

Badgerland Lacrosse Association
Wednesday, December 19th 6:30 PM
Fitchburg Public Library
Agenda

Board Members Present: Sarah Kleemann, Toni Wizner, Watertown; Brian Holmes, Westside; Tim Olstad, Waunakee; Sheri Zahler, Verona; Mandy Ayers, Sauk Prairie and Svea Erlandson

Others Present: Glen Spaeth, Middleton; Patrick Lyons, Janesville

1. Call to order. Brian Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. November Minute Approval.*

A motion was made to approve the November Board minutes by Sheri Zahler. Toni Wizner seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

3. Open Positions of Voting Board Members.

A VP HS Girls, voting

B. Sportsmanship, voting

C. Girls Assignor & Officials Director, Girls – Nomination of Svea Erlandson*

A motion was made to approve Svea Erlandson as the Girls Assignor & Officials Director by Toni Wizner. Mandy Ayers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

D. Webmaster, paid position

4. Public Discussion & Comment.

Stipend to be paid to Mr. Stracke and Mr. West for formatting Diamond Scheduler for the 2019 youth boys schedule. - The Board moved this item to the January meeting as Mr. Stracke and Mr. West were unable to attend the meeting.

All clubs are encouraged to check their club listing on the BLA website to update club contact information.

The Board discussed ways to update club information, ways to establish better communication and holding clubs accountable for updating their information. Contacting club president's to name a club point-of-contact may help with pushing-out information to parents in a timelier manner and keeping the website updated. This will also be discussed at the coaches meeting to assist with the website clean-up and club contact information.

5. President Report.

A. General updates

BLA now offers a conference call option. This gives the clubs access to call in and listen/participate to the Board meetings.

The Board continues to look at Cloud options so future transition of Board members will be easier and there is an ability to create a directory of contacts. For non-profit organizations is \$85.00.

The Board is looking at changing emails to non-personal emails for a more secure communication between clubs and Board members.

6. Secretary Report.

A. General updates – None.

7. Treasurer Report.

A. General updates – Balance is currently \$18,770.95. Recent expenses were: paying Board member insurance, \$99 for Diamond Schedule. Anticipated expenses are a stipend for Mr. Stracke and Mr. West for surveying and coordinating the boys youth schedule.

The Board is waiting for WLF regarding 2019 dues. The budget is anticipated to fluctuate due to the number of teams and player registration.

WLF dues are paid through BLA conference fees. BLA collects club teams and mails one large check to WLF on behalf of the clubs. WLA and BLA fees are used for: referee scheduling, website maintenance, tournament scheduling fees, and administration. Without the HS boy's teams, the WLF fees are \$5,000. Fees should be finalized by the January meeting.

Approval of budget will be brought to January's meeting.

The operation budget will be approximately \$10,000.

8. VP, HS Girls Report.

A. General updates – The tentative pre-coaches meeting is March 2 from 3:00-5:00. All coaches should plan to attend the meeting and training.

B. Championship guidelines have been posted. This is similar to the 2018 HS boy's format. The top 18 teams go and then there's the NIT type tournament. More information will be distributed to the coaches. US Lacrosse also held a meeting for

coaches regarding these changes. Games will be at neutral game sites and when possible, mid-way between field sites will be assigned.

C. Girls All-Star All Conference will be held during the State Tournament weekend. The All Star game is Saturday June, 8th. This is different than the girls BLA Showcase. The Showcase is at the coach's discretion for selection. The Showcase game is May 20th. The location will be announced soon.

D. The coaches All Conference meeting will be scheduled for immediately following the end of the season.

9. VP, Youth Girls Report.

A. General updates – A discussion to add a U8 girls program is being considered. Currently, the levels are U11 and U14. The U8 level would be setup as a youth learning program.

B. Tim Olstad inquired on the current US Lacrosse format. BLA uses the U10 & U14 format due to numbers and teams and is based on previous Board discussions.

C. Diamond Scheduler will be able to be done for girls scheduling. However, the survey sent to the clubs only included boy's information. Additional information may be needed.

10. VP, Youth Boys Report.

A. General updates – All clubs have received emails requesting numbers, team numbers, current contacts and fields available. All clubs should respond as soon as possible and scheduling for the 2019 season has begun.

B. ArbiterPay has been considered to assist with clubs paying referees. More discussion will occur at the board and officials levels. At this time, clubs should continue to pay with check made out to the referee officiating the game directly.

11. Communications Director Report.

A. General Updates – Dick's Sporting Goods will offer two different discount weekends – the weekends are February 23rd & 24th and March 30th & 31st. The discount promotions will come via email. The discount promotion will end with giveaways to participating clubs. Club information and levels will be provided to Dick's Sporting Goods in advance. When purchasing any lacrosse items during the discount days, participants only need to mention their club name. We are hoping to have a Dick's Sporting Goods representative here during the February board meeting.

B. Showcase game is Monday, May 20th. Location TBD. If clubs have any photos to be used for advertising, please share. Youth kids would need to sign a release.

12. Sportsmanship Director Report.

A. General updates – US Lacrosse training is scheduled at Waunakee on February 3rd. Level 1 is required for returning coaches. New coaches are also required to attend and register with US Lacrosse to complete a background check. This is a 4 hour class and is all-hands on training.

B. Volunteers are needed to help with registration of coaches.

13. Officials Report.

A. General updates – Recruiting for more officials is underway. Advertising at UW Madison, Madison College, recreational sports venues, physical therapist and kinesiology students.

14. Webmaster Report.

A. General updates – Website cleanup is ongoing. All clubs noticing changes should contact BLA. Board minutes will be posted prior to Board meetings.

B. As a reminder, Clubs are encouraged to use their same platforms as 2018. BLA will continue discussions to upgrade the BLA platform once the 2019 season has been completed.

15. Old Business.

A. General updates – BLA and the Milwaukee area officials for boys pay \$50.00 for each official.

16. Adjournment.

Brian Holmes moved to adjourn. Sheri Zahler made a motion for adjournment. Tim Olstad seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.