

Midland Lacrosse Board Minutes. 1.10.2019

Board Members present: Kim Zimmer, Tom Gray, Jonathan Moore, Jody Remacle, Joe Stadelmaier, Nicole Wilson, Ryan Venman, Heather Watkins, John Annelin, Jennifer Glackin (10 out of 12)

Other Attendees: Jeff Pitt, Bill Janeczko

Next Meeting: Feb 21

Action Items (from current and previous meetings)

- Tom will work with each head coach to submit CommunityGives proposals (preferably by Jan 15, or if not then by Mar 15)
- Diane will schedule an AED training
- Kim will order more coaches shirts to arrive in time for spring
- Tom will check if there is an opening for try lax in Feb
- Jen will publish the first of our quarterly newsletters [done]
- Joe will coordinate with girls coaches to determine how to spend profit from girls box sessions
- Joe will have HS boys reimburse the club \$805 for dome expenses
- Jonathan will set up a coaches registration form on the web site
- Kim will update the spring info sheet
- Tom will pursue building a wall at Cook
- Tom will investigate unused 9-holes at Currie for midlandlax home
- Tom will investigate Windover HS for midlandlax home
- Joe will make a \$250 donation to Stan Dulaney's family on behalf of the club
- Joe will communicate to the Dulaney family that we will offer free registration for lacrosse for Stan's young son
- Joe and John will finalize the treasurer's annual report document and provide it to the board
- who will help Joe with a grant application to the Baseball foundation for helmets (Due in Feb)?
- who will help Joe with a grant application to Midland Area Community Foundation's Kellogg Youth Fund administered by the Midland County Youth Action Council (due Apr 15)?
- Joe, Jonathan, and Kim will develop a plan for a comprehensive fundraising program (e.g. Hudsonville's)
- Jonathan will investigate level 1 certification training opportunities for our new coaches

Board Elections

- According to the by-laws, the officers of the corporation (president, secretary, and treasurer) are elected annually. Other board members serve 3-year terms.

- Tom Gray, Heather Watkins, and John Annelin were re-elected for the offices of president, secretary, and treasurer. John Annelin plans to resign later this year and will be replaced (upon approval by the board) by Steve Hill. John will complete the end of the year tasks and help with the transition to Steve. Thank you John for all of your help over the years.
- Chad Stearns (VP), Joe Stadelmaier (Executive Director), and Jonathan Moore (member-at-large) were re-elected for 3-year terms.

Honor the Game

- May 4 at Northeast and Jefferson
- registration cost will remain the same
- \$50 late fee beginning March 15
- exploring the possibility of using Tourney Machine to facilitate communication

Scholarships for off-season activities

- instead of having an explicit scholarship request form as part of registration, for off-season activities (like box and dome) we will rely on the spring coaches communicating with their players to make sure they are aware that scholarships are available for cases of financial need.
- the spring coaches will communicate to the board about any scholarship needs that they are aware of

Refund requests

- the board adopted a policy at all refund requests must be received within 2 weeks of the beginning of an activity

Try Lax for free

- The Dec and Jan sessions were successful with ~ 30 boys and 10 girls each time
- Tom is checking on a possible date for Feb
- Joe would like to raise funds to purchase a set of helmets to be used for try lax

Box and Dome

- Joe is talking to the Civic Arena about expanding our winter box offering (maybe instead of dome)
- Jonathan would like to add a men's box session next winter

Finances

- John reported on the cash and asset balances
- We made a \$350 profit on girls box lax and we will plan to use those funds for updating girls equipment

- Boys HS owes the club \$805 for dome expenses for early season

Spring

- MLC plans to pay US lacrosse fee for all registered coaches
- We decided to terminate the \$30/player fundraising requirement and focus on other fundraising venues that don't require so much
- there will be a 25% late fee beginning March 1 (except for girls 8U)
- Kim will update the info sheet
- The plan for coaching on the boys side is: 8U Cam and Payne Cassaday, 10U Ryan Venman, 12U Jeff and Russ Pitt, 14U Bill Janeszko
- The info meeting for families of new players will be Feb 12 from 6-7 PM at Jefferson MS cafeteria
- Amy Brandt will organize the assigning of uniform numbers, sizes, etc.
- the board agreed upon the spring fee schedule
- the registration fee has increased compared to last year for most age groups.
- This is due to several factors including: a) elimination of the \$30/player fundraising requirement, b) better budgeting alignment with actual per-player costs, and c) budgeting for small stipends to pay our college-age coaches.
- Our fees remain comparable to those of neighboring clubs.
- Tom, Bill, and Kim meet with other mid-michigan clubs. there will be 2 divisions (north and south). There will be some weeknight local games within the division and two play days for all (one hosted in north and one in south). It is unofficially called the Mid-Michigan Youth Lacrosse League. We estimate that the cost for Midland will be ~\$600 per team to cover the cost of refs, etc.

Real estate

- we plan to use fields at Northeast, Jefferson, and Cook for practice in the spring
- we have decided not to build a shed at Cook fields for now.
- We do plan to build a wall-ball wall at Cook. The cost estimate is \$2,000. (12ft by 20ft wall)
- The MLC Board approved spending \$2,000 on the wall at Cook.
- Tom will meet with Bob Cooper to approve and sign the contract between MLC and MPS
- Practice placement plan: Girls- NE, U-14: stadium field at Jefferson, U-12: Cook field With wall, U-8/10: Cook Field
- Two possible loactions for a midlandlax "home" were metioned for further investigation: unused 9-holes at Currie and land behind Windover HS (formerly Chippewassee)

Misc

- we confirmed that US Lacrosse insurance will cover board members who are not coaches
- the board agreed to donate \$250 to the family of Stan Dulaney

- the board agreed to offer free lacrosse registration to Stan's young son

Public Relations

- Jennifer is working on a quarterly newsletter and will send out to all of the contacts.

Fundraising:

- CommunityGives proposals. \$1,000 per team. Applying now is best for this grant. The spring opens up more competition from baseball/softball teams.
- Joe needs help to apply for a grant from the Baseball foundation for helmets (due in Feb)
- the order for sweatshirt blanks and Yeti rambles is open until Jan 20. If we end up being a few items short of the minimum for the order, the club will purchase those few items and sell them later
- there is an opportunity to apply for a grant from Midland Area Community Foundation's Kellogg Youth Fund administered by the Midland County Youth Action Council <https://www.midlandfoundation.org/grants-offered> due Apr 15
- We plan to develop a comprehensive fundraising program (similar to Hudsonville example)