



Centennial Youth Lacrosse Association
Board Meeting August 27, 2009
Minutes

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

Members Present:

Chris Hable, Greg Manning, Janet McGough, Paul Jensen, Shelly Rankin, Matt Ulfig

1. Treasurer's Report

Chris Hable forwarded comments from Teresa Meierhofer reporting that the budget is on track for the year.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

None.

2. Membership Comments

John Kuzma discussed fall lacrosse opportunities for players and has registered some players for the Blue Moon Lacrosse league. Other fall options such as the Home Grown fall league and the Hot Dish Classic were also discussed.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Paul Jensen will send out a mass email to the Association members informing them of these fall opportunities.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Board Elections

The following positions will be up for election at the October meeting: Boys Director, Treasurer and Equipment Director. Nomination forms and the position descriptions will be made available on the website.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Chris will send to the coaches an email for the coaches to send to the parents to recruit for board members.

4. Playing Fields for 2010

No news. CMS field 5 will be unavailable next year. The practice field will be available.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Bill Schwartz will need to speak with the Park and Rec departments from Lino Lakes, Centerville and Circle Pines about field options.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Season Recap

Janet McGough forwarded comments from parents about the unequal skill level between the 5th/6th grade teams. Paul Jensen commented the team selection process used this year at the

5th/6th grade level was flawed, and that if the Association intends to create equal teams at the same grade level, coaches, after having a chance to evaluate the players, should draft their teams one player at a time.

Board members discussed growing the girls program for 2010. It was recommended that Gary Nelson be invited to speak at the October Board meeting. The middle school PE lacrosse program also has helped to increase awareness among middle school girls.

Chris Hable asked all Board members to bring ideas how to recruit players—both girls and boys for 2010. Matt Ulfig commented that having a float in the Blue Heron Days would be easy advertising.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Janet will call Mike Kohler to buy some indoor time next spring for the girls.

Janet McGough will follow up with the idea of having an entry in the high school homecoming parade this fall.

All Board members need to bring recruiting ideas to the October meeting.

6. Team Pictures

Many parents asked about team pictures. This had been discussed at prior board meetings, but not followed up on.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Shelly Rankin will contact several vendors for further information.

7. Apparel

There has been continued interest in CYLA lacrosse apparel. The downside to the current process is the turnaround time between ordering the clothing and the delivery. Board members discussed other potential apparel options.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Greg Manning, Chris Hable and Mike Hudzinski will investigate options for making CYLA lacrosse apparel more accessible.

8. Equipment storage, goalie gear, long poles, balls

CYHA equipment is in a storage facility in Lino Lakes. Chris Hable commented that the long poles and goalie gear need to be replaced. Board members discussed what equipment the Association should buy, how much the budget would allow and how the equipment would be assigned to the teams.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Janet McGough will check with the CYHA for access to charitable gambling funds for some of this equipment. John Kuzma will work with the American Legion to see if they would be interested in purchasing some equipment for the Association.

9. Coach Selection for 2010

Paul Jensen commented that there might be coaching vacancies for the 2010 season as players move into different divisions. Board members discussed the issue of having high school players help with coaching. Chris Hable noted that each team must have at least one

adult as coach. High school kids have been good role models, but haven't always been able to attend practices/games, and it seems to be a bigger issue with the older high school kids. Matt Ulfig commented that other associations pay their coaches. If the CYLA were to pay coaches, would there be greater interest from parents or former players to coach? Board members generally agreed that having high school kids work with the players has been helpful. Ninth graders would be assigned to 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade teams. Tenth graders would be assigned to the 7th/8th grade teams.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Greg Manning will talk to Mike Hudzinski about signing up younger high school kids to help with the teams.

10. Fighting Policy

Several incidents occurred this season that were forwarded to the YLM for review. Board members discussed the CYLA Code of Conduct and agreed that all players will need to sign a players' Code of Conduct before registration.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

The Code of Conduct will be included in the registration packet in 2010.

11. Tournament

Greg Manning provided the Board with information from the Prior Lake tournament this past July. Board members discussed the possibility of hosting a spring lacrosse tournament in May. It may be easier to start with a single age division and have the tournament at a single site. The decision of whether we can host a tournament may depend on field availability.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Bill Schwartz will need to speak with the Park and Rec departments from Lino Lakes, Centerville and Circle Pines about field options.

12. Fundraising

Chris Hable reported that the association hasn't heard from Sport Clips, but we will get reimbursed quarterly. Chris Hable also noted that Cadillac Café was willing to host a Centennial lacrosse night, and 20% of the tab would be donated to the CYLA. Board members agreed that this is a low risk for the CYLA.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Chris Hable will follow up for a date in the next month or two.

13. Bylaws revision: Conflict of Interest Policy

Paul Jensen provided copies of the Bylaws with the addition of the conflict of interest language suggested by Teresa Meierhofer. Board members will need to sign a conflict of interest statement at the October meeting.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Chris Hable made a motion to accept the revised Bylaws as submitted. Shelly Rankin seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

LEVEL REPORTS

14. Facilities Director Reports

No report.

15. Boys Director Reports

No report.

16. Girls Director Reports

No report.

17. Equipment Director

No report.

18. Registration Director

No report

19. Adjournment

Chris Hable made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Greg Manning. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.