

Feb 1, 2018 Midland Lacrosse Club Board Meeting

Board Attendees: Joe S, John A, Chad S, Jonathan M, Nicole W, Kim Z

Committee/Coach attendees: Bill J, Amy B

There are currently 11 board members (Boys Program Director is currently vacant), so the 6 board members who were present represented a quorum.

Next Meeting: week of Mar 5 (to discuss scholarship requests)

Action Items

- Within a few days following Feb 13, Tom Gray and the youth head coaches will need to put together the uniform order (including unis that have been ordered as part of registration) and coaches' estimate of how many other additional unis will be needed (including coordinating jersey numbers) and provide it to Joe in time for the unis to be ordered and arrive in time for the spring season
- Kim will print out the "Spring Lacrosse General Info" sheet that she and Tom put together, and greeters will hand out the letter at the door
- ~~Jonathan or Kurt will send email to HS players asking about used equipment donations~~
- ~~Jonathan will add a message on the old web page directing people to the new one (in case people have the old one bookmarked)~~
- Jonathan will work with the head coaches to get their team pages set up
- Jonathan will set up a coaches registration page

Feb 6 info meeting

- There will not be an equipment vendor present
- There will not be spirit wear samples present, but Kim will say a few words about an upcoming spirit wear order
- Jonathan will be at the used equipment table
- We will have 15 sticks for sale for 10U/8U players
- Kim will print out the "Spring Lacrosse General Info" sheet that she and Tom put together, and greeters will hand out the letter at the door
- During the meeting, Jonathan will do some sort of demo related to the new web site and the registration process
- There will be rooms available to have breakout sessions for individual teams after the main meeting

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Fundraising

- We will go with Sandlot Sports again for the next spirit wear order
- We will have a club fundraiser at Culver's on March 14. We will need a few players to volunteer at Culver's that evening and we will receive a percentage (10%?) of all sales
- Kim is working on getting a re-supply of bucket hats
- Kim is looking into organizing another order of shirts like the ones Kurt did with Kathy Morley a few years ago
- We may want to consider selling a "shooter shirt" that would go with our youth uniforms
- The board discussed the question "What is the fundraising money used for?" and a number of important items were mentioned including keeping registration fees more affordable, paying for scholarships (~\$4000 last year), and saving to pay for the planned lacrosse complex

Lacrosse Complex

- Now that Dow High is looking to build a new turf stadium, a turf field for lacrosse is no longer viable (Midland doesn't need 3 turf fields)
- Nevertheless, a revised plan for a multi-field grass lacrosse complex is still something that the board wants to pursue
- The grass fields would be used by lacrosse for practices and honor the game tournament in the spring and would be available for Momentum and other sports in summer/fall

Youth Registration

- 20 have registered so far (10 B14U, 3 B12U, 3 B10U, 3 B8U, 1 G12U)
- 9 out of 20 have chosen the fundraiser buyout
- 16 out of 20 have ordered one or more uniform items
- Scholarship requests for 6 players have been received

Web Page

- Jonathan will add a message on the old web page directing people to the new one (in case people have the old one bookmarked)
- Jonathan will work with the head coaches to get their team pages set up
- Jonathan will set up a coaches registration page
- Head coaches will need to make sure that their assistant coaches are members of US lacrosse and complete the MLC coaches registration

- A board page has been set up on the web site including listing the board and committee members, a copy of the by-laws and an executive summary, meeting minutes, and some financial reporting

Finances

- In the past, there was a policy that Joe needed board pre-approval for purchases greater than \$500
- Now that a larger group of board members are getting involved in making purchases for the club, board members should be aware of this policy
- At a future meeting the board should consider whether a smaller pre-approval limit might be more appropriate when applicable to the whole board
- Also, remember that purchases can also be made by invoicing the treasurer (John A)

Honor the Game

- Registration will go live on Feb 2
- Per Tom's suggestion, the 10U fee will be reduced to \$250 in order to be comparable to what other events are charging for that division (with the new rules, 10U is played on a smaller field and has only one ref)
- Referees will be a big issue again. We're hearing that the availability of certified refs that weekend will be limited. Also, Alma may be in the playoffs that weekend, so they can't commit their players. The high school teams have games that afternoon so they will be able to help out in the morning at scorer's tables and (if necessary) as refs
- We'll likely need to use high school players/coaches to fill in as refs.
- Perhaps we can have a "training" session ahead of time to educate any non-certified refs with regard to the rules of the division they'll be refereeing. At a minimum, we'll provide them with a written description ahead of time.
- The oldest age division should be prioritized for certified refs.
- We're looking into options for food trucks, etc. There may be limited availability for that too.