2021 Board Member's Reports

1.President: Melanie Piette (end of term)

Thank you to all who took the time to come out to our 2021 Virtual AGM.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Melanie Piette and I have been the President of the CMLA since October 2019.

First off, I want to thank all the Board members that have been by my side through it all. I don't have to name them; they know who they are. With these individuals, the CMLA has been able to offer Field and Box Lacrosse programs to children aged from 3 to 19. All from April to August, the Board and its coaches have been there every evening to ensure our players had fun at lacrosse. All players had a chance to experience both field and box lacrosse and stay safe from Covid. We were able to achieve what we had set our goal for: that was for every kid to keep their lacrosse stick in their hands during the pandemic.

This year was bittersweet for me. I've had the chance to see many players that I have seen growing over the years, graduate from Minor to Junior. Some were even drafted to the Juniors. The club also had 6 young men going off to the United-State universities on lacrosse scholarships. All these players were in the Softlax or Peanut program at one point in their life and because of dedicated volunteers, coaches, and Board members to help them along the way, they are where they are today.

Volunteers are a special human being. They have a contagious way of transmitting their passion for the sport without asking anything in return. I remember when my boys started playing lacrosse, neither my husband nor I knew anything about it. But we learned from those volunteers. Thank you to them we found a passion for lacrosse and now our boys are embracing the sport.

Don't be afraid to sign up and learn. Lacrosse became a second family where I have made friends that I will have for the rest of my life (at least I hope-lol). Yes we all have busy lives, between families, careers and life but the more volunteers are sitting at the table, the more we can offer to our community and most importantly to the children that want to learn lacrosse.

Finally, I just want to thank my family and close friends for helping through this journey. It hasn't been an easy one, but I have learned a lot, I have made a lot of new friends and I have no regrets. If someone was to ask me if I would do it all over again knowing what I know now, I would say absolutely. I have no regrets at giving all my time to the children in my community.

With that being said, I am officially announcing that I will not be seeking re-election as President for the CMLA.

Thank you.

2.Past President: Danielle Carroll

Nothing to report.

3.VP HL: Vacant (Aaron Lowes-Interim)

Nothing to report

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