



**La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club**



## **Board Meeting**

**February 15, 2016**

**Attendance:** Mike Welvaert, Janice Lambert, Chris Bell, Sarah Smith, Shelly LaPlount, Joe LaMere, Denise Green, Deb Post, Jackie Lenz (for Craig Lenz),

**President's Report:** Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion made to approve the January 25<sup>th</sup> minutes by Denise. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe. Motion passed at 6:37 p.m.

### **Fundraising Report:**

Ballwig, Pediatric Dentistry, Coulee Bank and State Farm have all agreed to sponsorship. Denise Green presented on clothing orders. Had a few items priced through Thorson Graphics in La Crescent. There is a 2 week turnaround once order placed to receive items. Things the board requested be added to the items: mesh shorts, gray crew sweatshirt. We would probably round the items to the nearest \$5 or \$10 and would receive a check from Thorson for the difference. Orders would be placed online. Denise will follow up with how quantity affects pricing, for example if we don't get at least 12 ordered of something, and delivery. Mike will look into placing a sock order through the company we used to get socks the last time. Denise also looked into backpacks through Dicks that can be embroidered for 20%. We will ask Dick's to have some on display for us at registration.

### **Old Business:**

Field usage agreement with Onalaska for May 21<sup>st</sup> was presented which we may not need because Chris asked the boards opinion on cancelling the game with Hudson on that day to play in Wausau. Although the team would have to travel, the high school and JV would get 2 games in. Chris would like more games for the JV and Wausau's teams are more competitive with us. Cancelling on Hudson isn't great for a future league relationship but the benefits of cancelling outweigh the cons. Field use agreement tabled for next month.

### **Registration Update:**

Online registration is open.

Addressing rule that if in high school, a player must play on HS team rather than U-15 even if they fall within the age requirements. Seven players are affected from our club. Janice contacted Sanford regarding this rule because we might not have enough for a U-15 team if some of the kids can't play and Sanford thought that they would allow us to let the affected kids play in the U-15 age category but awaiting confirmation from Steve Johnson.

Registration days at DICK'S Feb 20 & 21 11am –3pm. We have 4-6 volunteers for both days.

Player recruitment:

- a. Onalaska HS Wed Feb 17 during lunch – Wendy Clement and students
- b. Holmen HS Thur Feb 18 during lunch – Joe LaMere and students
- c. G.E.T. HS: Joe will follow up.
- d. Announcement needed for Logan HS and Holmen Middle School
- e. Flyers needed for Holmen Middle School
- f. Lightning night at the Chill - Feb 19, 2016 –Mike will stand at the door to give out free tickets.

Tournament update: Mike is very frustrated with the company running the tournament. He has complained to them about the lack of organization thus far and the cost of the tournament (\$150 more per team than tournaments the weekend before with turf or Paul Rabil attending). Other partners with the tournament have also complained about the company's poor communication. Sarah suggested that we set a date and if significant progress has not been made, we would tell the company, we don't want to help with the tournament. It isn't fair to the club to not know whether the tournament is going to happen and we don't want to run/have our name associated with a poorly run tournament either. Chris made a suggestion that the date be a week or less from today. Now that the season is starting, we have a lot of other things to organize. Janice will attempt to follow up with the company.

**New Business:**

Coaching Recruitment:

Chris is attempting to recruit coaches for the youth teams. The board discussed that 2 non parent coaches per team would be ideal. At this time offering \$500 for a head coach and \$250 for an assistant. The club would pay for the coaching requirements: US Lacrosse membership, Positive coaching alliance tutorial and background check=\$105. Questioning if the club should cover this for parent coaches. We talked about parents requesting a refund for completing the requirements because we want to make sure the parents are volunteering once the requirements are paid for and it is a way to limit the cost/number of parents utilizing the offer.

**Treasurer Report:** Monthly Financials – see report. Shelly made a motion to pass the Treasurer's report. Sarah 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed at 8:01 p.m.

**New Business Continued:**

Deb presented the proposed policies. Changes were made to be less specific. Sarah made a motion to approve the policies with changes. Shelly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed at 8:38 p.m.

Deb also shared that CRUSA approved our contract. She mentioned that there was an 18% increase in cost if we don't pay on time and that our first payment of \$1188 was due on or before March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteering and Mandatory requirements for HS games:

A "culture keeper" for the HS and JV games are needed. It is a parent who keeps the fans in line and appropriate. Referees may ask before the start of each game who they are. Other help we need at

games: clock manager, scoreboard, penalty timers, spotter and statistician. Someone also remembered that we need to provide an athletic trainer at every HS game. We did not budget for this. Shelly will investigate and get back to the board at next months meeting.

Janice would like to get an online program to track the club's volunteer hours so we can start holding members more accountable for participation.

Mike will get bus quotes for the Dubuque trip and present at next months meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Shelly. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah. 8:48 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

### **Closed Session**

#### **Next Board Meeting March 15, 2016 6:30pm**

1. Club insurance policies
2. Fundraising Kick off results
3. Registration results to date
4. Tournament update
5. May 21<sup>st</sup> Field usage agreement
6. Athletic trainer for HS games
7. Bus quotes