

Badgerland Lacrosse Association

Wednesday, April 17th, 2019

6:30 PM

Fitchburg Public Library

Minutes

Board Members Present: Brian Holmes - Westside; Tim Olstad - Waunakee; Sheri Zahler - Verona; and Svea Erlandson, Girls/HS Officials Coordinator & Assignor; Mandy Ayers, Sauk Prairie; Jeremy Sullivan, Boys Officials.

Others Present: Jen Dailey - Oregon; Karen Dwyer - Sun Prairie; Wade Rewey – Stoughton; Jenny Horne – DeForest; Nate Irwin, La Crosse.

1. Call to order. Brian Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. March Minute Approval.*

Sheri Zahler motioned to approve the March minutes. Tim Olstad seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Open Positions of Voting Board Members.

A VP HS Girls, voting

B. Sportsmanship, voting

The Board had a discussion regarding the director of communications & marketing voting status. The recommendation was to change the status to non-voting.

The Board strongly encourages clubs to become members of the Board & to share our open positions with their members.

4. Public Discussion & Comment.

No general comment.

5. President Report.

A. General updates

Brian Holmes reiterated the need for club involvement serving on the Board or attending the meetings in person or via phone.

Brian Holmes noted the May meeting will be changed to May 22nd due to meeting room availability.

6. Secretary Report.

A. General updates

Nothing to report.

7. Treasurer Report.

A. General updates

Sheri Zahler reported on team changes. Changes to Madison West U8, Stoughton U12 and De Forest have been requested and need clarification on their status. The total club teams is at 106 for youth girls and boys, excluded is HS boys.

Sheri Zahler provided an update on the budget balances and expenses. No anticipated outstanding money going out. Incoming expenses will be the stipends. We do expect to have a team refund and we are currently running within budget.

A discussion by the Board to pay the women official's for training on the field was discussed and granted.

8. VP, HS Girls Report.

A. General updates

The girl's alumni & players game has been scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2019. The location is still to be determined, but looking at Sun Prairie for the location.

Upcoming target dates are Sunday, May 19, 2019 for the 2020 schedule and finalized by July 1 2019. Generally the schedules flip every other year and a complete re-do the schedule happens for the 3rd year of play.

Scholarships for the players are award at the club level and not the Association level.

9. VP, Youth Girls Report.

A. General updates

All Club administrators should contact the Association if they are not receiving information. A distribution list will be sent out, please watch for the email. Every club is responsible to update their information with BLA.

A request to clarify games changes & the process to make it clearer was discussed.

10. VP, Youth Boys Report.

A. General updates

A question was raised if the Association should notify clubs when referees will be late – the current process is only the coaches will be notified. The officials only need to contact the coaches and the other officials scheduled. This may occur more often due to the limited number of officials and travel time for officials to make it to the 2nd schedule game.

U8 and U6 were sent the official rules and we requested to communicate to their clubs, this level is for teaching and learning purposes.

Games times are: U8 and U6 are 51 minutes and fields reserved for 90 minutes. This does cause field dead time and is being looked at to alleviate the glitch. We want to be able to maximize the officials time vs having them wait around for long periods of time.

Upcoming firm dates:

- March 15 for team number cutoff
- April 1st release of the schedule
- End of season meeting

11. Communications Director Report.

A. General Updates

We are awaiting confirmation from Sun Prairie for the Showcase game. The date is May 20th with the location to be determined.

Position available July/August when term is done.

12. Sportsmanship Director Report.

A. General updates

Position available. Nothing to Report

13. Officials Report.

A. Boys Officials

If games are cancelled, Clubs must contact Jeremy Sullivan or Tim Olstad. Coaches should cancel within 36 hours of the game to allow for cancellation communications to teams and officials.

Coaches MUST use Arbitor for changes. Jeremy and Tim are available to help train coaches. Teams should name a person to access to the club or team.

Cancellations or team no-shows, if the official comes to the field, then the official must be paid.

De Forest is hosting an Invitational tournament and more information is posted on the BLA website.

B. Girls Umpires:

Youth girls schedules were finalized on Sunday and games are underway.

HS officials received no complaints.

Arbitor is also used but teams do not have contact information with officials.

The Board made the decision to pay the stipend of \$100 for the training of umpires for their time to training the younger umpires.

14. Webmaster Report.

A. General updates

Information is up-to-date as much as possible. Clubs are encouraged to review the website to confirm their information is up-to-date.

Games on the BLA do not roll down to the Club websites. BLA will be reviewing the BLA website and how it interfaces with Club websites. If a Club has any suggestions, please send BLA an email.

15. Old Business.

A. General updates

Nothing to report.

16. Adjournment.

Brian Holmes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Sheri Zahler seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be May 22, 2019 at 6:30pm at Fitchburg Public Library.

* Denotes Board of Directors formal action for approval.