

Madison Area Lacrosse Association  
Board Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2014

**Board Members Present**

Mark Blume, Acting President/Waunakee  
Brad Jackson, Secretary/Oregon  
Jeaneen Butler, VP-Girls High School/Verona  
Tim Prince, VP-Boys Youth/Westside  
Steve Johnson, VP-Boys High School/Westside

Not Present: Boyd Garey, Treasurer/Sun Prairie  
Stacy O’Hearn, VP-Sportsmanship/Sun Prairie  
Chris O’Hearn, VP-Girls Youth/Sun Prairie  
Kyle Wahlgren, VP-Marketing & Communications

**Other Attendees**

Jeremy Sullivan, Referee Coordinator  
David Wollin, Fan

Meeting commenced at 7:20 pm.

February Minutes Approval.

Prince moved and Johnson seconded to approve February minutes. Motion passed.

**Reports**

Girls High School

WLF is discussing changing the playoff bracket to a pure seeding format like the boys. The MALA girls HS coaches oppose the change on the grounds that there has not been sufficient discussion and there is no money in many teams’ budgets for playoff travel. They would support a postponement of the change to the 2015 season. This will be further discussed at the WLF.

Baraboo will not field any girls HS teams this season.

An invitation has gone out to all coaches to join the Wisconsin Lacrosse Coaches Association.

Boys Youth

Schedule has been finalized.

Some U9 teams wish to roster older players who have not played before. To do so, they will need a MALA waiver from the age standards.

### Boys HS

Rules meeting was held, all teams were represented but 3 had no coaches present.

### Referees

There has been an issue with USL certification data getting into the Arbiter system, coordinators will manually input certifications into Arbiter if necessary.

The board discussed procedures for game rescheduling for lack of officials and coach cancellations of officials. In each case, 48 hours' notice is required.

### President

Blume reported that UW Health donated all trainers for the MALA pre-season jamboree.

Due to a lack of a quorum at its March meeting, an email board vote was taken on each of the following items:

Middleton seeks waiver of NFHS requirement for white center line on field due to location of permanent team logo at the center of the field. Waiver granted.

Oregon seeks approval of HS boys coop with McFarland. In the past, McFarland coop'd with Stoughton, which can no longer accept out of district players. Oregon HS girls currently coop with McFarland. Approval granted.

MALA HS Girls Director seeks approval of following umpire fees for 2014 season:

#### VARSIY GAMES

If 3 officials, \$50 each (increase of \$5 each)

If 2 officials, \$65 each (no change)

#### JV GAMES

If 3 officials, \$40 each (increase of \$5 each)

If 2 officials, \$55 each (no change)

#### BARABOO TRAVEL STIPEND (new for 2014)

A carpool stipend of \$20 for one vehicle only to be paid by MALA to the driver providing rides to other officials to Baraboo.

Approval granted.

## New Business

Waunakee seeks a waiver for the size of its “Ice Pond” field for senior youth levels. The field is 5-6 yards too short. Jackson moved to approve, Johnson second. Motion passed, waiver granted.

Waunakee seeks a waiver to allow game filming behind the net at its high school field. The filming would take place on top of a berm running behind the net. After discussion, the proposal failed to attract a motion. Waiver not granted.

LaCrosse seeks a waiver for 3 U15 eligible players to play down at U13. Each is new to the game and small. The waiver is needed so that LaCrosse can field a U13 team. Club commits to notify opposing teams. Prince moved to approve, Butler second. Motion passed, Johnson voting no. Waiver granted.

LaFollette seeks MALA approval of a girls HS coop that includes LaFollette, Monona Grove and Madison East. Jackson moved to approve, Johnson second. Motion passed.

## Next Meeting

May 7, 2014

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.