

MSLax Meeting Minutes

May 7th, 2023

MSLAX MISSION STATEMENT

As the governing body for girls community lacrosse in Minnesota and surrounding areas, MSLax provides leadership and resources to sustain and grow the sport while emphasizing inclusion, fair play, and fun.

Roll Call: Ryan Sandell, Peter Robson, Jessica Jurovich, Emily Muelken, Chelsea Cross, Steve Sazama

Reports:

President – (Ryan)

Vice President – (Peter)

Treasurer/Bookkeeper – (Tony/Erich)

- Treasurer Report - Tony will connect with Ryan this week to provide a treasurer report as he is absent tonight.
- Paying the MLUA for refs on a monthly basis instead of lump sums paid into Arbiter

Secretary – (Jess)

- Approve April meeting minutes
 - Motion to approve made by Emily Muelken, seconded by Peter Robson, approved by all.

Director of Member Services – (Vacant)

Director of Events – (Vacant)

Director of Rules, Policy & League Operations – (Nate/Eugenio)

Director of Communications, Marketing & Media – (Vacant)

Director of Lacrosse Development – (Emily/Ashley)

- Rules clarification document completed and ready to post
- Preparing pre-season meeting powerpoint on May 21st

Webmaster – (Steve)

- Regular Season
 - Where should game comments (refs, coaching, team play, positive/negative) be sent?
 - Ref comments should be sent to Emily
 - Other feedback already sent to Ryan through forms
 - Consider placing comments in Google Drive
 - Forfeits = What is the final decision on how to handle alleged forfeits?
 - Loss goes to the forfeiting team with score 0-1
 - Only 1 team submits - do we need to confirm?
 - No need to confirm
 - When do game scores need to be in by in order to seed the tournament
 - All scores in by May 26th in order to be counted
- Communication
 - Stress to use the forms for all changes and scores!
 - Any scrimmages outside of MSLax matchups are not to be reported to MSLax to prevent confusion with MSLax and the refs.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Spring Tournament Update
 - Status
 - Insurance slightly more expensive this year
 - Porta potties arranged

- Golf carts rented
 - Arranged for more concessions this season
 - Renee Muelken will be available for photography
 - Tony will work on mapping/marketing the fields
 - Utilizing Tourney Machine for schedules, scores, etc.
 - Steve will enter game scores at the event
 - Peter working on staffing for the event
 - Pay \$15/hour which can be paid to the group as a fundraiser
 - Vendors: Stick wrap, tournament shirts from Melissa
 - Info Needed for Steve
 - Final list of teams has been confirmed and will be sent to Steve
 - Final list and names of fields being used (10/12/14U)
 - How many games are being guaranteed for each team playing?
 - 3 games per team/level
 - How large should the groups be?
 - Dependent on the number of teams per level
 - Split into Gold, Silver, Bronze, etc.
 - Will have an 8U play day round robin at the event
 - Round robin or just based on seeding?
 - Based on seeding per group
- Summer tournament Update
 - Working with Nate and [somebody else] at Maple Grove on insurance, field lining, etc
 - MG has a Tournament Coordinator, Nate is the finance person
- Spring season highlights/lowlights
 - Good: # of teams
 - 30% increase from last year
 - Good feedback
 - Bad: # of games rescheduled, lack of scores, etc.
 - Will communicate at summer preseason meeting to address these issues
 - Ejected coach
 - Challenges with ref numbers (busy with HS games)
 - Make sure that Associations have access to Arbiter – they need to reach out to Mike Lawrow if they don't know how
- Summer season registration status
 - Closes May 19th
 - Ryan will provide registration status update this week
- 8U season update
 - Some associations are already playing 8u games
 - Ryan and Chelsea working on 8u info
 - Challenges: limited weekends available
 - Associations willing to host play dates
 - Need to determine when
 - Hoping for 3-5 play dates
- Communications needed
 - Need somebody!!
 - Peter is volunteering his employee, Maggie, to help train Ryan on how to make newsletters on Constant Contact

Motion to Adjourn: Emily. 2nd: Peter.

Announcements: None

Next Meeting: June 11th at 6:30pm on Zoom