

Madison Area Lacrosse Association  
Board Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, September 21, 2016  
Madison Central Library

**Board Members Present:**

John Welke, President/Sun Prairie  
Indy Stluka, VP-Girls HS/Westside  
Dylan Baier, VP-Boys HS/Sauk Prairie  
Kate Sauter, VP-Sportsmanship/Sun Prairie  
Dave Wollin, Treasurer

Not Present:

Mark Blume, Past President/Waunakee  
James (JB) Engeler, VP-Boys Youth/Sun Prairie  
Chelsea Mueller, VP-Marketing & Communications/Westside  
Mandy Ayers, Secretary/Sauk Prairie

Other Attendees:

Bob Glover, Girls Officials/WWLOA Chair  
Tim Leung, Webmaster  
Sheri Zahler, Verona  
Dan Olkowski, Waunakee

Meeting commenced at 7:03 PM

Appointment of Secretary and High School Boys VP – John appointed Mandy Ayers to serve as Secretary and Dylan Baier as Vice President for boys high school. With the appointments, we have a quorum for the meeting.

Meeting minutes from July were not available. Meeting minutes for July and September (no meeting in August) will be approved at the October meeting.

**Reports**

Treasurer

Dave gave us the up to date budget vs. actual receipts for 2016. We are about \$2,600 under budget for income, due to fewer than anticipated teams from joining the league. However, we are also almost \$4,000 under budget for expenses as well, leaving us with a \$1,380.12 surplus currently. We will not be receiving any more income until teams pay dues in the spring.

Dave also reported receiving a thank you letter from Stoughton, for helping defray travel costs up to LaCrosse and Tomah.

VP Girls High School

Indy reports the schedule has been completed. Each team will play the other teams twice during the regular season. There is also a placeholder in the schedule for Baraboo should they field a HS Girls team, though no application has come in from them so far. Watertown will field a girls JV team. Dave suggested Watertown schedule both a boys and girls game back-to-back as there are a few officials who are able to do both boys and girls lacrosse.

VP Boys High School

Dylan reported on talks with Watertown as they played a JV schedule last year, and would like to again play a JV schedule this year, since they have a mostly young team. Watertown moved to MALA from Classic 8. Dylan also reported the high school schedule is almost completed and asked when the deadline for JV teams to declare so the schedule can be created should be.

Red Conference will continue to play M/Th, White Conference to play Tu/Fr. Dylan is trying to get every team at least one Friday home game.

When the schedule comes out, coaches are reminded that any changes should be made between teams first, then communicated to the board.

Dan Olkowski (Waunakee) asked a question about the same JV team always following the Varsity team, in cases where schools have multiple JV teams. If there are multiple JV teams, Dan points out it might be good for each JV team to get the experience of traveling with the Varsity and watching their games, instead of just one team always getting that privilege. The response was coaches are flexible with the JV schedule and are able to arrange to swap out teams or locations if they would like.

#### VP Girls Youth

Open position

#### VP Boys Youth

In JB's absence, John reported some teams from SEWLAX inquired about joining MALA. Their applications are due October 1 and will be an action item on October's agenda. Dave pointed out the need for a single point of contact from the clubs so we could receive feedback on the potential changes.

#### Umpires

Bob reported on contacting possible candidates for new umpires. Out of 6 people, 3 have said they were interested, 1 person said no so far. They are looking for umpire training in the spring. US Lacrosse has made the umpire rating system more straightforward.

#### Officials

Dave reported the training schedule will follow previous years, organizational meeting in January/February, with classroom and on-field training to follow. The jamboree will give officials an opportunity for field training.

#### Sportsmanship

Kate will be working to get a PCA Level 2 clinic in January.

#### Webmaster

Tim set up links to downloadable blank scoresheets, both in PDF and Excel form. He also delivered a draft proposal for accepting advertising on the MADLAX website. Dave suggested we do not do email blasts for ads, and to lower the dollar amount accordingly.

#### **WLF Update from 18 September meeting**

John and Dave reported on the most recent WLF meeting. The definition of a "practice" will come down from WLF in regard to the number of practices a team must hold before the first competition. Expect the official definition to come out at the December WLF meeting. First day of coach's contacts is March 6.

The WLF board's position with regard to waivers is they will be denied, with the exception of rostering or player eligibility.

Classic 8 commissioner Dave Sternig is spearheading an effort to get lacrosse recognized by the WIAA. The first step was asking athletic directors at current clubs if they would support WIAA regulating lacrosse. Randy Kohn and Dave are putting together a proposal for the November WIAA meeting. If WIAA approves, it's about a 2 year process to become sanctioned.

There was a discussion about Kenosha bringing in players from Northern Illinois, and Dubuque and Winona interested in joining WLF. WLF would not change the bylaws to allow non-Wisconsin teams in WLF, but the players within member teams do not have to be living in Wisconsin.

The girls state championship game has been moved to Friday of championship weekend to avoid conflicts with the boys games.

### **Old Business**

#### MALA Calendar

The deadline for new youth teams to join MALA is October 1.

#### Vacant Positions

*Girls Youth VP* – Trying to recruit a new Vice President for girls youth. John will talk with the new teams who are applying if they have someone interested in the position.

*Awards Director* – Dave moved, Indy seconded to add the position of Awards Director to the board. Motion passed unanimously. Dave nominated Clay Luttrell from DeForest to serve. He will be appointed at the October meeting.

*MALA representative to WLF* – Indy has been reappointed to that position.

#### High School Game Schedules

As discussed earlier, Watertown will have a girls JV team this year.

### **New Business**

#### 2017 Coaching Clinics/PCA

MALA will support a Jan 2017 level 2 clinic. WLF will help Kate set this up at Sun Prairie.

#### 2017 MALA league requests

Reminded clubs to join by the October 1 deadline. That date is now on the MADLAX website.

#### Umpire Training and Recruitment

Already mentioned in Bob's report

#### Advertising on the MADLAX website

Mentioned in Tim's report

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Madison Central Library

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.