

Wed July 13

Attendees: Stearns, Stadelmaier, Frickey, Hill, Zimmer, Burr, Moore

Box Lacrosse Boards

- Joe proposed that the Board look into purchasing "box lacrosse boards"
- These boards range in cost from 30-40 thousand dollars new. Joe has been looking for used options at a much lower cost with no success. These boards are plastic and are portable. They also have nets around the ends.
- The purpose of the board would be to increase the club's ability to grow the game and hold clinics and possible leagues in the future.
- One possible site proposed was on the Geisler property. This would be outdoors. After further discussion an indoor facility would be a much better option if we could find one.
- The former Farmer Jack location was suggested as a possible indoor location. Joe talked to Alex Rapanos about it, but the ceiling is only 10 feet high and would cost a large amount to redo sprinklers, etc.
- Rapanos suggested another location that is 60x100 but wants \$4000 per month rent

Need for growth in the number of players

- With the end of the high school co-op program between Midland and Dow on the boys' side, the need to encourage more participation has increased...especially feeding into Midland High (which tends to have many fewer players and is unlikely to have enough players for a JV next spring)
- Joe plans to try to visit gym classes at Midland High and Northeast to promote lax (like he did when the club first started before he shifted his focus to the elementary schools)
- We clarified that our "starter kit" gear program is open to high school age players. Because the loaned gear will be used year-round with 989 teams and at the civic arena indoor scrimmages (and since MPS provides options for scholarships for registration fees but not gear), this is within our purview.

HTG date and location for 2023

- We'd like to pick a date ASAP so that we can try to reserve the fields at Dow High
- Previously we were thinking we could standardize on the Saturday that is the day before Mother's Day (like in 2022), but that may not be ideal since the date of Mother's Day varies from year to year
- The next 5 Mother's Days are May 14, May 12, May 11, May 10, and May 9. In general, I think that we want dates that are more in the May 5-10 range rather than May 10-15 to avoid conflicts with other tourneys (mainly because that makes it hard to get refs)...and pegging it to Mother's Day often puts us in the May 10-15 range.

- Each year we pick the weekend that involves May 7 plus or minus 3 days and choose the day (Sat or Sun) according to:
- pick Sunday if we can get the Dow fields and it isn't Mother's Day (because refs and high school player helpers are more readily available on Sunday than Saturday)
- pick Saturday if Sunday is Mother's Day or if the Dow fields are available on Saturday but not Sunday
- Traditionally we've been on Saturday, but (given that it is a 1-day tourney) the ref assigner always requests that we make it on Sunday instead because refs are easier to get. This year my answer was that we couldn't because of Mother's Day.
- So, for 2023, the preference might be 1) Sunday May 7, 2) Saturday May 6, or 3) Saturday May 13...depending mainly on which of those would be possible for the Dow fields.