

La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Board Meeting

June 20th, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

In attendance: Janice Lambert, Shelly LaPlount, Joe LaMere, Kristen Breitzman, Mike Welvaert, Sarah Smith

President report:

Positions open update:

1. High School Rep – Board Position
2. Registrar - OPEN
3. Field/Facility coordinator - OPEN
4. League Representative - OPEN
5. Webmaster/Social Media - OPEN
6. Service Hour Coordinator - OPEN
7. Youth game Scheduler – OPEN

Dave Wollin contacted the club with a NW Wisconsin League proposal to include: Wausau, DC Everest, Hudson, Winona and La Crosse.

Discussion: Looking at mileage charts, this is not saving us travel, it is actually adding to travel time. Shelly brought up that the high school students already get out of school at 1 p.m. at least once a week for travelling to games and to agree to miss more classes is difficult. Chris raised concerns over the fact that since this is a Wisconsin league, what if Winona wasn't allowed in or left to join a league in Minnesota at some point? That situation would leave us with very few games and Winona is our closest competition right now. Chris also said that if anything were to happen with Jay in Tomah; he didn't think there would be a viable team there anymore. There are also Board and referee concerns for a new league. MALA can't fill their board positions currently and there are few if any qualified referees in the area. Janice was going to get back to Dave with a request for more information but the gestalt from the Lightning Board seemed to be we were a few years out from establishing a new league and maybe once the area is able to divide into a few teams (Holmen, La Crescent, La Crosse, etc.), we are reluctant to establish a new league. It would also be nice if Eau Claire could get a team together, since it is centrally located to this proposed league.

A survey was talked about. Janice thought it would be good to get feedback. Sarah didn't think it was necessary yet. The Board was only established in December and it was a rush to get everything accomplished in time for the season. We know a

bunch of things already that we can improve for next season and we have a lot more time to prepare. Sarah thought a survey might be more useful next season. Board agreed to forgo a survey this year.

VP Report: No Report

Past President Report: No Report

Secretary Report: Sarah made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Joe 2nd. May minutes approved at 7:21 p.m.

Treasurer Report: See attached June Financials

We have not paid the coaches yet. Only one of the youth coaches has submitted their address and requests for reimbursement so far. Overall, we have quite a bit of money in savings but will need to replace a number of youth helmets this next season.

June report approved at 7:28 p.m.

High School Rep Report:

Deb is resigning. The Lightning meetings conflict with CRUSA but she will still remain as the liaison between CRUSA and the La Crosse Lightning.

Code to the CRUSA fields will be changed in the next week. Janice will be informed of new code when completed.

CRUSA is looking into getting a sprinkler system in on Field 1 in the next 2 years and looking to over seed the fields to improve the conditions.

I would suggest that there is a parent rep for each team, meaning one for JV and one for Varsity. This will keep emails down so that not everyone gets emails regarding a team they are not on and help with communication going to the correct team.

Youth Rep Report: No Report

Fundraising Report:

CRUSA Parking - earned \$300

Badge State Lacrosse camp auction results - \$565

The Board chose to pass on Riverfest fundraising opportunities because many of us had plans over the holiday weekend and we would be giving families less than two weeks notice to volunteer.

We plan to get a Kornfest clean up volunteer chart up as soon as possible.

Coaching Director Report:

New Player recruitment: Talking about a recruitment day with players in the fall, more visibility through parade participation.

Coaches & Officials Recruiting new Coaches & Officials: Most of the Youth coaches said they planned to return next year. The Board will be looking for a head JV coach and possibly assistant Varsity/JV coaches for next year.

It was decided that summer pick up games would be on Mondays at the Church near Sand Lake Elementary School at 7 p.m. Janice had to confirm that it was okay with the pastor, Carl is going to mow the field and the goals need to be transported from the CRUSA fields back to the Church. If attendance is not adequate at the first few Mondays, we will discontinue the games.

Old Business:

Youth Tournaments – U13 participated in DeForest Tourney and took 2nd.

A thank you fiddle stick set was given to the Pastor at Sand Lake and delivered by HS Varsity Captains.

Mowing the church field: Carl Happel is going to do this for the club this summer. Thank you Carl!!

Craig was unable to get in touch with someone from a storage facility we thought we could get a deal with. Since we need to store 4 goals until next season and CRUSA has asked that we remove them from the fields ASAP, it was requested that other quotes be obtained so that the Board can make a decision by the first week in July and we can get all of our equipment in one place. A vote will be conducted via email once we get quotes.

An alumni game was not organized this year due to scheduling commitments/conflicts.

New Business:

Inside space for next year early season: Any options in La Crescent? The Boys and Girls Club? Kristen voiced that this issue and/or Player, Coach and Official

recruitment needs to be an entire meeting. We will bring up a player recruitment day and parade options at next month's meeting.

Removing equipment from CRUSA fields: Janice is going to ask if we can have help from one of the ATV's to get the goals off the fields and store them for a few weeks in the corner of the parking lot until we have rented a storage facility. Until then, a date has not been set if we need help. Chris may be able to get the 2 goals back to the Church for Monday's pick up game on June 27th. Those goals will remain at the Church over the summer.

Janice is hoping that a Policy Committee can be established to draft policies on Coaches and players conduct, Disciplinary action, and a Grievance procedure.

At some future date, some of the Board members will convene to inventory all of our equipment and dispose of any expired equipment or equipment that is in poor condition.

Youth are able to keep their equipment rental through summer camps but they will not receive their deposit until the equipment is returned.

A motion was made to adjourn by Joe. Shelly 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Next Board Meeting and Annual Board Meeting will be July 18