams	Secretary – Debbie McGlenen	Promotion – Rod Stafford
Tournament Director -	Event Coordinator – Najwa Karamajic	Webmaster – Tyler Price

We will also be taking greater advantage of **volunteers** who have offered to help out with organizing events such as the opening tournament and evaluations, Home Hardware BBQ, year end banquet, out of town tournaments and the Junior league, to name a few. Contact Najwa if you can help out.

With the opening of the **Sport and Wellness Centre** at Keyano, floor time for Lacrosse will be available **weekly** on a drop in basis from **October 12 to December 14. Age 5 – 11 (and new players)** come from **7 – 8 pm**. Players age **12 – 21** from **8 – 9 pm**. Coordinators will be on hand to work with the players. This will provide some conditioning and training in preparation for the season. Cost will be \$5 per session. Tell your friends! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Wes.

We have a **casino** booked for **December 30 and 31** (Happy New Year!). Many people have stepped forward already to work this event, but if you haven't made your party plans and are looking for a night out, contact Richard.

Registration will begin in January. We will try to hold costs at 2006 pricing, and have adjusted price for Tyke. Use last year's form for early registration.

Tyke and Mini-Tyke \$75 Pee wee, Novice, Bantam and Midget \$160 Junior \$200

If you have an interest in coaching or assisting but not sure you know enough about the game, a **coaching clinic** will be available. As well, a **referee clinic** will be held. Watch for dates and times posted on the website.

We will be looking for **Junior-age players** (17 – 21) to fill the roster of a team to play in the Northeast Alberta League. Last year was our first year at this level and there were not many players in this age

group. The team included a number of 2nd year midget players who, together with returning Juniors will form an experience base to support other graduating midgets.

Dads and Moms – you might also consider joining the senior drop-in. This didn't get the attention as it has in the past, but hope to get back on track. Good exercise, and will provide local competition for the Junior team. Details to follow.

2007 Highlights

- We had increased participation last year (155, up from 110 in 2006). If the numbers continue on this trend, we expect to be able to have separate divisions for Bantam and Midget players, and be able to field a full team of Junior's. Hope to build up the numbers in the younger age groups to build a strong foundation for the future.
- We welcomed a team of Bantam/ Midget players from Janvier. This was their first year playing the sport, and progressed rapidly through the season to provide some good competition. Look forward to their participation again for the upcoming season.
- The Juniors played in the Northeastern Alberta League with Lloydminster and Vermillion and although they didn't win a game, the skill level increased immensely by the end of the season. The other teams had been playing together at this competitive level for 4 years, so we were very proud of our team!
- Our PeeWee and Bantam teams had great success and learned lots from the experience of playing different teams when they attended the tournament in Edmonton. We will be again looking to compete in an out of town tournament at each division level.
- Year end events were held at the Timberlea Athletic Park. Pictures will be available on the website. The kids especially enjoyed the balloon toss and radar. The banquet was well attended with 125 people enjoying the event.
- Special thanks to those who took the time to coach or referee. Without you, we would be unable to grow the league.
- Thanks also to our sponsors –
 - Prairie Communities, Voice Construction, Home Hardware, Julio Florez Real Estate, Wilbros MSI, Fort McMurray Mohawk, Allan Vinni Law Office, Liam Construction, Demers Contracting.Their support is appreciated -- please consider them if you have an opportunity to use the services they provide.

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