

La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club
Board Meeting
March 21, 2016

In attendance: Janice Lambert, Shelly LaPlount, Joe LaMere, Sarah Smith, Deb Post, Mike Welvaert, Troy Clemment, Jason Santos, Chris Bell, Craig Lenz

Absent: Denise Green and Kristen Breitzman

President's Report:

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Denise Green is stepping down as Fundraising Chair. Looking to fill this position.

Reminder of Open Committee Positions: Fields and facilities coordinator, Public relations/Advertising, Social Media/Webmaster, Equipment Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Uniform Coordinator, Registrar, League Representative, Sponsorship Chair

Age level rep responsibilities:

1. HS and Youth Reps - Generate a contact list
2. HS level should work with coach to set up player contacts in case of last minute changes
3. Home game assignments until we have a volunteer coordinator
4. Youth Rep to find managers for each youth team
5. HS Rep to coordinate Away game rides with assistance from another member
6. Help with registration on registration day
7. Communicate between parents and board

VP Report: No report.

Past President Report: No report.

Secretary Report: Shelly made a motion to approve February minutes. Joe 2nd. 6:41 p.m. motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Financial reports attached and up to date as of March 14, 2016. Deb made a motion to approve the financial report. 2nd by Sarah. 6:47 motion passed.

High School Rep Report: Looking for clarification as to responsibilities. See President's Report. Deb will also look into bussing for the HS teams for the games the weekend of May 21st. She will check with parents if there is enough interest given the cost estimate for each player.

Youth Rep Report: No report.

Fundraising Report: No report.

Coaching Director Report:

U-11 Coaches: Eli Mack, Jared LaRue, and Jessica Hawkinson possibly helping

U-13 Coaches: Jake Lange, Harry Nelson and Ben Fenske

HS Coaches: Chris Bell, Travis and Steve Tessman, Dalton Treanor, Issac Zuba

Still tweaking practice times. Not quite sure how traveling to the CRUSA fields will impact rides if the JV and Varsity practices are separated. Parents for the youth players have also voiced difficulty getting kids to practice by 4:30.

MALA Coaches meeting in Madison on April 7th. Troy Clemment and/or Sarah Smith have volunteered to attend.

Old Business:

Kickoff event went well but looking to make it a little more organized next year. Deb shared that when CRUSA hosts their kickoff event, the club rents out Shenanigans and they have silent auction items and clothing for order displayed.

Update on Dubuque trip April 16th. Mike made a call to Lamars but had not received a quote yet. We are looking at 2-55 passenger buses for the day. Guessing we will charge \$25-30/per person.

CRUSA Report:

- Trying to get Lightning on fields March 28th
 - Possibly set up field on March 26th
 - CRUSA will help get our goals out to the fields with use of tractor
 - Probably can't drive truck out to field for CRSN broadcast. If it is possible we won't know until we see how wet the fields are day prior. HS game going on field 8.
- Further discussion needed by CRUSA members.
- Jonella asked that all correspondence go through me again because she is extremely busy and she is trying to eliminate stress.

Tournament update: Jeremiah (from the city) called and asked about cancelling hotel blocks. We may host a small day tournament June 11th, but would not need the hotel blocks. (If hosting a few games that day at CRUSA fields, Janella said she would waive the site fee and charge \$50/game.) Mike and Jeremiah discussed the possibility of hosting a tournament in the future and both were willing but weren't interested in partnering with the company again-too disorganized. Mike said he would prefer that all plans be set in stone by August so that we could do as much prep work before the season starts as possible. Sarah voiced concerns over the fact that the tournaments we are looking to put on seem quite large and that maybe we should start smaller so that we can run it well and then look to increase the size. If we put on a tournament and it is run poorly, we may deter teams from coming to tournaments in the future.

Registration update and numbers:

Currently, we have 35 HS players and 36 youth. Chris is hoping to have more established Varsity and JV teams this year. Should be determined relatively soon and although it could change during the season, it should be more consistent. This will eliminate announcements like last year who is going the night before games.

Only had enough youth players for 2 teams. Some of the would be U-15's are playing up on JV and a few are playing down on U-13. We have requested permission from MALA to allow a few of our U-15 and U-13 players to play down an age bracket so that we give everyone an opportunity to play and can field 2 youth teams.

Response from MALA:

James Engeler

March 17th

Janice,

Congratulations!!

Last night I Presented the waiver to the board and after discussion we all voted in favor for the waiver to be approved. This is a unique situation and that this will keep the kids playing lacrosse this spring. I you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this please feel free to contact me on my cell.

I want this sport to grow and not go the other way and discourage the kids from not playing.

Thanks and good luck!

JB

New Business:

Insurance Presentation:

Peace of Mind (\$50/year) covers the club if 100% of our members are not registered through US Lacrosse. Our insurance is not valid and will not cover us if all players and coaches are not registered and current.

Transportation (\$213/year) covers the club up to \$1 million as a secondary insurance. The driver's personal insurance would be primary. A valid driver's license and proof of insurance should be obtained from all drivers for the club.

Directors and Officers Liability (\$450/year) covers us up to \$1 million. Shelly looked into this coverage with hockey and she said there isn't really a reason we should need this after speaking to a lawyer. The likelihood of anyone on the board being sued would be virtually zero.

Equipment Insurance (\$100/year) covers replacements at 100% but a complete inventory is required. This does NOT cover loaned items. It essentially covers the equipment when in storage.

Sarah motioned to accept the Peace of Mind and Transportation insurance options. Shelly 2nd. 8:10 p.m. motion passed.

AED grants: Still need to follow up on grants through Gundersen and Mayo which could almost cover the entire cost of an AED along with the US Lacrosse donation of

\$700. The typical life of an AED is 5-10 years but batteries don't last that long so if the club gets one, we'll need to budget for maintenance of the machine.

Three First Aid kits were purchased with DICK's gift cards. Joe inventoried the kits and one will be given to each team.

Please be respectful and responsible drivers at all of our club's events. The Church we practice at is home to 3 little children and at CRUSA parking is limited. We do not want to jeopardize our relationships with these very generous organizations that have allowed us to use their facilities!!! Thank you!!

At 8:20 p.m. Joe made a motion to adjourn. Deb 2nd. Motion passed.

Next Board Meeting: April 18th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.