

Badgerland Lacrosse Association
Wednesday, November 28th 6:30 PM
Fitchburg Public Library
Minutes

Board Members Present: Brian Holmes, Westside; Mandy Ayers, Sauk Prairie; Toni Wizner, Watertown; Tim Olstadt, Waunakee; Sheri Zahler, Verona.

Others Members Present: Karen Dwyer, Sun Prairie; Patrick Lyons, Janesville; Brian Stracke, Sauk Prairie; Bennett West, Sauk Prairie; Leif Mickelson, Waunakee; Tonya Wienkes, Stoughton; Sarah Smith, La Crosse.

1. Call to order. Brian Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

2. October Minute Approval. A motion was made to approve the October Board minutes by Toni Wizner with the change of numerical numbering. Brian Holmes seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

3. Bylaw Changes & Approval. The Board held a conference call on Sunday, November 4 to discuss changes to the BLA Bylaws. The following changes were made: the name Badgerland Lacrosse Association (BLA), the deletion of the high school boys, added home schooling and on-line accredited programs players play in the district in which they reside, 1.03 membership now refers readers to the website for a current listing of clubs in BLA, and addition clean-up of document formatting.

Further discussion regarding homeschooling and how players would transfer if requested. Players requesting a transfer would need to go through their current program and request a release to the other district. Other discussion was regarding high school girls being double rostered. The Board reviewed the most recent changes which changed in earlier in 2018, which does not specify restriction on double rostering.

Brian Holmes motioned to approve the BLA Bylaw changes. Sheri Zahler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Open Positions of Voting Board Members. Brian Holmes encouraged members to recruit form their Association for representation serving on the Board.

- A. VP HS Girls, voting
- B. Sportsmanship, voting
- C. Officials Director, Girls
- D. Webmaster, paid position

5. Public Comment.

Platform for registration. The BLA board will not be changing the software at this time. All clubs should remain with their current software system. This discussion will resume in early 2019 for the 2020 registration season. Suggested BLA software options are Sports Engine and League Athletics. Approximate cost is \$350-\$600 per year.

Diamond Scheduler will be used for the 2019 boy's youth lacrosse schedules. The license cost is \$100. Brian Stracke and Bennett West will be purchasing, developing and inputting the criteria working with the BLA Board Tim Olstadt, VP Youth Boys. Diamond Scheduler builds the schedule and then feeds into an integrated software such as League Athletics. Once the schedule has been posted, clubs will be responsible for making their own game changes and communicating to the opposing team and the official scheduler.

Toni Wizner motioned to approved to purchase Diamond Scheduler. Brian Holmes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Officials are still asking clubs to hold U14 games on Sundays due to low numbers of officials and high school games scheduled on Saturdays.

6. President Report.

A. General updates – WLF meeting. Clubs should expect and email requesting them to name a club representative for a point of contact. The representative will be responsible for relaying information back to their respective club.

7. Secretary Report.

A. General updates – None

8. Treasurer Report.

A. General updates – Balance is \$19,265.95. Our annual report is due and will be filed and paid. Insurance has been renewed. The new BLA checks have arrived. Current club dues will remain the same for the 2019 season.

9. VP, HS Girls Report.

A. General updates – Working with the Milwaukee colleagues and have contacted US Lacrosse officials for tentative February training dates, which will need to be set and communications distributed.

10. VP, Youth Girls Report.

A. General updates – They youth girls will be shifting to the 2 year age gap (U8, U10, U12, etc.). Saturdays will be the scheduled day for double headers.

11. VP, Youth Boys Report.

A. General updates – The transition from the former Board member to the new Board is going smoothly. The clubs were surveyed which will help with the parameters using Diamond Scheduler. At the U8 level, these games will continue to not be officiated and games will focus on teaching the athletes the game.

12. Communications Director Report.

A. General Updates – Girls HS Showcase game is establishing a location for 2019. Dick's Sporting Goods email sent to review the dates and respond.

13. Sportsmanship Director Report.

A. General updates – Toni Wizner is working with US Lacrosse to determine dates and a location for the US Lacrosse Coaching & Officials Training. The location will need two classrooms and a gym.

14. Officials Report.

A. General updates - None

15. Webmaster Report.

A. General updates – Vacant

16. New Business.

A. Coaching Clinics – Meeting club members would like to see the Board provide more access to level 1 coaching clinics. The Board indicated the clinics are held in February for BLA clubs and in March for the Milwaukee Lacrosse Association.

17. Adjournment. Brian Holmes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Toni Wizner seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be December 19, 2018 at 6:30pm at Fitchburg Public Library.