



Centennial Youth Lacrosse Association
Board Meeting January 28, 2009
Minutes

Chris Hable called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Review of Minutes from January 28, 2009

Chris Hable reviewed the nominations for the 9 positions on the Board of Directors. Ballots for the offices were distributed for voting. Results of the vote were:

President:	Chris Hable
Vice-President:	Greg Manning
Treasurer:	Teresa Meierhofer
Secretary:	Paul Jensen
Membership Director:	Shelly Rankin
Boys Program Director:	Matt Ulfig
Girls Program Director:	Janet McGough
Facilities Director:	Bill Schwartz
Equipment Director:	Mike Hudzinski

Old Business

2. Website Development

- Chris Hable reported that we currently need adobe software to convert documents into a pdf format in order to post on the web. This will fall under the responsibility of the Secretary.
- Chris Hable was going to discuss with Peter Carlson consent-to-treat forms on line. It is not clear how the electronic signatures would work with our website. On-line registration will be addressed in new business.
- Mike Hudzinski reported that the web-site bill was paid.

3. Registration/Spring League

- Two registration dates have been set up at Lino Lakes City Hall: Monday February 9th and Wednesday February 18th.
- Mike Hudzinski reported that announcements of indoor registration have been submitted to the Quad Press.
- Members present discussed the possibility of announcing the registration dates through the school newsletters. Shelly Rankin has been in contact with some school officials who indicated that this would not be a problem.
- Mike Hudzinski reported because we had worked with Jack Audet from Mounds View in the past for spring league, we would not need to notify the National Sports Center that we would not be participating in a spring league. Apparently, the NSC has handed off the spring league to the Swarm this year.

4. Equipment

- Chris Hable has spoken to Brian Hronski from Lino Lakes Park and Rec regarding the lacrosse equipment that the city currently has. Brian indicated that the city would be willing to sell it to the association, but needed to determine pricing.

5. Sponsorship

- Several businesses were suggested as potential sponsors at the previous coaches' meeting in January. However, the coaches agreed to defer to the Board with the making final decisions on sponsorship.

New Business

6. Bylaws of the Association

Teresa Meierhofer reported that she has been reviewing bylaws of other associations. Committee members discussed the idea of having 3 board positions come up for election every year, although members agreed that continuity of service with the Board is important for the first few years. Chris Hable asked Teresa Meierhofer and Paul Jensen to bring draft bylaws to the February meeting. Committee members also discussed the number of meetings per year for the Board, and the dates for these meetings.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Bill Schwartz made a motion that the Centennial Youth Lacrosse Association meet the last Thursday of the month in the months of January, February, March, April, May, August and October with elections for Board positions held at the October meeting. Seconded by Mike Hudzinski. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Teresa Meierhofer and Paul Jensen will bring draft bylaws to the February meeting.

7. Nonprofit status of the CYLA

Teresa Meierhofer reported that she has been calling other associations for information on how to establish a nonprofit organization. The CYLA would need to file paperwork annually to the IRS for this.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Teresa Meierhofer and Paul Jensen will bring a report to the February meeting.

8. Budget Development

There was a concern that the cost of indoor turf would exceed the funds from spring league registration. Committee members discussed the current fees for indoor registration and anticipated number of players at each level. In addition to the cost for turf, each player would receive a jersey as well. Initially, a \$50 registration fee was proposed. However after discussion, it appears that this would not cover the expenses for the program.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Chris Hable made a motion to increase indoor registration to \$60 per player. Seconded by Bill Schwartz. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. Outdoor Girls Registration

Mike Hudzinski reported that the \$50 registration fee should cover the costs for the middle school girls program in the spring, assuming there is one team with 18 players. The fees cover the expenses for referees and a league fee from MSSSLX.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

None

10. MBSLA Spring League Registration

Mike Hudzinski reported that in the past, there have been about 25 boys on the middle school roster. Current fees are \$50, which covers the expenses for referees and the MBSLA league fee. In the past, kids playing in the indoor season were encouraged to sign up for the team. However, if there are more kids interested in playing, try-outs may need to be established. Committee members agreed that it would be good to put a tryout process in place in case more than 25 boys wanted to play. Those kids who did not make the team would have their registration fees refunded.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Chris Hable made a motion to establish a try out phase for the boys MBSLA spring league. Mike Hudzinski seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. Financial Assistance

The issue of financial assistance was discussed by the Board. Other associations had determined families to be eligible for reduced fees if the families had requested aid for school lunches. However, Board members were not certain of the extent of this need.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Teresa Meierhofer made a motion that a financial assistance program would not be offered in the coming year, but that the Association would ask all members at registration if they would like to list any used equipment for sale. This list would then be posted on the website. Seconded by Chris Hable. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

12. Registration

Shelly Rankin reported that registration is set for Monday, February 9th and Wednesday, February 18th from 7 to 8 pm. Announcements will be posted at the Centennial Sports Arena and Super Rink 8. A draft registration form was distributed for comments. Several suggestions were made and will be added to the form, including the clarification of tryouts for the boys MBSLA spring league. It was also clarified that the boys MBSLA and girls MSLX league registration would also occur in February. Registration for boys and girls outdoor summer league would be in March.

Chris Hable commented that the website could allow for on-line registration. Shelly Rankin noted that if the CYLA wanted to promote lacrosse in the area by having logo Tshirts available, it may be better to only offer a walk-in registration. Mike Hudzinski informed the Board that it would be possible to order Tshirts from the apparel company that also provides the jerseys. Because of the set up for printing, it would be best to offer logo Tshirts during limited times during the year. Links could be set up to the website to allow people to order these on line.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Bill Schwartz made a motion to have a limited number of logo Tshirts available for sale during registration. Seconded by Shelly Rankin. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Teresa Meierhofer also noted that the CYLA needs to register with Youth Lacrosse of Minnesota before March 1st. The cost is \$100 plus \$25 per team registered in the prior season.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Teresa Meierhofer made a motion that the CYLA pay YLM \$200 for association registration for the 2009 season. Seconded by Chris Hable. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

13. Storage Shed

Greg Manning reported that RJM Construction has donated a lock box for storage of lacrosse equipment. Committee members discussed the possibility of constructing a high-quality storage shed near the lacrosse field. Matt Ulfig noted that the softball association attempted to construct a shed on school property, but the approval process was difficult and they ended up using a storage box instead.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Greg Manning will continue to pursue this possibility.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.