

ACYLA Board Meeting

May 7, 2013

New Hope Ice Arena

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Laurie Ripplinger (Co-President), Michael Charles (Co-President); Kelly Thompson (Equipment Mgr); Carol Zehrer (Secretary); Kent Zehrer (Treasurer); Andrea Anderson (Girls Lax); Mark Lucas (Webmaster); Jill Ojala (parent); Betty Tapias-Heinrich (Tournaments)

Minutes:

The Board approved the April 2, 2013 minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Kent Zehrer:

Communication's Update – Mark Palony: none

Webmasters Update – Mark Lucas:

- Once we get information from Homegrown Lacrosse (probably mid-summer), Mark will open registration for the Fall season.
- Mark added all the Board meeting minutes to the Board tab -- with Treasurers Report removed.
- All team managers should continue to send the practice schedules, and only the winning team manager needs to submit the scores to him. Mark Palony will update Arbiter, which will automatically update our website.
- Jason Noble posts the girls info on MSSLax.
- All coaches and volunteers have completed their background checks except for the U11 and U15 Blue team managers.
- Mark has uploaded all camp and clinic links on the website.

Old Business:

- **Boys Spring Season:**
 - Efforts are still being made to reschedule make-up games; these could go through June 2.
- **Girls Spring Season:**
 - No games have been missed; so no makeup games are needed. We have many more players than other teams, but haven't had any complaints. Girls have played and lost 3 games. AHS Girls Lax night was held last night and Cooper is scheduled for next week.
- **Spring-Only Registration:**
 - We have not officially offered a spring-only option to date, but we do allow it as an exception. This creates a little extra work as the players are officially registered under spring-and-summer but they need to be tracked on a separate list. This year we have eight girls and four boys choosing spring only. We suggested creating a spring-only registration option next year. This would create one additional choice for each team on the registration page. We could avoid adding clutter by waiting to open Summer-Only registration until Spring registration has closed. Tabled.
- **Tournaments:**
 - Rochester Rumble in the Bubble (April 6-7) – went very well. We should perhaps communicate more clearly to parents that there will be no practice before the tournament and all teams are in the same position.
 - Grand Rapids GR Lax Shootout (May 4-5) – U15 took the championship and U15 Red took first in the consolation bracket. What should we do with the plaque?
 - Action: Kelly – store with the ACYLA Banner to be displayed at upcoming events.

- **Volunteer registration and background checks:**
 - The Treasurer will reimburse coaches and volunteers for both the US Lacrosse Certification of \$50 and background check of \$23.75.
- **Bylaw Changes:** tabled.

New Business:

- **2014 Hennepin Youth Sports Program:**
 - After many conversations with Mark Erickson (program director), we cannot apply for grants for programming, educational content, or simulators. They are currently only taking applications for goals and nets for city parks. We can apply again in the fall. The possible addition of a turf field construction is on hold until a city takes the initiative to push it forward.
- **Sandburg Damage:**
 - A meeting was attended by Kent, Michael, Karen, Tony, Jennifer Bridgeman (District 281) and Linda Kemper (District 281) regarding the alleged damage to the wall divider in the gym. We have not heard back from them regarding any action. Although they admitted it was mainly cosmetic damage not structural or safety related and that others have used the gym for years, they will have an estimator assess the damage. Our insurance is through US Lacrosse, and they recommend filling out an incident report.
Action: Kent, Laurie, and Michael will complete an incident report.
 - We also have difficulty scheduling anything on Armstrong fields due to the City of Plymouth conditional-use permit. AHS/CHS stadiums are considered facilities not fields, and as such, are under the province of Jennifer Bridgeman & Linda Kemper. We need to rebuild our relationship with District 281.
Action: Betty works with both Jennifer and Linda and will begin repairing our image.

- **Summer season planning:**
 - Registration: U13 vs. U11 issue: Michael is okay with contacting other Associations to get a few more U13; this has been tried and with no success. We need to move about 5 U11s up to U13, and then split into 2 teams. If this becomes very difficult, we will need coaches to evaluate for who plays up and who doesn't. We also need help with U15 tryouts.

Program	Spring # Registered As of 5/6/13	Summer # Registered As of 5/6/13
Boys U15	31	35
Boys U13	27	33
Boys U11	16	29
Boys U9	0	0
Girls 7/8	0	16
Girls 5/6	26	19
Girls 3/4	0	0

Action: Laurie talk to the families with the oldest U11s that could move up. Then discuss with Tony Johnson.

Action: Michael talk to Ross & Kevin about helping assess U15 A and U15 B.

- **Fields:**
 - Summer schedule is mostly complete. Karen has worked very hard on setting up practice and game fields.
- **Uniforms:** Kelly will be ordering summer uniforms for those currently registered. We will use leftover jerseys from previous years for forgotten uniforms and blood jerseys or to be stored in coaches bags.

- **Coaches:**

- All spring dad coaches will carry over to summer. Some new summer coaches are getting their background checks. How many college/high school coaches do we want as assistants? 14 total (2 per team). U15 is mandated to have an A and B team.

Action: Michael ask Ross & Kevin to help determine which coaching assistants should be hired. Please work with AHS & CHS Girls coaches to find assistant coaches for the girls teams.

- **Concussion baseline testing information and concussion assessment procedure by coaches:**

- Information was sent to U15 Red & Blue teams. Not sure if it went to the other teams. Could put information on website.

Action: Mark L. put CDC link on website.

- **Equipment recommendation for rib pads:**

Action: Mark L. add website link to Dick's page on recommended and mandatory equipment.

- **Tournaments:**

- Ice Breaker: Save the Date email has been sent for the June 8 & 9 tourney in Champlin for all levels -- it is on the website as well.

- **Coaches Apparel:**

- The sublimated T-shirt has been designed with ACYLA on front and coach name on the back through VSA. Request a Women's cut as well. They run \$35 each.

- **Optional Shooter Shirts:**

- Mark L has designed a blue shirt with ACYLA logo on front and a lax head with ACYLA block print on the bottom back. It was quoted \$28 at one time. This will be run as an online store where players can order directly from VSA.

- **Fan Apparel:**

- Would like to use the same vendor as last year if Kim McDonough is willing to handle this.

Action: Laurie contact Kim to see if she will manage this program again this year.

- **Protocol for players staying with other parents or coaches at out of town tournaments – tabled.**

- Medical Release Form for players with absent parent
- Waiver for players traveling without parents

- **Inter-season Jamboree :**

- While it would be nice to have one get together with families before the summer season starts and as we wrap-up the spring season, there are no weekends open in the schedule especially with spring makeup games going through June 1-2.

- **Chipotle Fundraiser (Kim McDonough):**

- Can we earmark funds for certain programs? Tabled.

Optional Topics:

- **2014 grants - US Lacrosse AED & PE Programs – tabled.**

- **Branding efforts – tabled.**

Other Business:

- **Team Pics:**
 - These are usually scheduled near the end of May or early June. We used Sunshine Photography last year (also used by AHS and they are an ACYLA family) and he is very reasonably priced. He can also do a panoramic picture for our website. The group voted on using Sunshine again this year.
Action: Laurie – contact Sunshine and set up the date for team pictures, then notify families of date and location.

Adjourned: 8:48 p.m.

Notes submitted by Carol Zehrer

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

7:00 pm

New Hope Ice Arena, Meeting Room 1