

Madison Area Lacrosse Association
ANNUAL and Board Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2015
Madison Central Library

Board Members Present

John Welke, President/Sun Prairie
Steve Johnson, VP-Boys High School/Westside
James Schleck, VP-Boys Youth
Indy Stluka, VP-Girls HS/Westside
Colleen Flesher, Secretary/Stoughton
Dave Wollin, Treasurer

Not Present:

Mark Blume, Past President/Waunakee
Tim Prince, VP-Boys Youth/Westside
Chris O’Hearn, VP-Girls Youth/Sun Prairie
Alison Seltzner, VP-Sportsmanship/Sun Prairie
(Open Position), VP-Marketing & Communications

Other Attendees

Mark Luhring, Waunakee HS Boys
Stacie Tomkins, Deforest, Youth
Steve Hunter, Memorial HS Boys
Jacques Joseph, Tomah HS Boys

Meeting commenced at 7:08 pm.

July meeting minutes approved with MOTION from Dave, second by Steve. Unanimous approval.

Reports

Treasurer

See attached for balances. Dave presented a proposed budget for 2016. It includes \$1,500 more than expected. The National umpire training was reduced to help accommodate the increase. Team fees will remain the same. MOTION: Accept Treasurer’s proposed 2016 budget from John, second by Colleen. Unanimous. MOTION PASSED

November 1 is the final deadline for any additional 2015 season transactions. Request for reimbursement of \$80 to Jeremy Sullivan for paying referees out-of-pocket for rainout games (clubs refused to pay at youth level). All members present concurred to reimburse Jeremy. Need to update the referee page on the website.

Dave also presented a MALA Cup proposal for 2016. This is a proposed youth tournament for boys and girls, U11 through U15. Teams that enter will use the same roster as during the regular

season (no “super” teams). Proposed cost is \$600 per team. Dates are June 4-5, 2016 at Woodside Sport Complex. MALA would receive \$50 for the first 30 teams to earmark for expenses (balls, awards, etc.). The officials will be compensated by Woodside Sports Complex. Dave asks that VPs contact their coaches regarding the MALA Cup. Members present agreed that the MALA Cup Committee could move forward in the planning stages.

Dave continued with a proposal to realign the compensation fees as such: Web Admin - \$500; VP Boys HS, VP Girls HS, VP Boys Youth, VP Girls Youth - \$125 each. It was discussed briefly, but no motion made for the change.

Boys High School

Steve is hoping to have the schedule complete by November. Stoughton has requested to wait one more year to move to the Red Conference. Tomah will have a JV team.

Girls High School

Indy has not heard back from many teams regarding the proposed 3-way split for the schedule. He needs to hear from more before moving forward. He does have a mock-up of the schedule with the new format.

Boys Youth

Nothing to report at this time (James’ first meeting as a board member)

Gender eligibility: There were girls playing on boys teams during the 2015 season even when there were girls teams available. This issue was discussed at length. The MALA Board reaffirms its stance on *Rule 3. Gender Eligibility (Adopted 2/3/10)*, which states (emphasis added):

MALA complies with the US Lacrosse, Inc. Position Statement With Respect to Gender Classifications in Lacrosse, dated January 2006. A boy must play on a boys team. Except as otherwise required by law, a girl must play on a girls team and may not play on a boys team if her lacrosse organization has a girls team at the appropriate age level. If her lacrosse organization does not have such a team, a girl may play on an age-appropriate boys team, but she shall be strongly encouraged to play on the age-appropriate girls team of the nearest MALA member.

For this rule to be enforced, a Grievance must be filed. MOTION by Indy to reaffirm MALA’s stance to follow this rule as written; second by Jim. Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

Director of Marketing: A committee will be put together to decide how this position can best work and write a new Position Description. Compensation will be considered for this position. Dave will chair the committee. Dave will report back at the November meeting.

Awards Director: Discussion of adding an Awards Director as a new Board position ensued. Girls nominations are intense. Need consistency across the state. Dave made a MOTION to ask Jody Spencer to help create a Position Description; second by Indy. MOTION PASSED. Dave will talk to Jody.

Long distance clubs: There was discussion of La Crosse and if the long distance clubs should remain in MALA or create a new league. Jacques from Tomah was present to join the discussion. Currently it is not feasible for these new teams to form a league. The topic was tabled for future discussion.

Next Meeting

October 6, 2015. Colleen is working on securing 2016 meeting times.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

