

Montana High School Lacrosse Association

MEETING MINUTES

Date: 02/19/19
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Phone 605 475-4043 Access Code:982909

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

Roll Call

Matt Rizzolo - X, Sarah Flynn - X, Mike Garcia - X, Lynette Thompson - X, Brynn Schwarz - X, Dane McCollum - X, Blake Wahrlich - X, Rosie Castriz - X, Dave Madeira - X, Karynne Cabral - X, Ted Morgan

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. **MOTION:** Sarah. Move to approve agenda with additions of election results;
APPROVED.
2. Approval of last meetings Minutes
 - a. Blake will figure out which minutes need to be reviewed for the next meeting and send them out for review.
3. Treasurers report
 - a. Lynette sent a profit/loss statement for 2019 to date. Profits include all the team registrations for the year. Last Chance Lacrosse is missing payment for a portion of their fees.
 - b. Current account balance is \$16,485.00
4. Presidents Report
 - a. See notes below. [Brynn joined the call]
5. Regional Representative Report (s)
 - a. Northwest Region – Matt:
 - i. The Girls 14U programs do not have enough numbers to field a team this season; this is a topic later on the agenda.
 - b. Western Region – Sarah:
 - i. Topics of concern are on the agenda.
 - ii. Sent out State hotel block information for other regional reps to share with their programs.
 - c. Central Region – Mike:
 - i. Sent questions to the Board regarding trainings and uniforms; questions about jerseys were addressed.
 - ii. Will forced turn overs be a required stat? Previously, Molly had said this stat is looked at more for the women’s game. Discussion: It will be an option, but not sure if it should be required.
 - iii. Website question – one of the clubs has a fundraiser event on their page that they don’t know where it came from, any ideas? Not sure, but think this might be a Sports Engine add on – links to Rally Me. **ACTION:** Blake will ask Sports Engine to remove the events.
 - iv. Coaches packet – will these be uploaded to the website? This has been built and needs to be checked.

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- d. Southern Region – Dave:
 - i. Dave has mostly been focused on the girls scheduling. Other items are on the agenda.
 - ii. Question to Dave - When will the Jackson Hole weekend schedule be released? Dave: Still waiting on a few teams. Last year, the schedule was released in April and expect beginning of April again this year. Jackson Hole can reach out to programs to confirm they are coming and give them an estimate of how many games they will have.
 - e. Eastern Region – Dane:
 - i. Nothing to report regarding YVL, BHSL.
 - ii. Participated in a meeting with youth board where concerns with the Rimrock Lacrosse board were raised and asked for help. Dane attended a Rimrock meeting last Wednesday where 2 board members resigned, but they are trying to rebuild. The same president is place – so main point of contact is the same. Dane will coordinate with Blake to make sure contacts for this group are current. Rimrock Lacrosse qualified for first stick program and there was some confusion regarding registration related to this, but all players are now registered with USLAX. Remove Lisa Holley and Joann Church from contact info for the Rimrock Lacrosse board.
6. Old Business
7. New Business
- a. Boys Schedule is live and on website. Please ask your teams to look over schedule to ensure it is correct.
 - i. Lynette will start billing for the boys’ officials’ fees now.
 - b. Girls Schedule update.
 - i. Great Falls girls couldn’t field a team for the 2019 season. The girls schedule was re-done to account for the loss of this team.
 - ii. Dave: A group reworked the schedule from the notes provided for the winter meeting. They also adjusted to work around the youth schedule to accommodate fields and officials, particularly for the Missoula weekend. Still need to loop back with Youth for the Missoula weekend.
 - 1. Will try to get the girls schedule finalized in the next week, by 2/27.
 - iii. Lynette will bill for the girls’ officials’ fees after the schedule is finalized.
 - c. Boundary Document for Bozeman has been voted on by the school board.
 - i. The school district board in Bozeman voted on school district boundaries. For MHSLA, this means that only returning seniors will be grandfathered for team assignments next year (2020), all other players need to follow the boundary document.
 - 1. Matt – recommends that MHSLA asks Bozeman to send out information now to make sure it is clear who is on which team for 2020.
 - a. Consider a general letter for the League regarding boundary documents. Clean up boundary document page on MHSLA webpage and add some guidance.
 - i. **ACTION:** Blake will draft a letter to review regarding the Boundary document. Could add the Board ruling for

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Bozeman splitting on their team pages on the MHSLA for reference.

- d. Update on stats training and dates. Best to create a webinar to watch with a boys and girls test?
 - i. Last year (2018), Matt ran 3 webinars. Received a lot of questions during the sessions. Biggest critique was having the boys and girls together.
 - 1. This year – Matt suggested creating a test based on the NCAA stats book.
 - 2. Consider doing the test first, then a webinar for questions. Or just do questions via email or phone.
 - ii. Template for keeping stats at games. At the fall general meeting, Chris Kelley from Bozeman offered to create a stats template.
 - 1. **ACTION:** Lynette will ask for the template from Chris Kelley that can be modified as needed to match the required stats for the MHSLA.
- e. Northwest Petition for 8th grade girl to play up
 - i. Matt shared requests from player parents, former youth coach recommendations, and the Northwest Lacrosse youth program. He hasn't heard from the Glacier coach or the Glacier Program yet to see if they would take these players.
 - 1. Northwest will accept the player(s) requesting to play down to 12U.
 - 2. Still need to hear from Glacier that would absorb the players.
 - 3. Table until the next meeting for time to read letters and to coordinate with the Glacier Board with their request regarding the petitions.

MOTION: Dane; SECOND: Brynn

 - a. **ACTION:** Matt will send an email to Glacier.
- f. Missoula Girls Boundary document Waiver
 - i. Sarah shared the boundary waiver request, a parent letter and follow-up email; and Sentinel responses.
 - ii. Brynn – motion to not approve. Second: none.
 - iii. Further discussion – Consider asking Sentinel how many girl players they have – will this make or break.
 - iv. **MOTION:** Matt; **SECOND:** Lynette; **APPROVED**
 - 1. Deny request because it is not signed off by both programs.
 - v. Can resubmit for reconsideration if it can be supported by both programs.
- g. Field Reimbursement questions on amount league will reimburse. Believe last year it was \$100 or \$110 per game.
 - i. Last year the reimbursement amounts were variable and because all requested reimbursement amounts fit within the budget, all were reimbursed. Neutral game site budget is \$5,000.00 which includes state field fees and approximately 50% is for neutral sites.

[Dane left call]

- h. Krossover reimbursement for x amount of game per team or per varsity team boys and Girls
 - i. Programs were receptive to using Krossover if costs could be covered. MHSLA ended last year with approximately \$11,000 in the budget.

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1. With 12 boys teams and 6 girls teams – (Varsity), 3 games each at \$40 is \$2,160; 5 games per teams is \$3,600.
 2. Costs may be quite different if the league pays for Krossover vs teams paying for Krossover on their own.
 3. Lynette recommends keeping league costs for Krossover to a maximum of \$5,000 or \$6,000.
 4. **ACTION:** Matt will use the final boys schedule and draft girls schedule to check on costs for Krossover.
8. Other Business
- a. Elections:
 - i. Elections for secretary and president were carried out via anonymous, electronic vote. Not all board members voted, but a majority did. Results:
 1. Secretary – Sarah was elected.
 2. President – Blake was elected.
 - b. Email updates:
 - i. Matt using mhslavp@gmail.com; Sarah is using mhslasecretary@gmail.com
 - c. **MOTION:** Matt; **SECOND:** Sarah; **APPROVED**
 - i. Motion that stats training for 2019 will include the MHSLA distributing the NCAA stats manuals for review and stats personnel will need to pass a test. Add a stipulation that forced turnover be a required statistic for girls.
 - ii. Each team needs to have one certified statistician at the table (recommend that the spotter or timer be certified statistician so they have their eyes on the play). Best practice will be for each team to have 2 -4 statisticians.

Call end at 9:14 PM.

Presidents Report:

We are current with the State filing our Annual report with the state. We have had multiple questions from different programs asking if either uniforms or helmets need to match. Stated it would be best and if they so choose to ask for a waiver by the league to submit a request. No formal requests have been made. The two programs in question were Bozeman regarding helmets, and Sentinel regarding uniforms. We have a signed agreement by both the MHSLA and the MLOA. We will need to ensure we are keeping to the invoice and payment schedule.

Additional meeting notes:

- The contract with the MLOA has a schedule for payment and pricing for officials for the season. The contract spells out what is/isn't allowed. Blake will send the contract to the HS Commissioners.
- Lynette – the MLOA is scheduled to bill MHSLA by 2/15 for the first 75% of fees. Lynette will send out billing to programs ASAP. She needs to know any changes to games each week for billing purposes; commissioners will need to report this each week. MHSLA will bill programs for any changes to officiating fees based on game changes, not the MLOA.