

Badgerland Lacrosse Association

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

6:30 PM

Fitchburg Public Library

Minutes

Board Members Present: Brian Holmes (President) Westside, Carrie Richard (Secretary) Sauk Prairie, Toni Wizner (VP Youth Girls), Brandon O'Shea (Sportsmanship Director).

Others Present: Sheri Zahler – Verona, Randy Herbrand – Waunakee and Jen Dailey – Oregon.

Phone: Nate Erwin - Lacrosse, Glen Spade - Middleton, Pat Lyons – Janesville, Jeremy Sullivan (Officials Coordinator) and Svea Erlandson (Umpire Coordinator).

1. Call to order. Brian Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:39

2. September Minute Approval.* Brian called for a motion. Toni motioned to approve the minutes. Brian seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Open Positions for Election:

A. VP Youth Boys - Brian shared that Tim Olstad has stepped down and that the Board will appoint a replacement given that elections have been held. Toni suggested the position description but updated to indicate it doesn't include scheduling and training and the position description. Brian will send the position description out to the Board for additional input. This is voting position.

B. VP HS Girls – This is a voting position. Brian indicated it is a voting position and would ideally be filled by someone that has a freshman or Sophomore that would be able to stay on the Board for a couple of years. The schedule is done for this year and next year and a good process is in place for it to be done going forward.

C. VP Girls Youth – this is a voting position.

4. Public Discussion & Comment.

None

5. President Report.

A. General updates - The main webpage has been updated. Erin set up Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts and there is an icon on the website to link to those social media platforms. An events calendar has been added. The goal is to list all events that are open to everyone to the calendar. Event information should be sent to Brian.

6. Secretary Report.

A. General updates – Carrie gave an update on the TryLax clinic held on October 13. There were 40 boys and 30 girls that participated. Edgewood offered a girls clinic last week. Edgewood is having a recruiting open house October 24th. Next meeting is Tuesday, November 19th due to meeting space. The December meeting will be on the 11th.

7. Treasurer Report.

A. General updates – Sheri is still helping with budget. The draft budget will be presented in November and then approved in December. The plan is to have a grant process next year. Last year there were more teams than had planned for. Last year there were 107 teams. WLBF has stated their fees will not increase.

8. VP, HS Girls Report.

A. General updates – Baraboo is thinking about joining and having a team. Brian is recommending that they operate this year as an independent and work with the schools directly to schedule since this year's schedule has been shared with Athletic Directors and busing has been planned. Then they could be included in the schedule the following year. Trying to schedule the girls showcase for May 22nd at Breese Stevens.

9. VP, Youth Girls Report.

A. General updates – no updates

10. VP, Youth Boys Report.

A. General updates – Lacrosse would be considered an independent and not but pay dues but would be included in the schedule for games in the Madison area and then Lacrosse would be responsible for scheduling games in Lacrosse. Jeremy would try to assist getting officials for games in Lacrosse but BLA would not pay officials a travel stipend. Nate indicated they are trying to coordinate an officials clinic to get more officials in the Lacrosse area. Nate said he will send a list of questions to Brian and Jeremy about how this arrangement would work.

11. Communications Director Report.

A. General Updates – Erin has BLA on three social media platforms.

12. Sportsmanship Director Report

A. General updates– Brandon is trying to get advice from PCA. Would like to get coaching clinics in the area. There are online trainings available through PCA that are free. Middleton would like to offer a level 1 coaching clinic. Shorewood is hosting a level 2 clinic.

13. Officials Report.

A. General updates – Jeremy shared that officials training is coming up and that he doesn't anticipate losing officials. Milwaukee has increased official pay to \$50 per game. WLF may want all clubs to offer to pay the same. Boys games are at \$45 now and has not changed

in 6 years. Two years ago pay for girls games was increased to match boys. Clubs may want to plan for an increase in officials' pay to \$50 per official.

Svea shared that training for girls high school officials is November 3rd. Girls lacrosse officials association has merged into Wisconsin Lacrosse Officials Association (WILOA), but there are some transition difficulties.

14. Webmaster Report.

A. General updates

None

15. Old Business.

A. General updates

None

16. Adjournment. Toni motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carrie seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be November 19, 2019 at 6:30pm at Fitchburg Public Library.

* Denotes Board of Directors formal action for approval.