

Badgerland Lacrosse Association
Wednesday, September 25, 2019
6:30 PM
Fitchburg Public Library
Minutes

Board Members Present: Brian Holmes (President) Westside, Erin Moran (Communications & Marketing Director) Waunakee, Tim Olstad (VP Youth Boys) Waunakee, Carrie Richard (Secretary) Sauk Prairie, Angel Lim Meyers (Treasurer) Verona, and Jeremy Sullivan (Officials Coordinator).

Others Present: Sheri Zahler – Verona, Mandy Ayers - Sauk Prairie, Scott Hogland – Waunakee, Leif Mickelson – Waunakee, Wade Rewey – Stoughton, Karen Dwyer – Sun Prairie, and Jen Dailey – Oregon.

Phone: Nate Erwin - Lacrosse, Glen Spade - Middleton, Tony Wizner (VP Youth Girls) Watertown, and Svea Erslandson (Umpire Coordinator).

1. Call to order. Brian Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:35.
2. August Minute Approval.* Brian Holmes called for a motion. Erin Moran motioned to approve the minutes. Tim Olstad seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Open Positions for Election:

A. VP HS Girls, voting - Brian will continue serving in this role while looking for someone to fill the position. The schedule is done which is the hardest part of the position. In addition to the scheduling responsibilities there is a pre-season meeting with the coaches and a post season meeting to decide on all conference players.

B. VP Girls Youth, voting – Toni is standing in until a replacement is found and will help with transitioning the role to the new person.

4. Public Discussion & Comment.

Project list discussion. None

5. President Report.

A. General updates

Web platform update: explored which was Blue Sombrero was bought by Sports Stack, Team Snap and Sports Engine. Sports Engine is the best option but expensive set up fee and then \$750 annual fee. US Lacrosse is developing their own platform and will be free to member

organizations, however it's not ready yet. Recommendation is to wait another year to see if US Lacrosse's platform will be ready. Wade Rewey indicated that only Sports Engine has a fully developed platform. League Athletics is now owned by Sports Engine and will begin to charge a \$750 annual fee.

Brian Holmes asked that everyone go to the BLA website and make sure that club contacts are up to date.

6. Secretary Report.

A. General updates – Mandy Ayers is training Carrie Richard.

Toni Wizner suggested the meeting call in phone number be put at the top of the agenda.

7. Treasurer Report.

A. General updates - Angel Lim Meyers and Sheri Zahler are working on transitioning the Treasurer role. Angel Lim Meyers reported on the current account balance and shared that the draft budget for 2020 is ready.

Brian Holmes indicated the draft budget would be on the October agenda and finalize it at the November meeting. Following the November meeting then clubs can apply for grants.

8. VP, HS Girls Report.

A. General updates – Brian Holmes indicated that Baraboo having a JV team is not confirmed and would like to establish a date by which a decision is made in order to allow other schools to plan.

9. VP, Youth Girls Report.

A. General updates – Clubs have until Feb 15 to declare a team. Carrie Richard shared that Sauk Prairie is hosting a TryLax Clinic on Oct 13. The event is open to all youth ages 6-14 who have never played lacrosse (do not have a US Lacrosse membership). Still need a few coaches and student athletes. Erin Moran volunteered to coach and Brian Holmes said he would share the volunteer sign up form.

10. VP, Youth Boys Report.

A. General updates – Tim Olstad reported that he is trying to keep in touch with each club's contact as well as trying to develop an approach to address the trouble with sportsmanship that was experienced last season. Bennet West & Brian Stracke will do the 2020 schedule.

There was a discussion on how best to address the issues with lack of officials and teams willing to travel to Lacrosse for games. Tim Olstad asked Nate Erwin to consider options for scheduling games for Lacrosse to discuss at the October meeting.

Final team numbers are due to Tim Olstad on March 15, 2020 and invoices will go out the end of February to help facilitate this process.

11. Communications Director Report.

A. General Updates – Erin Moran is taking over for Sarah Kleemann and has reactivated the Instagram account and created a Twitter account.

12. Sportsmanship Director Report.

A. General updates – none

13. Officials Report.

A. General updates – Svea Erlandson will be reaching out to people about training and plans to connect with Milwaukee to coordinate training sessions.

14. Webmaster Report.

A. General updates – Calendar with reoccurring dates will be added.

15. Old Business.

None

16. Adjournment. Brian Holmes requested a motion to adjourn. Erin Moran motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tim Olstad seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be October 23, 2019 at 6:30pm at Fitchburg Public Library.