

Montana High School Lacrosse Association

MEETING MINUTES

Date: 03/19/19
Time: 8:00 pm
Location: Phone 605 475-4043 Access Code:982909

Call to Order: 8:00 pm

Roll Call

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

High School Commissioners: Karynne Cabral, Ted Morgan – X

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. **MOTION:** Sarah. Move to approve agenda with additions of state expenses and website issues; Second: Dane/Brynn; **APPROVED.**
2. Approval of last meetings Minutes
 - a. Pending
3. Treasurers report – Lynette (joined call at the High School commissioner report)
 - a. Current account balance is \$27,087.52.
 - b. Outstanding check for \$10,000.00 to the Montana Lacrosse Officials Association (MLOA).
 - c. Officiating fees – invoices sent out for \$30,258. Collected \$9,507.90 to date. Programs that have not yet paid are: Bozeman, Cody, Great Falls, and Hellgate.
 - d. Girls officiating fees will be invoiced by 3/25/2019 and will be due prior to their start of season on 4/13/2019.
4. Presidents Report
 - a. Website issues have been the biggest item to address since the last call. Primarily issues with coach registration and linking to US Lacrosse. Working with support staff from Sports Engine to fix the issues.
 - b. Gord Henry – reached out to Scorpions, they forwarded Blake. He is part of a group starting a girls' program in Calgary and looking for games. Maybe Whitefish area?
5. Regional Representative Report (s)
 - a. Northwest Region – Matt (not on the call until later):
 - b. Western Region – Sarah:
 - i. Topics of concern are on the agenda – boundary waiver requests.
 - ii. Still snow on the ground. Issues with websites and questions about schedules.
 - c. Central Region – Mike not on call, Rosie provided the following:
 - i. Great Falls – can't have games at the Paris fields for weekend of 3/23. May be able to move to the CMR practice field – will know Thursday morning.
 1. Note: Contract with the MLOA states that game changes need to be provided by Wednesday close of day.
 - d. Southern Region – Dave:
 - i. No updates – topics already on the agenda.

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- e. Eastern Region – Dane:
 - i. Not much to report from Rimrock or Bearcats.
 - ii. YVL – issues with linking JV rosters; coach had issues with background checks showing up – working through this.
 - iii. Still a lot of snow on Amend fields.
- 6. High School Commissioners’ Reports:
 - a. Girls – Karynne not on the call.
 - b. Boys – Ted
 - i. Question: Does the board make a decision about the April 6 weekend and changes to fields? The University of Montana stadium may be available, but cost prohibitive. May be best to find another less expensive venue or cancel these games if fields can’t be found.
 - ii. Ted noted that team names are different in parts of the website, which is confusing.
 - iii. Ted needs a point of contact for the Bozeman white team.
- 7. Old Business
- 8. New Business
 - a. Petitions Hellgate, Sentinel, Great Falls
 - i. Sarah provided a summary of a discussion between the two Missoula girls programs regarding: expected player numbers; boundary document petitions from four Great Falls players to play at Sentinel because their team didn’t have enough players to field a team; and reconsideration of a boundary document petition for a Loyola player to play for Hellgate girls. All three programs (Hellgate girls, Sentinel girls, Greath Falls girls) were in support of approving the four requests for the Great Falls girls and the Loyola player’s request.
 - ii. **MOTION:** Brynn. Move to approve for the 2019 season, the four boundary waiver requests from Great Falls girls and the one boundary waiver request from a Loyola girl. Second: Matt; **APPROVED.**
 - b. Krossover – update on boys:
 - i. Krossover for the boys was approved during the February call. Setup with Krossover is done. Home teams are responsible for filming and uploading. Once the film is uploaded and broken down, it is shared league-wide.
 - ii. **ACTION:** Krossover sent a bill for the boys’ games which Matt will forward to Lynette to pay as soon as possible.
 - c. Krossover – Girls
 - i. Now that the girls schedule is finalized and Matt can get an accurate count of the regular season girls’ games, he will request a quote from Krossover.
 - ii. **NOTE:** costs for Krossover to date do not include the state tournament games. Will need to consider costs for this before the state weekend.
 - iii. **ACTION:** Ted will remind home teams that they are responsible for filming and uploading film.
 - d. Stats Training
 - i. **MOTION:** Dane. The MHSLA will not require stats training this year (2019), but teams are required to take stats and they can use their own stats book. Second: Brynn. **APPROVED.**

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- ii. **Comment:** The NCAA stats handbooks for the boys' and girls' games are on the MHSLA website and should be used for reference.
- e. Games this weekend (weekend of 3/23)
 - i. This Wednesday (3/20) is the deadline for deciding whether to move games or not. Great Falls and Billings are hosting.
 - ii. For Billings games this weekend – no grass fields are available, but trying to find turf fields that may be available – more expensive.
 - iii. Have budget that could be used for supplemental turf field fees for early season. ~\$2,500 with max of \$500 per request.
 - iv. **MOTION:** Dane – Allow the MHSLA to allocate \$2,500 to help offset costs for winter turf field reimbursements; Second: Lynette.
 - 1. **Amendment:** Lynette: \$150/game max up to \$2,500 cap. – MOTION to approve amendment: Brynn.
 - 2. Amendment and Motion – **APPROVED**
 - v. **ACTION:** Sarah – let Missoula programs know about these potential reimbursements for the April 6 weekend when Missoula fields may not be available.
- 9. Other Business
 - a. State Expenses:
 - i. MHSLA is responsible for making reservations and covering room expenses for officials at state per the MLOA contract.
 - ii. **ACTION:** Sarah will set up a block of 10 rooms for officials. Sarah will send out other state-related expenses for the board to review.
 - b. Website
 - i. There have been a lot of issues with getting the website fully functional for the season and additional help from board members could be helpful to get this done quickly.
 - ii. Sarah will help with rosters and coach packets.
 - iii. Send Blake an email if you are willing to help with the website.

Motion to adjourn call at 9:11 PM – Brynn. Second: Sarah. Approved.

Email Votes between 2/19/2019 and 3/16/2019:

- February 28, 2019 – Northwest Lacrosse waiver requests for grade schools that don't have a team to play for, to play with Glacier high school girls. Included coordination with former coach, parents, and receiving team.
 - **MOTION:** Matt – All 5 girls are granted a waiver to play up on the condition they sign a letter with above mentioned conditions [*]. All 5 players do have the option to practice with the high school team, but play 14U games with another program. If they are at any time during the season rostered for any high school level game, they will no longer be eligible to play 14Y games. Second: Brynn. **APPROVED**
 - [*] conditions include: Each parent sign a letter acknowledging two things:
 - Their children are playing out of their recommended age group and there is risk involved with doing so.

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- High school lacrosse is more about competition and less about inclusion compared to the youth level. There is no guarantee of playing time and the potential for zero playing time exists.
- March 11, 2019 – Official’s fees:
 - **MOTION**: Dane – Make a payment of \$10,000 to the MLOA (approximately 70% of the total official’s fees for the 2019 regular season). Second: Mike. **APPROVED**.