

## Midland Lacrosse Board Meeting: 12/4/23

### **Members in attendance:**

Jonathan Moore

Kim Zimmer

Jeremy Rau

Jen Pedelty

Diane Frickey

[Scott Mcfarland](#)

Geoff Burr

Ryan Venman

Joe Stadelmaeir

### **1. Finances-**

- see Steve's email attachment

### **2. spring budget/registration**

- Projections for this year:
- 10U & 8U- added 4 to each
- 12 & 14 U- 25-30 each team
- Girls: Combined 14/12 U team, TBD
- Keep registration fees the same, means we will be a couple thousand on the positive side
- Possibly reduce fees for early registration prior to March 1

### **3. Spring Coaches**

- Boys- Ryan 14U
- Greg- 12U? (We assume this is a go)
- Phil Jones 10U?
- Need other coaches for 8 and 10 U
  1. Need to start filling gaps, doing training sessions
  2. No adults other than Cam- all adults are spring HS coaches
  3. Ask others, offer incentives- free registration
- Geoff and Jeff- Girls
- Men's clinic Jan 13- pay for those who are interested to go- \$20 per person
- Joe will send out emails to former players to ask for help- will explain advantages to coaching, less of a time commitment, as well as to get them to come to Wednesday sessions

- Practice situation at DHS: turf/grass combo, possibly having youth also practice there- Scott says yes, board is okay with youth 14 U, and possibly other teams to practice there. That way youth programs can get some help from HS kids
- DHS Field in July- maybe the 13th- Reached out to Penny Miller-Nelson and she is working on it and we should be able to get it for free- this is for our local 989 tourney.

4. No dates yet for Jan/Feb for MCA for turf time

5. Wednesday sessions- could be combined coach training

#### **6. Honor the Game plans: Honor the Game- Northwood University, 5/18/24:**

- Ref availability might be better on this date
- Last year we were charged \$600, we made over \$2000
- Might we add a day?
  1. Jonathan wants to add girls but is not too keen on adding a second day unless others see a need for this
  2. We did turn folks away as Lax Bash was canceled
- We talked about putting the small fields on the practice soccer field and using where the small fields were for the big field so that the games are a little closer
- Also talked about using where the team tents were to behind the tents near the buildings by the football field..... Parking was an issue people parked illegally
- People have been contacting Jonathan inquiring about format- he thinks he will put it out there soon
- Volunteers last year were an issue - put out the expectation that this is an expectation that all players must provide a volunteer unless you are a coach or a team parent
- Will do something specific for HTG for girls-
  1. Perhaps we can get college players to ref
  2. Same day as Lax Zing- which has been canceled the past four years. Perhaps we can get the girls to volunteer for this or invite a few teams up and have a fun tourney on another field
    1. All of this will depend on registration numbers

#### **7. Discussion of how to build up the girls side...**

#### **TWO try Lax FREE Sessions:**

- 12/23 and 12/30- @ 12-1 girls, 1-2 boys both days

- Very little advertising of this
- Stephanie will be there and try to get some additional help for the girls side
- Joe will send an email to NU coaches - this will benefit them as well
- Alumni Game for all former and current players: Friday....?
- Boys @ 7
- Girls @ 8
- Jack? Erickson and Cal Stearns
- As for volunteers- if boys are there first they can help with girls, assumes we will be okay with girls with Stephanie there, the more the merrier but we should be okay
- Will send to Patty Rich as well
- Instructions are to contact Joe
- We need to build up some steam on the girls' side- we have been struggling since Covid.
  - This has been the way in the recent past - having to combine 12 & 14 U
  - This has been very discouraging for coaches- marketing not in Geoff's wheelhouse
  - Geoff is wondering if there is someone better suited on the board to grow the girls side of things, however he is still wanting and willing to coach
  - Perhaps get a committee together in January to try to focus on this- local collegiate, high school, and youth coaches together to form a plan
  - Getting into schools to promote- getting young women and girls to try to engage younger girls in lacrosse - try to have one unified team
- Joe is going to JMS this month- will try to get into Northeast and will substitute at other schools to promote/teach lacrosse