



Centennial Youth Lacrosse Association
Board Meeting December 14, 2009
Minutes

Chris Hable called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Members Present:

Chris Hable, Brandon Almich, Greg Manning, Mike Hudzinski, Paul Jensen, Janet McGough, Gary Nelson, Shelly Rankin, Bill Schwartz, Matt Ulfig

1. Approval of Minutes from October 29, 2009

Board members reviewed the minutes from the October meeting.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Chris H. made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 29th meeting. Seconded by Greg M. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

2. Treasurer's Report

Brandon A. updated Board members with the current financial status of the CYLA. There has not been much activity since the last Board meeting.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Chris H. made a motion to approve of the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Shelly R. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

3. Membership Comments

None.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Spring Tournament

No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Centennial Arena/ Shoreview

Bill S. reported that the Centennial Sports Arena is unable to provide enough time for the CYLA. As a result, he has submitted a request for 40 hours of turf at Shoreview. If Shoreview doesn't have 40 hours, we will fill the remaining hours from CSA.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

None.

6. CMS Fields

Chris H. updated the Board with the current status of the CMS fields. Last year, the city of Lino Lakes controlled all fields in the city and sited us on the CMS fields. For 2010, the school district has taken control of school fields and will be charging the CYLA for field rental and maintenance. The CYLA has been trying to work with the city to find field alternatives, but the city has assigned all fields based on last year's assignments, which puts the CYLA at a fiscal disadvantage. If the CYLA were to rent CMS #5 for 2010, it would be

a significant expense for the CYLA and membership will need to know of these changes. Bill S. has also put in requests for fields for Circle Pines and Centerville. Mike H. has reserved the HS field for the MBSLA play date in the spring.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Chris will continue to work with Community Services and the city for field access for 2010.

7. 2010 Budget

Chris H. presented a proposed budget for 2010. Shelly R. also provided estimated registration and advertising expenses. Board members discussed anticipated expenses for 2010. Board members agreed that because the field costs are still unknown, any registration information needs to emphasize that costs may be subject to change. Brandon A. will prepare a per-team budget expense to help determine registration fees.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

None.

8. Registration

Registration dates will be Jan 25th and Feb 8th from 7-8 pm at City Hall. The January Board meeting will occur immediately after the Jan 25th registration. Shelly R. suggested that to register, players must have a US Lacrosse registration number valid through the 2010 YLM season. Code of Conduct forms will be included in the registration materials. Shelly R. also provided a proposal requiring 4 volunteer hours per family and a deposit of \$50 per hour.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Chris H. made a motion to approve the volunteer information. Seconded by M. Ulfig.

Bill S. made a motion that CYLA Board members will be exempt from volunteer hours during their term. Seconded by Brandon A. Board members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

9. Email Addresses

Paul J. presented information for the Board members regarding setting up CYLA email addresses for Board members. The address can either be a separate account, or an account that can be forwarded to another email address.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Paul will distribute additional information to Board members to set up emails through the CYLA.

10. Financial Assistance

Chris H. provided background information to the Board regarding the availability of reduced registration fees/access to equipment for families in financial need. Previously, the Board had discussed this and wanted to assess the registration process before putting a policy into place. Board members agreed that a program be put into place to allow for reduced/waived registration for players in financial need. Access to equipment could also be provided, depending on the need. Families will need to request financial assistance from a Board member. The Board will then determine the amount of assistance on a case-by-case basis.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Chris H. made a motion that the CYLA will provide reduced/waived registration for players who are receiving reduced or free school lunches. Access to equipment may also be provided depending upon the need of the player. The Board will review these requests and determine the amount of assistance on an individual basis. Seconded by Greg M. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

LEVEL REPORTS

11. Boys Director Reports

Board members discussed the possibility of hiring coaches. This may attract some ex-players who might be interested in coaching. Other associations pay coaches \$500-\$1000, depending on if expenses such as mileage, etc were reimbursed. Chris H. commented that a paid coach would really be an asset if CYLA is to field an A team. It was also suggested that if there were no parents who were volunteering to coach, the expenses for paid coaches would be assessed to the team. This issue will be further addressed at the next Board meeting.

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

None.

12. Girls Director Reports

Janet suggested that we include 4th-6th grade girls for YLM for registration to assess the level of interest in a young girls program. Janet commented that the problem last year was finding a coach for the girls program. Board members were supportive of this idea

Conclusion / Action / Plan for Follow-up:

Janet M. made a motion to include 4th-6th grade girls in the registration process. Seconded by P. Jensen. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

13. Equipment Director

No report.

14. Facilities Director

No report.

15. Registration Director

Shelly R. brought up some ideas to increase visibility of lacrosse in the elementary schools. Board members agreed that having a booth at the carnivals would be a good idea. Mike H also suggested having an early open house on the indoor turf. The first 20 minutes the HS kids would run a scrimmage followed by a chance for the 3rd – 5th grade kids to come on the field and try out the equipment while working with the HS players.

16. Adjournment

Chris Hable made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Greg Manning. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.