

Badgerland Lacrosse Association
Wednesday, January 16th 6:30 PM
Fitchburg Public Library
Agenda

Board Members Present: Sarah Kleemann, Toni Wizner, Watertown; Brian Holmes, Westside; Tim Olstad, Waunakee; Sheri Zahler, Verona; Mandy Ayers, Sauk Prairie and Svea Erlandson; Jeremy Sullivan, Boys Officiating.

Others Present: Jeremy Schmidt, Eastside; Leif M. Waunakee; Tonya Wienkes, Stoughton; Jenny Horne, DeForest; Sue LaChance, Oregon; Lauren Jerzek, Sun Prairie; Glen Spaeth, Middleton.

1. Call to order. Brian Holmes call the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. December Minute Approval.*

Mandy Ayers motioned to approve the December minutes with the deletion of 8.B. Sheri Zahler seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Open Positions of Voting Board Members.

A VP HS Girls, voting

B. Sportsmanship, voting

C. Webmaster, paid position

D. Communications Director - voting, paid position – available in August

4. Public Discussion & Comment.

Stipend to be paid to Mr. Stracke and Mr. West for formatting Diamond Scheduler for the 2019 youth boys schedule.*

Tabled until one is present.

There was a brief discussion about the timeline and dates of the youth boy's schedules. The schedules are still being prepared. The format for games will be the same as the 2018 season. The Board will review the schedule once completed and post the schedule. Any changes by teams/clubs will be the responsibility of the club/team to work with the opponent for changes.

Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation (WLF) has not released fee structure. Currently the rate is \$45. The Board recommended leaving the BLA fees charged to clubs to remain the same for the 2019 season.

There was a discussion regarding youth girl's game rules. Tim Olstad recommended following the US Lacrosse rules. US Lacrosse has made minor rule changes for youth boys and girls 2019 season. These changes will be communicated to the US Lacrosse trainers and communicated to the coaches at their training. The Board recommends going with last year rules until US Lacrosse changes have been posted.

5. President Report.

A. General updates:

The Board continues to look at options for cloud storage. This will eliminate communication gaps when new members join the Board. Microsoft offers non-profit clubs storage at a discounted rate. The Board is also looking for domain emails to help secure against phishing scams.

Sun Prairie requested 1 youth boy be allowed to play the U14, there is no U16 team available the youth's date of birth is within 7 days of U14. The Board indicated he could play as there was no other team available.

DeForest requested a youth play for them even though his address is Sun Prairie. The Board stated the decision is between the two clubs. Sun Prairie would need to release the student to DeForest.

6. Secretary Report.

A. General updates:

None

7. Treasurer Report.

A. Approval of Budget*

This has been tabled until the February meeting. The Budget was discussed line by line to determine what expenses should remain in the Budget before a Budget for 2019 can be approved.

B. General Updates:

Total BLA membership fees are \$13,695.00, total income is \$14,695.00, and total expenses are \$18,525.00.

8. VP, HS Girls Report.

A. General updates: Coaches have been emailed for any updates. The coaches meeting is March 2nd from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Fitchburg Library. Westside has announced Brandon Peterson will be the head coach and Emma Watermolen will be the assistant coach.

9. VP, Youth Girls Report.

A. General updates:

The US Lacrosse age structure will be followed. There will not be umpires for U8.

Team numbers are still being worked out. The February coaches meeting will discuss ideas on how best to follow some of the age rules.

10. VP, Youth Boys Report.

A. General updates:

Brian Stracke and Bennett West have been contacted on a draft schedule date. The goal is to release the schedule in March. The start of play will be mid-April. Clubs should review their club contact list on the website and let the Board know of any changes.

11. Communications Director Report.

A. General Updates:

Dicks Sporting Goods Days are February 23rd & 24th and March 23rd & 24th. Clubs have an option to purchase equipment or gift certificates. There is also a donation or prize packs available and can be requested from the representative. Coupons are available.

The location for the Girls HS Showcase is still needed. The event date is May 20th.

12. Sportsmanship Director Report.

A. General updates:

The level 1 coaching clinics are in March. Specific dates will be passed along to coaches. This clinic is for both girls and boys coaches. The clinic will be held in the auditorium at the Waunakee High School.

13. Officials Report.

A. General updates:

Options for paying referees and umpires is being evaluated. Clubs should continue to use the payment option as the 2018 season.

14. Webmaster Report.

A. General updates:

Brian Holmes continues to update the website. Clubs who have changes should contact Brian Holmes.

15. Old Business.

A. General updates:

None

16. Adjournment. Sarah motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brian Holmes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

* Denotes Board of Directors formal action for approval.