

CYLA Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 31st, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Tom Zdon at 6:30pm., motion was seconded by Greg Manning.

Board Members present: Chris Hable, Pete Underwood, Greg Manning, Tom Zdon, Shelly Rankin, Matt Ulfig, Mike Hudzinski, Christine Hatch

Board Members absent: Paul Jensen

Membership Present: none

Approval of Minutes: Board members reviewed the minutes from February 24, 2011. Matt Ulfig made a motion to approve minutes. Chris Hable seconded. The board voted to unanimously to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Hable distributed the Treasurer's report. A copy was filed with the meeting minutes. Swarm monies have not been received yet.

New Business: Swarm event updates. Chuck A Ball was a great success. Our members did a great job helping to participate in selling Chuck A Balls. Total monies have not been determined yet. We are waiting to hear from the Swarm. The board discussed ideas for improvement next year if we decide to pursue it again.

Membership Director: Shelly Rankin updated us on age level registration numbers. Specifically we discussed team formations for the 28 players at the 5/6th boys' level. We still have openings for the 3/4th grade level, boys 5/6th level and girls 4/5/6th level. These will be posted on the website. A discussion was had on feedback from parents regarding the spring clinics and ways to improve them. Parents were also expressing concern regarding the cost of fees. The board discussed having separate registration for spring and summer leagues again next year.

Boys Director: Pete Underwood listed the coaches for the boys teams and what our needs are. The board discussed the official policy on how

teams are to be split. Changes were suggested and the policy will be updated. Updated policy will be posted on the website. Board members will be present the day of the team drafts to help answer questions and oversee the process.

President Report: Tom brought the idea for Centennial Lacrosse to host a tournament this year. We discussed possible dates and all of the things that are required in order to host a tournament. Matt Ulfig would help to run the tournament. The board asked Matt to check on dates and location availabilities for hosting the tournament. We would discuss the possibility of putting this together yet this year at next board meeting. We would have to put together a committee to specifically help run a tournament.

Vice President Report: Greg Manning discussed the Swarm event. We discussed how volunteer hours would be distributed and turned in the list to Shelly.

Facilities Director: Matt Ulfig has secured our fields for practices and will help distribute with the boys and girls directors between the teams. He went over some options for locations for a tournament. He will check for availabilities for dates in June and July.

Secretary Report: Chris Hatch asked the board to provide shirts for the coaches. The board approved to include 2 shirts per team. We will get an order together and try to have them available for the summer team leagues. We discussed options for apparel and Mike Hudzinski will order them. Chris Hatch will help to put together this order.

Equipment Director: Mike Hudzinski updated us on the order for the jerseys for the teams. It was also discussed about what we have for tryout jerseys and if there is any equipment that needs to be ordered. A request was made for CYLA to make a donation to the High Schools boys and girls association. The amount will be determined and discussed at the next meeting.

Girls Director: Paul Jenson. Written report was submitted and filed with meeting minutes.

Tom Zdon adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm. Seconded by Chris Hable. All approved.

Girls Director Report
March 31, 2011

Registration

Total numbers:

Grade	Cent	MV	Total
4 th	4	0	4
5 th	4	1	5
6 th	4	0	4
7 th	9	0	9
8 th	5	7	12

We registered one 7/8 grade team for spring and summer with 21 players on the roster. Seven of these girls are from MV who registered during open registration. I did deny registration to 2 MV girls after registration had closed. I also received interest from 3 other Centennial girls after registration had closed and was not able to add them to the roster. Perhaps next year we may be able to field a team independent from Mounds View.

At the 7/8 level, 8 games have been scheduled for spring with home games on Mondays and Fridays. I am NOT actively pursuing a playdate, but will get feedback from parents.

Coaches will consist of HS players. My role will be to communicate with parents and also provide feedback to the HS players re: the practices. My principal concern with the HS players is that they will not manage their practice time very well, or may be more interested in hanging out with the girls vs. coaching them.

I worked with Anissa Miller from WBL to encourage our 5th/6th grade girls to register with their spring and summer program. Only 1 girl, that I know of did so (from Mounds View). One Centennial girl registered with Blaine, which has a summer only team.

Note that the rules for team composition differ between spring and summer MSSLAX leagues. 4th graders are allowed to play up with 5/6 during the summer, but not spring. We may want to pursue a separate spring and summer registration for next year because of this.

Because so few people registered with WBL or Blaine, there is an outside possibility that Centennial may be able to form a 4/5/6 summer team, but I'm thinking that the parents may have given up on lacrosse this year.

We will need to refund these 4th/5th/6th grade families their registration.

Also, MSSLAX has surveyed associations for interest in a 3/4 league that would play with 7 players on a reduced field. I responded noting interest in this option. This could be an option for us if other associations also expressed interest, but numbers are down across the board with MSSLAX this year.

April 25, 2011

Dear Centennial Youth Lacrosse Association Board members,

We, the boys and girls Centennial High School Lacrosse teams, are writing to request a financial donation of \$1,800 to be used towards the purchase of new goals, nets, and backstops for use in the stadium. These are needed as the school is going to have us play in the stadium for all home games. The boy's and girl's teams would welcome the opportunity to donate their time, knowledge and passion for lacrosse to support the youth organization in whatever ways the board deems commensurate for the donation.

The Centennial High School Boy's Lacrosse teams would also like to request a donation of \$600 for the Lacrosse clinic that was held for the Centennial Youth Lacrosse Association in March of this year. These funds will also go towards the purchase of the stadium goals, nets, and backstops.

High school Lacrosse continues to be funded entirely by the players and parents and is growing in popularity each year. Unfortunately, there are no signs in the near future indicating changes to that status of how the programs get funded. Gracious donations such as yours help keep the financial burden to a minimum for incoming players and will benefit many players varsity down to youth.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request for funds to purchase equipment. If you choose to make a donation, feel free to contact Mike Hudzinski at 763 443 9933, or Teresa Meierhofer at 612-239-7847.

Sincerely,

Boy's and Girl's Lacrosse