

GREAT WESTERN LACROSSE LEAGUE

MEETING AGENDA FEBRUARY 23, 2026 {APPROVED}@ 6:30PM PDT | 7:30PM MDT

1. Roll Call - Amanda Stearns meeting called to order at 6:30 PT|7:30MT. Roll call taken: Ammon, Bozeman, Coeur d'Alene, Gonzaga Prep, Idaho Falls, Immaculate Concepcion Academy, Jackson Hole, Lake City, Lewis and Clark, Logos, Mt. Spokane, NW Avalanche, Pocatello, Sandpoint, Spokane Valley, Sun Valley. 15/20 member teams present.

2. Approve Minutes - Amanda Stearns

- January 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes Tigers provided 1st nomination and Ricky Wills Jr (Jackson Hole) provided the 2nd . No additional changes required. Meeting minutes unanimously approved as written.

3. Treasurer Report - N. Gray

- No update given at the meeting.

4. Missoula Cross-Divisional Weekend Updates (April 17-19)- Matt

- Weekend looking good- most schedule accommodations were made
- Thank you to Chris who did a bulk of the scheduling.

5. By Law Changes- Updated Language and Vote (varsity players needing to play certain # of games to be eligible for playoffs) - Matt

- Will move to the end of the season to vote and approve. No objections raised.

6. Rules in Policies (Varsity # games/ 8th graders) language and votes

- Will move to the end of the season to vote and approve. No objections raised.

7. IOLA Referee updates- Matt

- IOLA on board, they have the schedule and approved it
- Minor changes coming

8. JV Teams- Matt

- North: If want JV games, 6's etc get them scheduled and let commissioner know so that we can get referees scheduled
- North: Could get a set day scheduled with multiple games for 6's (this has worked in the past).
- East Division has JV schedule figured out. They run JV game before varsity games 2-halves of like 20 minutes with a running clock.

9. Mead status/GWLL growth

- No longer a program with GWLL. Mead board voted to fold the program. Most players are moving to Mt. Spokane where zoned for and per bylaws.
- Groups that tend to thrive are ones that partner with youth programs and good coaching programs.
- Strong program of succession plan for those moving out.
- GWLL needs to help support youth programs up through the HS level.
- Find outside coaches/support to help that don't age out as fast as parents
- There are a lot of retention issues with no consistent JV level play for players.

- Off season options to get sticks in hands and coaches trained
- Recruiting coaches- through social media posts from teams, posters at sporting stores.
- Dave at Jackson Hole offered the idea to create a breakout committee to further discuss and brainstorm ideas (best practices, collaborate with other teams in the country doing well).
- If anyone want to become part of committee in the off-season email Matt with intention

10. USA Lacrosse Awards- George Hein

- George proposes to work with **Doug Brown** to outline the process and then come to a vote at next meeting
- Any changes from last year's process
 - Meet before the final vote for All- Americans
 - In past each coach got 6 nominations; don't have to use them all
 - If tie-breaker then can call a meeting
 - USA Lacrosse awards are only open to those who made 1st Team - should have 3 awards this year due to number of teams in the league
 - Bob Scott award limited to seniors only

George Hein will create a package and present at next meeting 3/15/26

Next Meeting- Matt

- **Scheduled Sunday March 15th 6:30PM|7:30 MT**
- **If there are objections to Sunday night meeting please email**
- **Meeting Adjourned at 7:17pm PT|8:17pm MT**

North continuation meeting.

11. North Regional Schedule week

- Regionals the top seed of the game is the home team and will schedule the game
- Taking top 8 teams regardless of Spokane or Idaho.
- With the loss of Mead, the Spokane teams have 2 less games. How do we even the playing field.
- Commissioner's suggestion is to have Cda, Lake City and Sandpoint to drop 1 game with Logos or ICA and then get another game with a Spokane or Idaho team.
- Or ID teams take a "forfeit". Spokane teams will get 1 extra game that is randomly drawn- teams seem to like this idea. The Commissioner will get on figuring this out.
- NW Avalanche is interested in how to qualify for Regionals as they don't have a full schedule with even number of games.

12. Get back into Youth programs

- What is the succession line for your youth program
- Some fundraising ideas were shared.

ROLE CALL LIST BY PROGRAM- 2/23/26

PROGRAM NAME	REGION	ATTENDANCE	VOTE #1:	VOTE #2
Ammon	East	y		
Bozeman	East	y		
Chesterton Academy of Notre Dame (JV only)	North			
Coeur d'Alene	North	y		
Gonzaga Preparatory School	North	y		
Idaho Falls	East	y		
Immaculate Conception Academy	North	y		
Jackson Hole	East	y		
Lake City	North	y		
Lewis and Clark	North	y		
Logos School	North	y		
Magic Valley	East			
Mead	North			
Mt. Spokane	North	y		
NW Avalanche (Kalispell)	North	y		
Pocatello	East	y		
Rexburg (JV only)	East			
Sandpoint	North	y		
Spokane Valley	North	y		
Sun Valley	East	y		
Teton Valley	East			

16/20 teams present