

Madison Area Lacrosse Association

Board Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2014

Board Members Present

Mark Blue, Acting President/Waunakee

Boyd Garey, Treasurer/Sun Prairie

Jeanee Butler, VP-Girls HS/Verona

Steve Johnson, VP-Boys HS/Westside

Chris O'Hearn, VP-Girls Youth/Sun Prairie

Tim Prince, VP-Boys Youth/Westside

Not Present: Brad Jackson, Secretary/Oregon
Kyle Wahlgren, VP-Marketing & Communications
Stacy O'Hearn, VP-Sportsmanship/Sun Prairie

Other Attendees

Shayla Boyland, Eastside Boys

Kelsey Spencer, WI West Local Officials Association

Jon Pflaum, Oregon, MALA WLF Representative

Steve Hunter, Memorial

Will Conley, Memorial

Rick Grelle, Middleton Youth

Glenn Teschendorf, MALA Umpire Coordinator

Brian Dhuey, Stoughton

Dave Wollin, Boys Officials Trainer

Matthew Bock, Middleton Boys HS

Eric Logan, Baraboo

Sue Romens, Verona

Rick Hong, Middleton Sports

Patrick Johnson, Middleton Sports

Jeremy Sullivan, MALA Boys Youth Referee Coordinator

Meeting Commenced 7:06 PM

January Minutes Approval. Johnson moved and C. O'Hearn seconded to approved January minutes with changes. Motion passed.

Reports

President

Welcomed representatives from Middleton Sports, Rick Hong and Patrick Johnson.

Boys High School

JV schedule is in Madlax, any future changes to the schedule will now be made by the coaches.

Coaches Rules meeting will be scheduled for March.

There is a movement to get the Wisconsin Lacrosse Coaches Association active again. This is for all coaches, boys and girls, youth and high school. This group will be an important part of post-season awards selections, and will help in the coaches' voice at WLF.

Girls High School

All schedules are in Madlax.

Wisconsin State Playoff process is being reviewed and may look different than previous years.

Boys Youth

Schedules are completed and will be in Madlax soon. Some dates are left open for interleague play.

No modifications to the NFHS and US Lacrosse Youth rules at this time.

Girls Youth

Schedules will be out next week. Will reflect U15 and U13 only, as this is how the teams will be organized.

Sportsmanship

PCA Day in Sun Prairie this Saturday, February 8, 11:00 AM. The MALA Board wants to see every club send a representative.

Communications/Marketing

Two lacrosse days scheduled at Middleton Sports. February 22 and March 8. Special deals on equipment.

WLF

The secretary position is open due to the resignation of the previous secretary.

Spring Jamboree is March 29 and 30, at Woodside Sports Complex, Mauston. Boys on Saturday, girls on Sunday. \$50 per team. Not a lot of teams signed up yet, so need to get this going. Duluth Chargers are coming down to participate. Looking for a real game Saturday night after the regular sessions are complete. Coach and player clinics will be a part of this.

Level 1 CEP at Arrowhead High School March 22.

WLF website needs accurate and updated coaches' information.

State Championship games will be at UW Whitewater.

A grievance regarding boundaries between teams involved in MAYLA and SEWLAX was filed.

Umpires

Kelsey Spencer is the new WWLOA Chair.

The question regarding assigners assigning themselves to games is not a concern for MALA participants at this time.

At the rules interpretation meeting, 27 adults attended. 1 certified umpire, ~12 working toward certification, ~12 youth. Still recruiting

No high school games will be played with one umpire.

MOTION: 2014 umpire fees to be increased. 3-person varsity, \$55 each (\$165/game). 2-person varsity \$65 each (\$130/game). JV, \$110/game for 2 or 3 umpires. So moved by Butler, seconded by C. O'Hearn. Following discussion, a call for the vote, no votes cast. Motion failed. Suggested a discussion with coaches and clubs should occur before the MALA Board considers this.

Local umpire board rules interpretation meeting on March 1.

Asking for \$20/crew travel stipend for Baraboo games. It was suggested this be brought into discussion with fee increases.

Boys Youth Referees

20-25 new referees have indicated interest. A more true number will be available after the first training day.

Classroom training for youth and new officials is March 9th and 16th. On field training at the Jamboree March 29. Other opportunities for field training will be set up later.

Treasurer

The fees have been established. Clubs will be notified based on the number of teams they have submitted to MALA.

Motion: Pay Glenn Teschendorf \$300 for attending the US Lacrosse National Convention as MALA umpire representative. So moved by Prince, seconded by Johnson. No discussion. Motion passed.

Old Business

Wisconsin Athletic Foundation

Fiscal sponsorship agreement was approved and signed. Foley and Lardner were key contributors. For their help, they will receive placement on Madlax as a corporate sponsor. In compensation for this sponsorship, MALA will receive, free of charge, a meeting room for monthly MALA meetings and field time for the next 10 years.

High School Co-ops

Need Janesville Boys and Eastside Girls forms yet.

Baraboo will be non-conforming at this time due to incorporating more than 3 high school districts.

Verona/Mt. Horeb co-op request needs follow-up.

Motion: Motion to approve co-ops as presented. So moved by Prince, seconded by Garey. No discussion. Motion passed.

Motion: Prince moved to recognize the Westside Boys youth club as being aligned with the Memorial High School team. Seconded by Johnson. No discussion. Motion Passed.

New Business

Verona Waiver Requests

Verona submitted waiver requests for field dimension variations from the NFHS rule books.

1) a waiver on the requirement for the minimum space between the sideline and the spectator area at Conner Field and the field size requirement for the Girls' field. The minimum sideline/spectator are requirements are: Boys 6 yards. Girls 4 meters. Verona is going to attempt to comply but most likely will not as they most likely cannot move the field area far enough away from the spectator area to meet the requirement because of the wetlands on the other side of the field and the cement pad in front of the spectator area. Therefore they are seeking a waiver of this of the 6 yard / 4 meter minimum.

2) For the youth girls field, it is required to be a minimum of 60 yards in length. Their field would be approximately 57-1/2 years in length.

Motion: Johnson moved to accept the waiver request. Seconded by C. O'Hearn. No discussion. Motion passed.

Rules & Regulations: Addition for game ejections/Red Cards
WLF and Wisconsin Lacrosse Officials Association sponsoring a uniform document for reporting all ejections and Red Cards for all levels. Blume requested MALA Rule 12 be inserted into document.

Rule 12. Reporting of Game Ejections & Red Cards:

Within 12 hours of the end of the game, the referee (boys) or head umpire (girls) must file a game ejection report with the MALA Vice President (High School Boys, High School Girls, Youth Boys, Youth Girls, as appropriate) and the MALA Referee or Umpire Coordinator, as appropriate, in the event of an ejection of a player, coach or fan. This includes red cards issued to a player in a girl's game. Any player or coach ejected must miss a minimum of the team's next scheduled game.

Motion: Johnson moved to accept the form and Rule 12 changes. Seconded by Prince. No discussion. Motion passed.

Baraboo Request for funding

Baraboo presents a request for funding of \$1,904.94. Documentation submitted to support the request. Blume forwarded the request on to the WLF with the suggestion for a \$1,404.94 grant to Baraboo. Requests MALA to offer \$500 grant to Baraboo with the understanding that if the WLF do not approve the grant request, MALA will revisit.

Motion: Garey moved that MALA offer a \$500 grant to Baraboo for the purchase of equipment as outlined in the submitted document. Seconded by butler. Discussion regarding follow up after WLF review of grant request. Motion passed.

Announcement & Reminders

WWLOA Executive Committee

Concern was brought to the attention of the WWLOA Chair that Sue Romen's participation on the WWLOA Executive Committee could be a conflict of interest due to her being the Verona Girls Varsity Head Coach.

Discussion regarding the following:

- Sue will not actually be on the Exec. Comm. Until after the season.
- A conflict of interest does not automatically cause that person to resign from a position, but rather is a recognition of that and special care be taken to insure discussions and decisions are made with that in mind.
- No one attending this meeting voiced concern over this situation.

Announcements

Classix Girls Lacrosse May 3

Next meeting: March 5, 2014, 7:00 PM

Adjournment

Motion: Move to adjourn by Johnson, seconded by Garey. Approved.

As Recorded by Dave Wollin