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CLA DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE HEARING
Sunday April 26, 2009

BETWEEN:

CLA Convener-Ross/Victory Cup-2008 - Complainant
Jim Burke

And

London Mens Field Lacrosse (formerly Molly Blooms) - Defendant
Jason Jankowski – General Manager

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Panel:

Deb Stocks – Committee Chair
Mike Mitchell
Steve O’Shaughnessy

Appearances:

For the Party #1

Jim Burke

For the Party #2

Jason Jankowski

Terry Lloyd – observer - Ontario Lacrosse Association

There were no witnesses for either side.

Complaint:

Pursuant to Section 19-Mens Field Lacrosse
19.2 Player Eligibility

The CLA is filing a charge against the London Mens Field Lacrosse Club for the use of an ineligible player.

Evidence:

Both parties submitted a report supporting their arguments.

While competing in a National Championship game (Victory Cup-Div 2) the London Mens team used an ineligible player from a team that was also competing in the same event.

Jim Burke-CLA Convener:

CLA Convener for this championship, was notified by the Chief Bench Official that the London goalie was not a member of their team and was in fact a member of the Calgary Lacrosse Club. With 9:30 remaining in the game, play was halted for verification of the London goalie. The London team admitted they had an ineligible player. The game was declared a forfeit and awarded the Victory Cup to Quebec Black Sheep.

Jason Jankowski-General Manager –London Mens Field Lacrosse

The General Manager responded that with very little time before the gold medal game their goalie, who had been injured in a previous game, aggravated the injury. He felt it was unsafe to play without more serious problems. As no other member of the team were prepared to take that risk, it was made clear by the team manager that they would have to forfeit. The London team was approached by a member of the Calgary team to lend them their #2 goalie. It was stressed that the London team did not seek out a goalie. The London team at no time tried to hide the fact he was ineligible. Do to some extenuating circumstances the information never did get relayed to the Convener, Host or Head official. As far as the team was concerned they were playing an exhibition game and not for the Victory Cup. It was noted that the London team had no intentions of disrespecting the Hosts, Convener and other competing teams.

Reasons for Decision:

The Committee reviewed the evidence and arguments submitted while considering the charge as it relates to Section 19- Mens Field Lacrosse
19.2 – Player Eligibility

Upon review of all evidence and arguments submitted, the panel arrived at the following conclusion. The London Mens Field Lacrosse team **did** violate the above policy, regarding player eligibility on all counts. There was no communication from the team of their intentions to use an ineligible player or to forfeit the game.

Conclusion:

The Committee felt that the actions of the London Mens Field Lacrosse team showed a lack of respect not only for the Victory Cup Championship, but for the hosts, CLA and other competing teams. We felt that the Convener and Officials were just in their actions in calling the game and awarding the Cup to Quebec Black Sheep. The honour and integrity of Field Lacrosse must be upheld.

It is with this in mind that the Committee is asking that the London Mens Field Lacrosse team send a letter of apology to the Host Committee, CLA Convener, all MAs and to the teams that attended the Field Lacrosse Nationals in 2008. Indicating the spirit of the game and respect for the manner in which it is played. In future there will be no special consideration for teams.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends the Field Sector at the 2009 SAGM includes on its agenda a monetary penalty to be implemented for Field Nationals 2009 for this kind of infraction. Suggested amount being \$1000.00.

April 27, 2009

CLA Discipline Committee

Per:

Deb Stocks-Chair