

Minnesota Schoolgirls Lacrosse Annual Meeting



September 29, 2018
Bloomington, Minnesota



Today's Agenda



- *See separate agenda document for detailed agenda items.*



MSLAX Mission



- Promote development & appreciation of girls lacrosse in Minnesota
- Encourage the growth of youth level girls lacrosse in Minnesota
- Organize & administer safe and fair competition for Minnesota school girls
- Develop sportsmanship and goodwill among participating players and teams

MSLax Board -Exec Board



President: Julie Carlson

Vice President: Kelsey Long

Treasurer: Will Sutton

Secretary: Jessica Jurovich

Past President: Joni Canney

MSLax Board - Members



8U - Laura Childs

10U - Andrea Anderson

12U - Kurt Brouillet

14U - Maria Slusser

18U - Peter Robson

Player Dev - Patrick Crandall

Coaches Dev - *Vacant*

President's Report

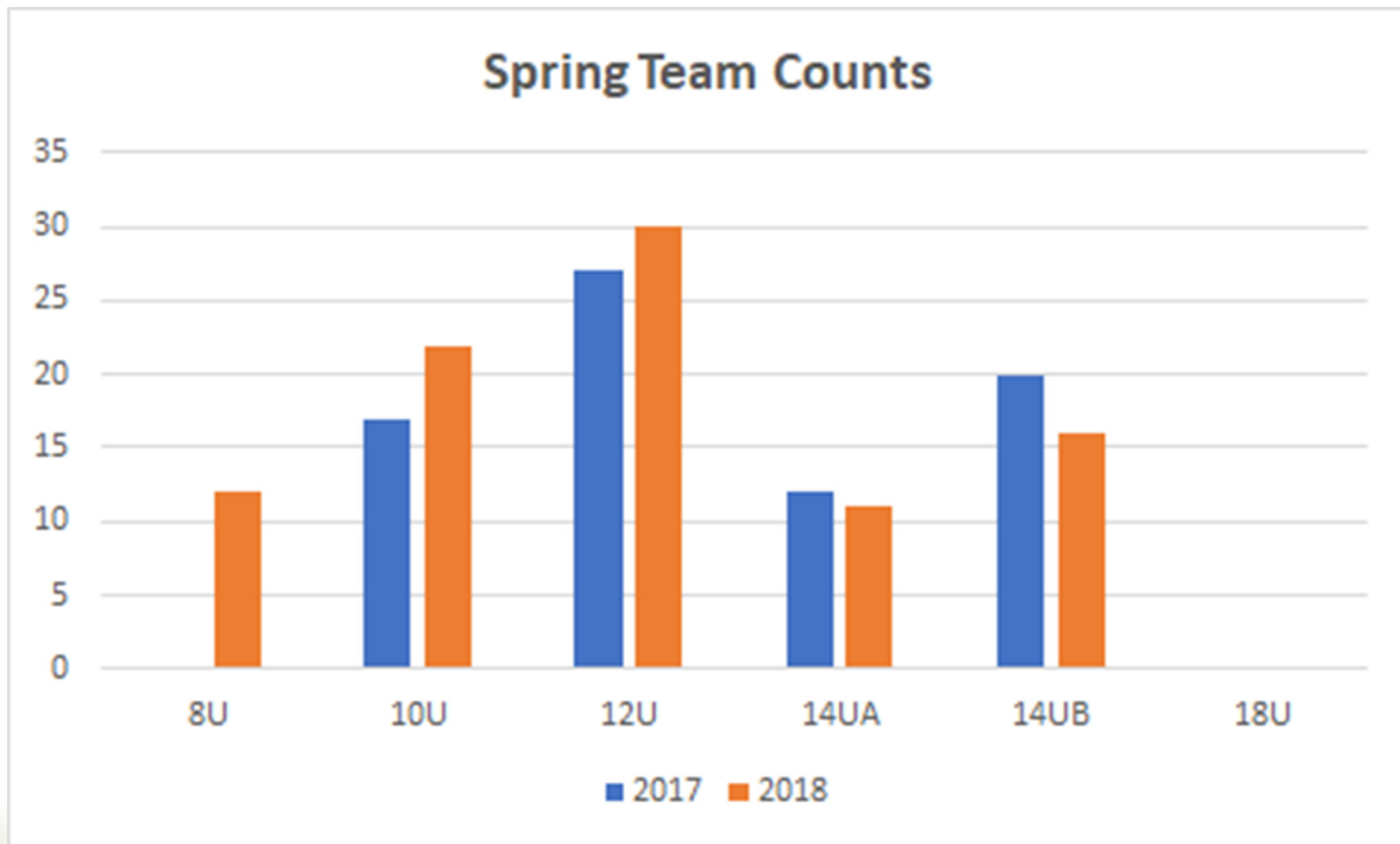
2018 Highlights

- ❧ Proposed Bylaws completed
- ❧ Online player waiver form to automate constituent needs
- ❧ Tourney Machine introduced to eliminate human errors in scheduling
- ❧ Infrastructure to load games automatically on website
- ❧ Getting player/coaches clinics set up on a regular & regional basis - more to come!
- ❧ Updated website content to make to easier for constituents to find things.



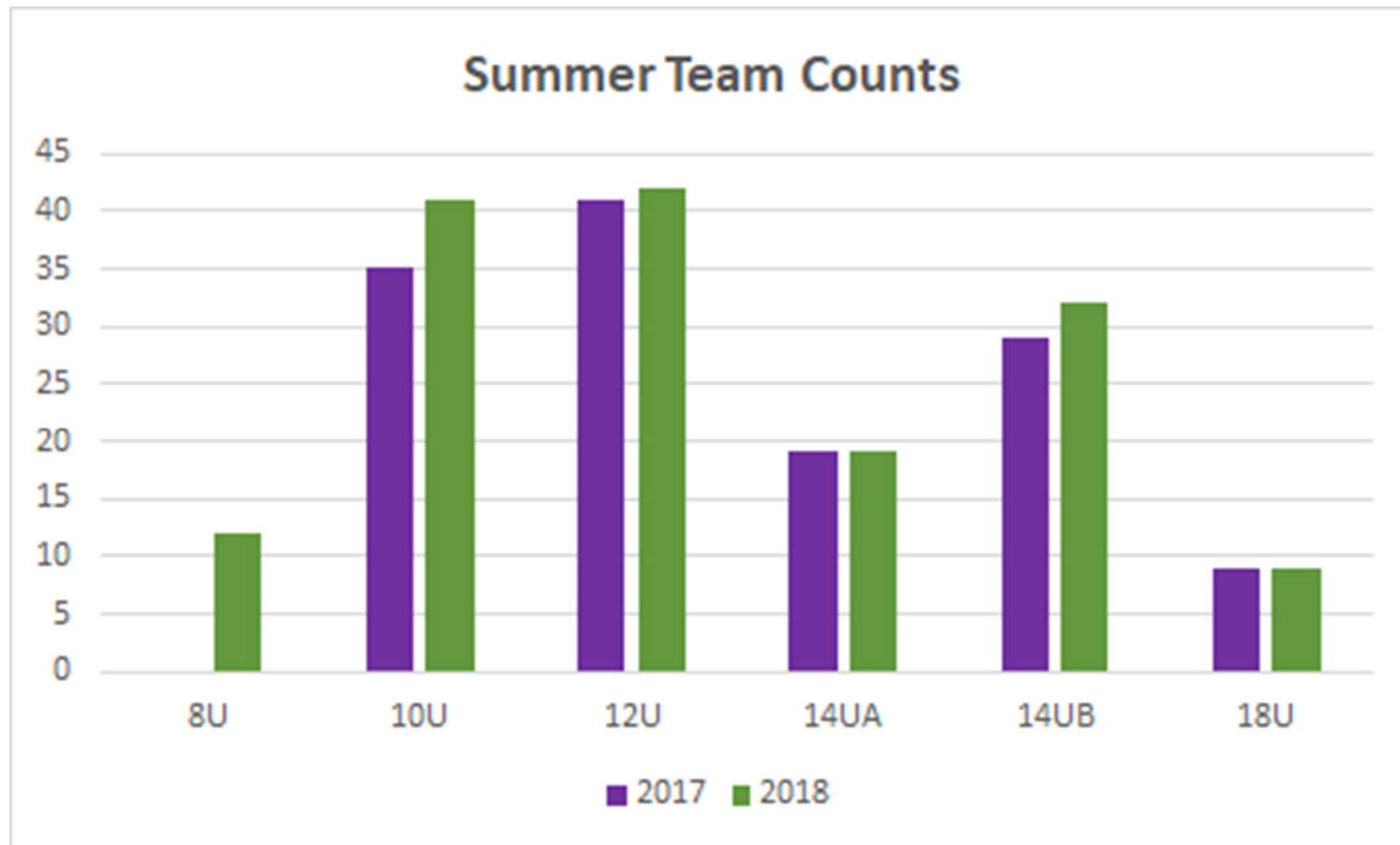
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New Regional Manager:

Bryce Woodson

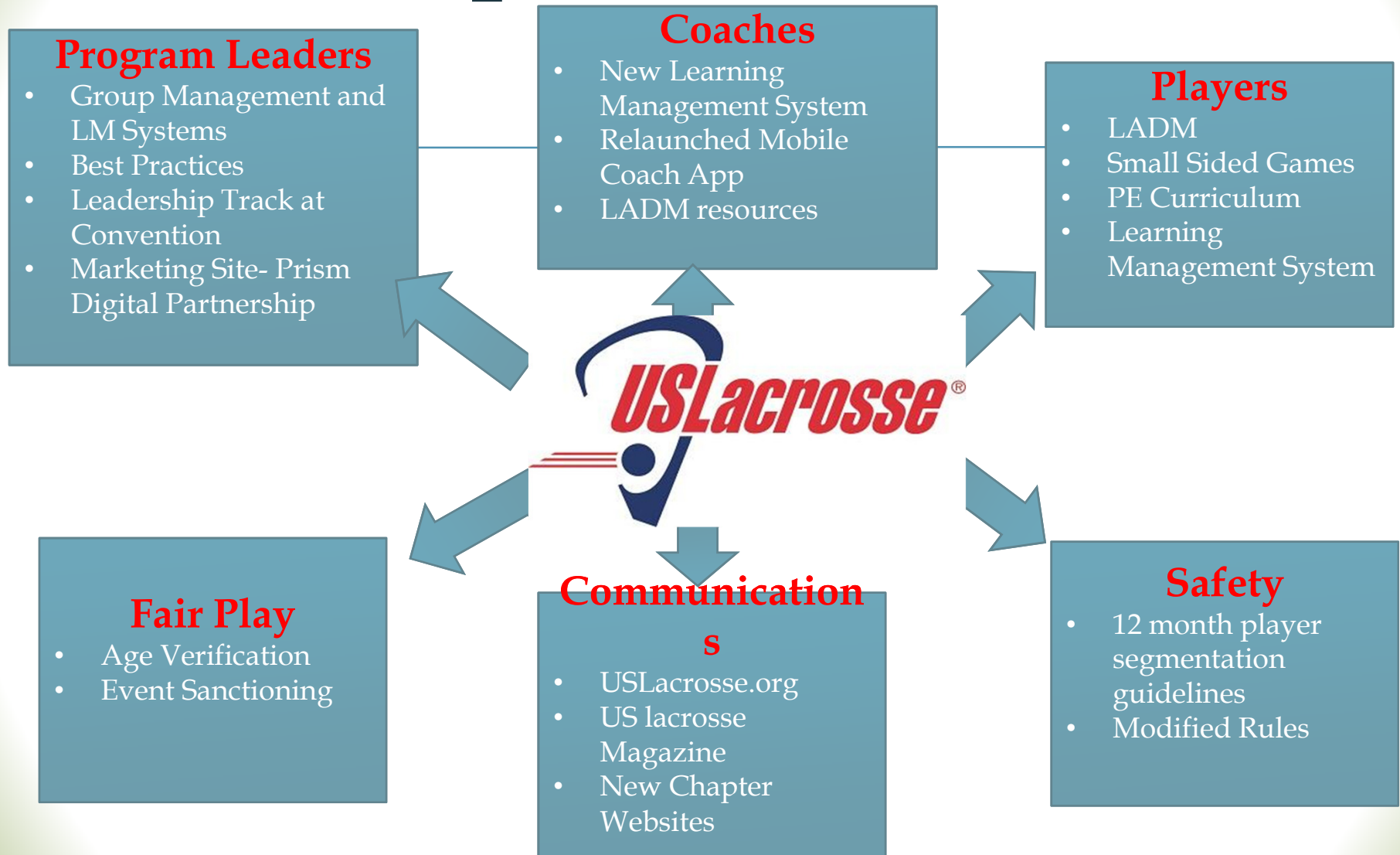
Email: bwoodson@uslacrosse.org

Phone 410-235-6882



- US Lacrosse Community Connection
 - Resource for: Chapters, Local Lacrosse Organizations, Officials Association, US Lacrosse National office

Development Resources



Umpire Report



- Tony Lancette, Chair, MLUA:
Responses to constituent input from Membership Fall Survey

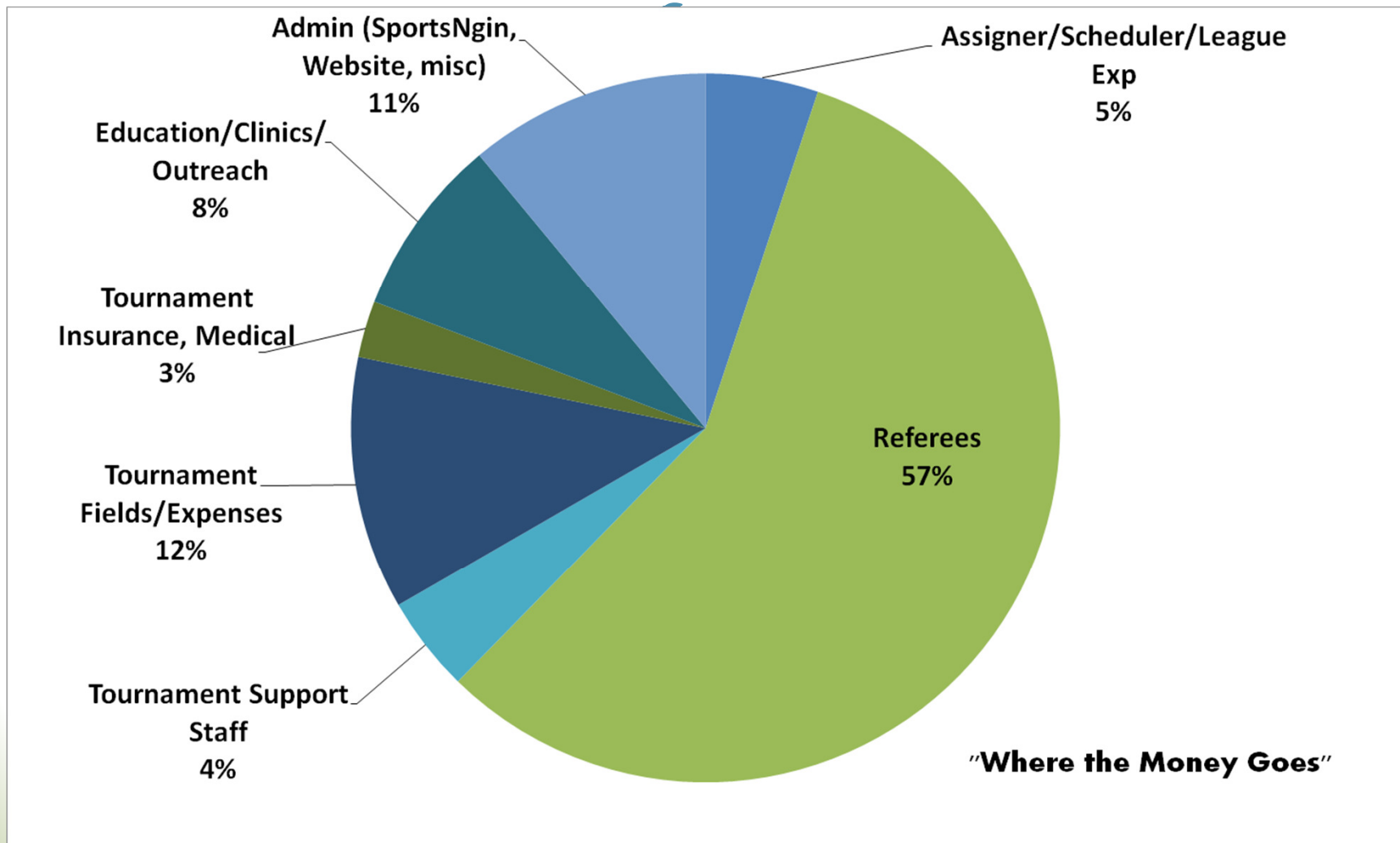


Treasurer's Report



- Current Balances:
 - Wells Fargo Business Checking \$ 88,453.61
 - Wells Fargo High Yield Savings \$ 30,109.10
 - Arbiter Pay (Referee acct.)..... \$ 9,717.29
- 2018 Annual Budget
 - Fees, League payments, Vendor income = \$160,130
 - Season, Tourney, Coaching, Admin exp. = \$159,209
 - “Where the money goes” next slide
- Applied for 501c3 status with IRS
- Converting to OnLine banking (QuickBooks)

Treasurer's Report



Age Level Directors



- ☞ 2018 Age Level Directors
 - ☞ 8U Level: Laura Childs
 - ☞ 10U Level: Andrea Anderson
 - ☞ 12U Level – Kurt Brouillet
 - ☞ 14U Level – Maria Slusser
 - ☞ 18U Level – Peter Robson



- ☞ Age Level Director Role
 - ☞ Active member of MSLAX Board
 - ☞ Act as Age-Level representative and advocate for MSLax Board & all associations
 - ☞ Monitor, recommend and communicate on a timely basis age-level rule changes based on feedback from association, US Lacrosse guidance & MSLax's mission

U8 Director Report



-2018 Recap/Participants

- Minnetonka, Stillwater, Rosemount, STMA, Bearstangs, Orono, Mahtomedi
- One season, two play days, 4v4 format, self reffed
- One play day was hosted at Blake, the other was attempted at Mahtomedi (rain out)

-Results of Survey

- 48 people responded: 67% voted for Play day format, 16.5% voted for league, 16.5% voted for other

-What 2019 will look like

- We will stay in the Play Day Format
- May 1-June 29th- allows time for field space and getting coaches. If possible it's better to avoid beginning player in gyms
- We will have 3 Play Days during this time
- If your area is interested please email Laura Childs and let her know dates and location you are will to host
- We will do U8/U10 winter and spring clinics



10U Director Report



- 2018 Spring Teams
 - +5 (17 to 22) teams from 2017:
- 2018 Summer Teams
 - +6 (35 to 41) teams from 2017:
- Topics for 2019
 - Allow goalkeepers: 56% yes, 31% keep the same rule
 - Keeping score: 13% keep score, 10% don't keep score
 - Using restraining line: 40% use RL, 56% don't use RL.



12U Director Report



- 2018 Spring Teams
 - +3 (27 to 30) teams from 2017:
- 2018 Summer Teams
 - 10 A teams
 - 29 B teams
 - +1 (41 to 42) team from 2017:
- Topics for 2019
 - A and B brackets moving forward
 - New Rules
 - Waivers



14U Director Report



- 2018 Spring Teams
 - -1 (12 to 11) teams from 2017
- 2018 Summer Teams
 - +3 (29 to 32) B teams from 2017
- Topics for 2018
 - A/B Teams
 - Waivers
 - Clarification on Checking



14U Director Report



US Lacrosse New Rules on Checking

- Change at 14U (and 13U level)
- A new checking category “transitional checking”
- Transitional checking allows 13U and 14U players to check above the shoulder
- Checks are not allowed from 7 inches to 12 inches (extended sphere around the head for safety)
- Checks across the body will be prohibited



18U Director Report



- **9 2018 Summer Teams**
 - +3 (50%) vs. 2017
 - ACYLA/Buffalo, Andover, Centennial, Chisago, Forest Lake (2) New Prague (2), White Bear,
- Winter Training (Nov - Feb)
- HS Pre-season Clinics (Feb - Mar)
- 2019 Summer League - Goal of 16 teams!
- How else can we help your teams?



Website Changes



- Created infrastructure to auto-load games each season
- Handled 124+ game changes (over 60 sent as emails)/310 game scores --Spring
- Handled 166 game changes (only 5 sent as emails/ 588 game scores -- Summer
- Created multiple web forms to make our jobs easier to collect registration information
- Enhanced Home & other pages



Website Initiatives



- **Survey membership on needs and wants for association website**
- **Work with associations to mirror schedules from MSLAX site to association sites**
- **Set-up generic NGIN accounts that have rights to input scores for season versus webmaster doing it**
- **Develop players/coaches/parents corner area of the website**
- **Set-up photo depository system**



Amending MSLax Bylaws

Objectives



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- To give our delegate members a strong voice in the voting process
 - To give our members more opportunity to have leadership positions in the MSLax organization
 - To engage and get a better cross section of our association/community members so that we have a better depth of involvement
 - Be more contemporary in the needs of our current, growing organization

Amending MSLax Bylaws

Methodology



- We consulted the US Lacrosse bylaw template and best practices (the national sports governing body)
- We consulted the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits bylaw procedures and guidelines
- We studied Robert's Rules of Order, RONR (the most widely used manual of parliamentary in the US)
- We reviewed bylaws line-by-line, with the Board of Directors of MSLax
- We hired a professional lawyer to assist us in the final version to ensure our language was appropriate and our intention/objectives were properly conveyed

Member Voting for Executive Board

- Vice President Applications
 - Ryan Sandell
 - Maria Slusser
- Treasurer Applications
 - Will Sutton

Every association is allowed one vote

Member Voting for Board of Directors

If new Bylaws voted in:

- Director of Member Services
- Director of Rules, Policy, & League Operations
- Director of Communication/Marketing/Media
- Director of Lacrosse Development
- Director of Events

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Board Voted Positions



- Interested parties need to apply via our website. Candidates are evaluated by the Executive Board & Committee
- Open positions:
 - 10U Level Director
 - 14U Level Director
 - Player Development Director
- Candidates need to apply online by October 31 and may be invited to attend the next MSLax meeting for an interview with the Executive Board



Open Discussion



Please reference topics on Agenda!

2019 Initiatives



Constituent-based:

- USL/PCA/MSLax coach & player clinics
- Updated team eligibility & play rules posted on website
- Create & instigate plans to help grow new & growing MN girl's youth lax communities

Administrative:

- MSLax Policy & Procedure updates
- Online team rosters to US Lacrosse membership database
- 501C3/Non-profit certification completion
- Online bookkeeping (QuickBooks)
- Re-organize MSLax team contacts into population-specific segments

2019 Important Dates



- **Spring Season**
 - - Registration Due
 - - Scheduling Meeting
 - - Rosters Due
 - - Season Begins
 - - Spring Tournament, June 1-2
- **Summer Season**
 - - Registration Due
 - - Scheduling Meeting
 - - Rosters Due
 - - Season Begins
 - - Summer Tournament, Aug 2-4



Help Us Help You



- Get involved!
- Many volunteer opportunities on the board
- Great way to get your voice heard



Thank You!



We greatly appreciate your efforts to grow girls lacrosse in the state of Minnesota and spread the joy of the game with your players!

