

Badgerland Lacrosse Association
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
6:30 PM
Fitchburg Public Library
Open Session Minutes

Board Members Present: Brian Holmes (President), Carrie Richard (Secretary), Brendon O’Shea (Sportsmanship Director), Angel Lim Meyers (Treasurer), Erin Moran (Communications), Wade Rewey (Webmaster) Jay Herman (VP HS Girls), and Randy Herbrand (VP Youth Boys) and Toni Winzer (VP Youth Girls) – via phone.

Others Present: Dave Wollin (BLA representative to WLF), Scott Miller (WLF Treasurer), Brian Lucas – Middleton and Rachel Romens -Verona.

Phone: Ava Janssen - Madison Eastside, Leif Mickelson – Waunakee, Jennifer Spathe – Middleton, Sheri Zahler – Verona, Karen Dwyer – Sun Prairie, Pat Lyons – Janesville, and Bryce Woodson – US Lacrosse.

1. Call to order. Brian Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Brian Holmes introduced guests: Scott Miller, Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation (WLF) Treasurer and Dave Wollin, BLA’s representative to WLF. Brian shared that paperwork has been filed for Dave to serve as BLA’s representative to WLF. Dave will attend WLF meetings and advocate for BLA.

2. January Minute Approval.* - approval was deferred to March meeting.

3. Open Positions for Election:
A. VP Girls Youth, voting

4. Public Discussion & Comment.
None

5. President Report.
A. General updates
Boys officials training – March 8th Rocky Rocco on Westside of Madison
Girls officials training – Fitchburg Savanna Oaks March 8th. Field rating March 15th at Breese Stevens 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
HS girls officials and coaches rules interpretation 3:30 p.m. March 8th followed by coaches meeting.
Boys youth - February 29th final number of teams due
Girls youth – March 15th final number of teams due

Badgerland club fees are due March 10

6. Secretary Report.

A. General updates – If anyone is interested in Secretary contact Brian Holmes or Carrie Richard. Carrie will be transitioning to VP Girls Youth.

7. Treasurer Report.

A. General updates – Angel Lim Meyers will send out invoices to the clubs and the clubs fill it in and send it back based on team numbers. WLF dues are due by the end March. Grant awards will be discussed in closed session.

8. VP, HS Girls Report.

A. General updates – Jay Herman is the new VP of HS Girls.

9. VP, Youth Girls Report.

A. General updates – Bryce Woodson from US Lacrosse shared that girls goggles have to be listed on the SEI website and have to have the sticker or logo on the goggles.

10. VP, Youth Boys Report.

A. General updates – Randy Herbrand shared that April 9th pre-season coaches meeting, Madison Public Library North High Point Road. Initial schedule will be set March 15 and final April 1st. First game April 18th. Black out dates - Memorial day weekend and June 7th for Norski tournament. There will be no rule changes this year.

11. Communications Director Report.

A. General Updates – Erin Moran provided an update that she is creating a Google drive that the Board can all access to share information. First Dick's Shopping event – sales are on par with last year. Erin has the merchandise that Dicks donated and Dick's will provide \$500 for the Showcase game. 2nd shop event is March 21 & 22. HS Girls Showcase game is May 15th Breese Stevens Field. Erin is creating a newsletter called "The Scoop" and plans to send it 2x per month and then can be linked on the website as well.

12. Sportsmanship Director Report.

A. General updates – Brandon O'Shea plans to create a list of the coaches for each team and level of certification to ensure each coach is in compliance. Middleton is sponsoring a Level 1 certification clinic for boys and girls March 15 11:30-2:30 coaches clinic at Middleton High School.

13. Officials Report.

A. General updates – information shared in earlier updates.

14. Webmaster Report.

A. General updates Wade Rewey indicated a general page on the BLA website is available to post non-member clinics, camps and off-season teams. Send information to Wade to have it posted.

15. Old Business.

A. General updates

Brian Holmes asked for guests to provide updates:

Bryce Woodson from US Lacrosse - Bryce indicated that the intent is for a portion of the US Lacrosse membership to come back to local community. Bryce will work with Brian to assess needs of BLA and determine what would be the most beneficial. US Lacrosse anticipates launching their team platform in May and would be free of charge.

Scott Miller, WLF Treasurer – Scott shared he is a co-founder of WOLA with Dave Wollin. WLF will pay ref fees for state finals starting with semifinal and final game, but teams will pay fees up to that point. WLF is creating subcommittees explore areas to devote WLF funds to. The subcommittees are:

1. Officials support
2. PCA support for HS training
3. Youth lacrosse development
4. WLF website – considering going to Sports Engine and having all the member organizations have a portal.
5. Social Media

WLF is looking for people to serve on subcommittees to explore these options. If interested please let Dave Wollin know.

Dave Wollin, BLA Representative to WLF – Dave shared that the WLF by-laws have been changed such that the member leagues do not have voting rights and there is a currently a group reviewing the by-laws. WLF is considering moving away from US Lacrosse. Dave is working to stabilize the girls youth officials situation by working with the girls officials association, WLLOA, to structure things in a manner that have WLF recognize them. US Lacrosse has provided WLLOA with a grant to help support them this year. Dave would like to revive the BLA Awards spurred by Tom Darcy's passing last month. There would be an awards committee comprised of the BLA President and Communications Directors, as well as the individuals the awards are named for. Winners will then become future members of the committee. The Committee will bring finalists to Board to confirm OK and then committee will select finalist. Dave will develop selection criteria for the Board's review and approval.

Non board members were excused. The Board entered into closed session at 8:16 p.m.

16. Adjournment - The Board adjourned the meeting in closed session.

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be March 25, 2020 and April 22, 2020 at 6:30pm at Fitchburg Public Library.

* Denotes Board of Directors formal action for approval