



La Crosse Lightning La Crosse Club  
Special Meeting - Minutes  
January 25, 2016

In Attendance: Janice Lambert, Shelly LaPlount, Sarah Smith, Joe Lemere, Kristen Breitzman, Deb Post, Craig Lenz, Chris Bell, Mike Walveart

Absent: Denise Green

6:06 p.m. meeting called to order.

**Secretary's Report:**

1. Approval of January 11, 2016 Minutes.

Shelly made a motion to approve the January 11<sup>th</sup> minutes. Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

1. Field's For Kids Usage meeting with CRUSA

- a. Update from meeting: Jonella Rodemacher and Cindy Hood met with Janice, Shelly, Chris, Kristen, Deb, and Mike on January 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the terms of a partnership with CRUSA Fields for Kids. The terms they discussed were:
  - i. \$3500 flat fee that could be made in 3 payments.
  - ii. The Lightning could use a lit field if necessary for \$150/game.
  - iii. The agreed upon fields will most likely be 1 and 12 with the intention to switch the orientation of field 12.
  - iv. We must pick up our trash after use or will be fined \$100.
  - v. The charge to paint both fields would be \$70/time with the goal to paint about once a week.
  - vi. Usage fee to increase annually, amount TBD based on 1<sup>st</sup> year outcome.
- b. Proposal discussion: Shelly shared that Jonella was invested in "making this partnership work." Janice pointed out the benefits: central location, restrooms, good parking access, increased exposure since our name and logo would be added to the sign. One of the drawbacks is that sometimes, due to weather conditions, the fields will be closed and therefore we would be

unable to play. There is the potential of being able to become a 501C in association with CRUSA in the future. The cost to do this would probably be \$1000-2000; however, our donations could then be claimed as tax deductions.

c. Alternate arrangements for when CRUSA fields not available

i. May 21<sup>st</sup> definitely need to relocate-Mike will look into booking this game elsewhere (Holmen HS or Onalaska field?). Also need to discuss with Jonella the logistics of moving the goals for this game since we are unable to drive on the fields. Chris made a suggestion to buy wheels for the goals.

ii. May want to Consider April 7<sup>th</sup> or May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sarah made a motion to accept the Fields for Kids proposal with the option to review the contract when available. Shelly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed at 6:47 p.m.

2. Registration Fees

- a. Fees for HS and Youth-\$200 for a returning player and \$150 for a Youth or new HS player.
- b. Discussion: Shelly felt that if we increased fees, it could scare new people that were potentially interested in joining. Sarah was interested in keeping fees the same since we do not have a strong coaching presence for the youth teams at this time.

Deb made a motion to keep 2016 fees the same as 2015. Shelly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

3. Player recruitment

- a. Flyers made and sent to club members via email for recruitment help.
- b. Ad developed for Park and Rec departments: La Crosse's flier was already printed for spring. We may get into Holmen's booklet if all the ad space doesn't fill. Onalaska was not contacted.
- c. Lightning night at the Chill - Feb 19, 2016. Tickets for Lightning Lacrosse players would be free. Parents would have to pay. Some sort of shot activity during the intermission between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> periods is being worked on.
- d. Mike will email the schools and see if we can set up a table during lunch the week before registration. We will staff that table

**Treasurer Report:**

- 1. Annual Budget proposal: There were a number of changes to the 2016 budget. Please see spreadsheets for details.

A motion to approve the budget with the changes was made by Deb. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah. Motion passed at 8:11 p.m.

2. Joe requested the club purchase some software since we have outgrown the spreadsheets. Craig suggested a cloud product so more people had access to the financials; however, we decided to leave it up to Joe since no one had a specific product to recommend.

A motion was made by Sarah to approve up to \$75 for Joe to buy software for managing the club's finances. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris. Motion passed at 8:23 p.m.

Joe also brought up that we need to have concussion forms signed each season. Those will be included with registration this year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Shelly. Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed at 8:28 p.m.

Adjourn

Next Board Meeting -Feb 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Coaching Recruitment
2. Final Registration committee and schedule