

Madison Area Lacrosse Association  
Board Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2014

**Board Members Present**

Mark Blume, Acting President/Waunakee  
Brad Jackson, Secretary/Oregon  
Jeaneen Butler, VP-Girls High School/Verona  
Tim Prince, VP-Boys Youth/Westside  
Chris O’Hearn, VP-Girls Youth/Sun Prairie  
Kyle Wahlgren, VP-Marketing & Communications  
Steve Johnson, VP-Boys High School/Westside

Not Present: Boyd Garey, Treasurer/Sun Prairie  
                  Steve O’Hearn, VP-Sportsmanship/Sun Prairie

**Other Attendees**

Steve Hunter, Memorial  
Marianne Smukowski, Westside Girls HS  
Dave Wollin, Interested Party  
Jon Pflaum, MALA WLF Representative/Oregon Girls HS  
Rick Grelle, Middleton Youth  
Glenn Teschendorf, Umpire Coordinator  
Colleen Flesher, Webmaster/Stoughton  
Brian Dhuey, Stoughton  
Ron Romens, Verona  
Sue Romens, Verona  
Matt Vande Sande, Middleton  
Lisa Whinnery, Middleton Boys HS  
Paul Kruger, Referee Coordinator  
Jeremy Sullivan, Referee Coordinator  
Eric Logan, Baraboo  
Dan Wech, Baraboo

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

November and December Minutes Approval. Prince moved and Wahlgren seconded to approve November minutes with changes. Motion passed. O’Hearn moved and Prince seconded to approve December minutes. Motion passed.

**Reports**

President

Blume reported that MALA was behind in collecting coop applications and submitting them to WLF, and requested the high school VPs to follow up.

Blume reported that Westside was willing to take players from Madison Country Day School, but this would be the fourth school as part of the Westside coop. Prince moved and Jackson seconded to approve this coop. Motion passed.

### Boys HS

Johnson reported that an updated JV schedule has been circulated with four additional teams.

### Girls HS

Butler reported that Janesville has decided not to field a JV team in 2014.

### New Business

Eric Logan of the new Baraboo Lacrosse Association presented his organization's plans to field high school and youth teams starting in 2014. The club will be a coop, taking players from Portage, the Ho Chunk Nation and other outlying communities. Jackson moved and O'Hearn seconded to approve the Baraboo club's application to join MALA as a member.

### Boys Youth

Prince reported that a schedule has been circulated that attempts to avoid teams playing each other twice and teams from the same club playing each other.

Need field information from each club.

### Girls Youth

O'Hearn reported that he will be meeting with MAYLA and SEWLAX to develop a statewide schedule.

### Sportsmanship

O'Hearn reported that the WLF granted MALA a Level 1 PCA course, which will be held February 8<sup>th</sup> in Sun Prairie. The course will include a session on recognizing and responding to concussions.

### Marketing

Wahlgren reported that he is meeting with potential sponsors including Middleton Sports, Dick's and DK Sports Media.

### WLF

Pflaum reported that WLF has a balance of about \$25,000.

Recently issued matching development grants to Stoughton and \_\_\_\_\_.

WLF will sponsor a preseason “jamboree” on March 29-30, with voluntary participation at \$50/team.

The state HS tournament will be held 6/14 at either UW-Whitewater or Redden Park.

USL Central Region tournament will be held 6/13-15 at Redden Park.

WLF’s new umpire coordinator is Sue Romens of Verona.

### Referees

Sullivan reported that training is scheduled for first and second Sundays in March.

### Umpires

Teschendorf reported on upcoming training on January 19<sup>th</sup> (clinic in Verona) and January 26<sup>th</sup> (annual rules interpretation meeting).

Teschendorf intends to step down as chair of WWLOA because he is also the umpire assignor and it is contrary to USL best practices for the same person to serve in both roles.

Umpires seek financial assistance for travel to Janesville, Baraboo and LaCrosse. After discussion, Blume requested a proposal from the girls VPs and WWLOA.

### Website

Flesher reported that work continued on updating and refreshing the website.

### Treasurer

No report.

### **Old Business**

Blume reported that work continues on the financial sponsorship agreement with Wisconsin Athletic Foundation.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Announcements**

Westside is meeting with the Asst. Supt. of Madison schools for the recognition of lacrosse as a HS sport throughout Madison. Meeting is at 4:00 pm on January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Doyle Building.

### **Next Meeting**

February 5, 2014

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.