

Madison Area Lacrosse Association  
Board Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2016  
Madison Central Library

**Board Members Present**

John Welke, President/Sun Prairie  
Indy Stluka, VP-Girls HS/Westside  
Chris O’Hearn, VP-Girls Youth/Sun Prairie  
Colleen Flesher, Secretary/Stoughton  
James (JB) Engeler, VP-Boys Youth/Sun Prairie  
Tim Leung, VP-Sportsmanship/Official Rep  
Chelsea Mueller, VP-Marketing & Communications/Westside

Not Present:

Mark Blume, Past President/Waunakee  
Steve Johnson, VP-Boys High School/Westside  
Dave Wollin, Treasurer

**Other Attendees**

Jason Hoffmann, DeForest  
Susan LaChance, Oregon, youth and HS  
Susan Syron, Madison Eastside  
Patrice Walter, Watertown JV  
Shane Adams, LaFollette Lady Lancers  
Ashley Lochner, Waunakee Girls  
Jeremy Sullivan, Boys Youth Officials

Meeting commenced at 7:04 pm.

February meeting minutes approved with MOTION from Chris, second by Indy. Unanimous approval.

**Reports**

Treasurer

In treasurer’s absence, Oregon requested reimbursement for bus travel to La Crosse for 2015 travel. Indy made a MOTION to reimburse Oregon \$375 for the 2015 travel, second by Chris. PASSED by all members present. Indy will let Dave know. Will there be the same bus reimbursement for Tomah as La Crosse in 2016? Board members felt there was a budget for this but will confirm at the April meeting. There was a suggestion to look into having round robin games with La Crosse and Tomah so the travel is in one day. A central field would be needed.

Girls High School

Ashley from Waunakee requests to organize an All-Star game to be hosted in Waunakee. Field time would be donated and would include 7 of the 8 teams (8<sup>th</sup> team does not want to participate). Does MALA want to do fundraising? Discussion ensued: this could be an annual event with various clubs hosting and benefiting, but there would have to be equal representation. Waunakee will start with JV playing first on 5/24, then Varsity under the lights. Coach selection

could be a MALA committee selection or nomination. Ashley will work on the selection process with Indy.

Indy reported there is an umpire shortage; need at least two more. He is working on the schedule to accommodate. Can youth coaches be trained to cover? Could each club find one umpire? Indy will discuss with Glenn how umpires are recruited. This issue will move to the April agenda.

Middleton has two varsity teams. Varsity Reserve may have to forfeit to Varsity for conference standings. This will also move to the April agenda: Board is considering play, both forfeit, VR not eligible for post-season, or both tie.

The schedule is out. Baraboo now has a JV team; Indy will contact them.

#### Girls High School

Schedule is complete. There is a new U15 team: Janesville. There may be a Middleton U15 coming. Teams are scheduled for 11 games.

#### Boys High School

The Tomah and Verona JV teams have dropped from the schedule.

#### Boys Youth

Westside will take the Eastside U15 boys. La Crosse Lightning would like to expand their area to grow the game up there. John made a MOTION to approve, second by Chris. PASSED. In need of Baraboo and Sauk Prairie teams; Jeremy will talk to them at the Jamboree.

#### Marketing

The first CW video is complete. Chelsea has traction on social media. If coaches can post scores on MaxPreps or madlax.org, Chelsea will take care of the media.

#### Sportsmanship

Tim asked if there has ever been an award. He would like to have one for boys and one for girls at the high school level. He will send an e-mail to coaches to watch for nominees. Indy made a MOTION to approve; second by Chris. PASSED. Indy would like to see it as a team idea too. They will discuss the details via phone.

#### Boys Youth Officials

Field training will be at the Jamboree on Sunday. There are 25 new referees with approximately 20-40 returning.

#### New Business:

Mallard's group outing – Not feasible for MALA, but will put out to all the clubs as a fundraising option.

#### Next Meeting

May 18, 2016, 7:00 pm, Madison Central Library.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.