

Madison Area Lacrosse Association
Board Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2015
Madison Central Library

Board Members Present

John Welke, President/Sun Prairie
Steve Johnson, VP-Boys High School/Westside
Indy Stluka, VP-Girls HS/Westside
Chris O’Hearn, VP-Girls Youth/Sun Prairie
Dave Wollin, Treasurer

Not Present:

Mark Blume, Past President/Waunakee
Colleen Flesher, Secretary/Stoughton
(Open Position), VP-Boys Youth
(Open Position), VP-Sportsmanship/Sun Prairie
(Open Position), VP-Marketing & Communications

Other Attendees

Jason Hoffman, DeForest HS Boys
Len Barske, DeForest HS Girls
Steve Hunter, Memorial HS Boys
Chelsea Mueller, Westside Girls
Tom Brazelton, Memorial HS Boys
Austin Lynch, Memorial HS Boys
Bob Aram, Baraboo Youth Boys
Eric Logan, Baraboo Lacrosse
Jeremy Sullivan, Coord. Boys Youth Officials

Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm.

October meeting minutes approved with MOTION from Steve, second by Chris. Unanimous approval.

Reports

Treasurer

One transaction in October, board approved payment of \$516.87 for awards. Currently have more than \$11,155.39 in the account. Request for reimbursement of postage to mail the awards, \$68.45. MOTION from Chris to approve payment, second by Indy. Dave requests that all teams/clubs insure that the contact information is up-to-date on MADLAX so that he can email the 2016 team fee invoices to the proper individual.

Girls Youth

Meeting is scheduled for December 13.

Boys Youth

James Schleck has submitted his resignation. MALA Board has accepted.

Boys High School

Varsity schedule is out with little to no kick-back from teams. JV schedule will be out by mid-December. Memorial doesn't have enough players to form a team for the 2016 season.

Girls High School

The schedule is complete, needs to get into MADLAX yet. Games are mainly on Tuesday's, with the occasional Thursday. Have heard no word from Eastside. Baraboo has a possibility of forming a team in co-op with Sauk.

Open Issues

- MALA Cup, no new news as yet. Dave gave a summary of what the Cup is. Will look to Alison Seltzner for more details.
- MALA Calendar, Jody has presented a comprehensive spreadsheet covering 90+ items for 2016. This will be sent around to the VP's for review and modification. Document will be distributed, posted and dates entered into the MADLAX Calendar.
- Chelsea Mueller has expressed interest in the Marketing Director position. She has requested the Board to develop a list of goals. A job description and the expectation of adding this position to the MALA Board will occur at December's meeting.
- Open position for Sportsmanship Director, job description was reviewed. Will need to recruit to fill.
- Vice President Boys Youth, job duties reviewed. Will need to recruit to fill.
- WLF Liaison, President is liaison for MALA according to by-laws. John will appoint the liaison. He is looking for a volunteer.
- Rule 11 of the MALA Supplemental Rules and Regulations, John has proposed a modification that will help the VP's to get a schedule out sooner. Proposed:
Rule 11 to be revised as follows:
Rule 11: New Teams-High School Teams
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MOTION by Dave to accept the proposal as written by John, second from Steve. Discussion included the definition of “enough players”. Vote was unanimous to approve the changes to Rule 11.

New Business

- Memorial Boys, if acceptable to the Edgewood athletic director, will co-op with Westside until such time as the numbers allow Memorial to field its own team again. There are approximately 13 Memorial players involved.
- Jeremy indicated the harsh reality of the U15 level regarding numbers of players. Requested that high school players be allowed to officiate U15 games.

Next Meeting

December 1, 2015, 7:00 pm, Madison Central Library.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

MALA Supplemental Rule Change-Rule 11: New Teams

10/6/2015

Change Rule 11 from:

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To:

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Informational-WLF Supplemental Rule 6.3 below:

6.3 New Teams. At its option, a new high school team or co-op team may play at the junior varsity level for up to two years, provided that the team has only enough players to field one team. If the team has enough players to field two teams, one must play at the varsity level and one at the junior varsity level.