

ACYLA Board Meeting

April 2, 2013

New Hope Ice Arena

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. and introductions followed.

Present: Laurie Ripplinger (Co-President/Equipment Mgr), Kelly Thompson (Equipment Mgr); Carol Zehrer (Secretary); Kent Zehrer (Treasurer); Andrea Anderson (Girls Lax); Karen Lysne (Fields); Betty Tapias-Heinrich (Tournaments); Kim McDonough; Mark Lucas (Webmaster); Jill Ojala (Parent).

Minutes:

The Board approved the March 5, 2013 minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Kent Zehrer:

Communication's Update:

- Mark Palony is using Arbiter to upload the schedules. The U15 schedule is up and U13 is coming soon. Once set up, any changes should feed automatically into our League Athletics software. Both U15 Red & Blue are on the schedule. Team managers will be able to input jersey numbers, which have been assigned.

Action: Michael – forward the list of jersey numbers to Kelly & Laurie.

Webmasters Update – Mark Lucas:

- Mark has created a Board tab on the website that includes ACYLA Board meeting dates; everybody's contact info is listed – Mark pulled them off other lists.

Action: All – let Mark know if you want your phone number included or if you prefer an alternate e-mail.

Old Business:

- Boys Spring Season:

- *Registration*

See chart for current registration numbers. We have a Red and a Blue U15 team, we have a very large U13 team, and a single U11 team. The group felt that next year we need to set a procedure for cutoff and waitlist to avoid having this problem next year.

- *U15 boys team assignments*

This year we will let the four U15/U13 coaches assess the players at the Rochester tourney and make decisions regarding whether to move a handful of U13 players to U15.

- *Coaches and registration:*

All coaches who have registered have passed the background check and given a green status. There may be a few additional coaches added in the next few weeks that still need to be processed, since the two U15 coaches would each like an assistant coach.

Action: Kelly to get the coaches the equipment and team manager bags.

- *Game scheduling & hosting fields:*

We're having difficulty with the Plymouth Creek field for the 5/18 hosting date. Karen is working closely with PCC and Pam at Robbinsdale. The season includes 10 games in 6 weeks, which includes the Grand Rapids tourney.

- *Practice schedule & fields:*

We have all our fields but need to figure out times. Robbinsdale and Crystal may not release fields until later – depends on the condition of the fields.

Action: Michael talk to Pam about getting the portable nets.

Action: Kelly – get the nets from the Clarks to Lions Valley Place Park mainly for U15.

- Girls Spring Season:

- *Spring Scheduling*

Program	Spring # Registered As of 4/1/13	Summer # Registered As of 4/1/13
Boys U15	31	30
Boys U13	27	31
Boys U11	16	22
Boys U9	0	0
Girls 7/8	5	15
Girls 5/6	20	18
Girls 3/4	4	3

Julie Carlson of MSS Lax is working directly with Andrea on the Spring schedule. Karen is working on fields for girls; mainly Sonnesyn Hidden Valley for practice on Mondays & Wednesdays and Plymouth Creek on Tuesdays.

Action: Andrea and Karen meet and finalize the schedule.

Action: Laurie follow up with Michael regarding the 3 mini games/tournament.

o *League fees and registration*

Michael had Kent pay the fees and he registered for the spring season.

o *Spring 7/8 and 3/4 registrants:*

The group discussed what options we have for the five Gr7/8 girls who are registered. Last year we sent them to Hopkins (Leanne) and some other girls chose to play with Minneapolis (Hal Goldstein)

Action: Julie send Leanne & Hal contact info to Andrea.

Action: Laurie send current registration contact info to Andrea.

Action: Andrea contact Kendra to V. to see if the high school will accept our 5 girls.

Girls in grades 3-4 can play up to the 5/6 level.

Action: Andrea send out email to all families to notify 3-4 girls can play up as well as information on practice, games, coaches' intros, etc.

• **2013 Operating budget – revision(s):**

- o We have had 35 new registrants since last month, which increased the fund balance by \$11K. We are no longer struggling with meeting the associated expenses.

• **Apparel and uniforms**

- o All the spring uniforms should be in on Thursday, 4/4. Kelly, Laurie, & Carol will package and label them so they can be distributed at tourney. Uniforms for U11 and Girls will be handed out at practice.
- o Mark L. will be designing a shooter shirt and some other items to be offered through VSA.

• **Coaches apparel:**

- o Kristin (VSA) has ordered a couple jackets for new coaches, and is creating a sublimated t-shirt for coaches to wear this summer.

• **Tournaments:**

Rochester Rumble in the Bubble (April 6-7) -- Laurie has booked 40 rooms at the EconoLodge through Hotel Planner. Betty is registering a U13 and two U15 teams. U13 is free because this will be their one tourney during the season.

Action: Mark P – send email to all U15 families that they will owe \$25 to play in the tourney and that uniforms will be handed out an hour before the first game.

Grand Rapids GR Lax Shootout (May 4-5) -- Super 8 Grand Rapids has a block of rooms set aside for ACYLA and are being held until 4/15. The U13 team has games that weekend so only the two U15 teams will attend.

Action: Mark P – send email to all U15 parents to book rooms at Super 8 Grand Rapids before 4/15.

Ice Breaker Tournament, Champlin (June 7-8) – This is a popular tournament for our younger players. We may want to look at a tournament where all groups play in one place – very advantageous for families with several ages of players. Ice Breaker does host U11-U15 teams. The disadvantage of having multiple teams in the tournament is that AYCLA teams may play each other. Betty wants a decision on which teams will play before registering so she doesn't have to add and subtract teams several times.

Girls Tourney: Andrea and Laurie are checking into the mini-games/tournament hosted through MSS.

Action: Betty – look for other tournaments for girls in both spring and summer seasons.

New Business:

- MBSLA's association, coach, and chill managers meeting 3/23 – no one attended.
- 2014 Hennepin Youth Sports Program
 - o Tabled.

- Volunteer registration and background checks
 - Michael sent an email to all coaches informing them they need to pick a team parent quickly and get them registered (background check).
Action: Mark L – send invitations to the volunteers to get the background checks started.
- Team Parent Meeting:
 - Laurie will be scheduling a Team Parent meeting to go over the responsibilities and instructions for the season. Robbinsdale is requiring all people (coaches and volunteers at the scorer's table) to be aware of concussion symptoms. We need to sign a form that volunteers have been trained.
Action: Mark L - Make a tab on our website for Team Parents.
- Summer season planning:
 - High school (U15) summer program is very low key; AHS probably won't send any 9/10 players back to ACYLA to play in our YLM league. A/C Coaches will watch players in the spring to determine if we will field an A team or two B teams.
Action: Laurie -- Talk to Kevin Reid about what his feeling is of which high schools will send a U15 team to the YLM league this summer.
Action: Kent find out when the registration opens for summer. This will determine how many and what level teams to register.

Optional Topics:

- 2014 grants - US Lacrosse AED & PE Programs
 - Michael, Laurie, Karen to discuss with Pam at Robbinsdale.
- Website content management – posting meeting schedule, boys & girls tab content, etc.
- Bylaw Changes – US Lacrosse insures all members during the season; however, it does not insure organizations unless all members and coaches are registered US Lacrosse members. Since our organization meets these requirements, we would like to amend our ByLaws to state this.
Action: Kent: prepare the Bylaw change by checking the ACYHA website for wording. Bring to the next meeting for approval.
- Branding efforts – tabled.

Other Business:

Kim McDonough needs a W9 and proof of 501(c) nonprofit form to get a Chipotle fundraiser night set up.

Adjourned: 8:43 p.m.

Notes submitted by Carol Zehrer

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

7:00 pm

New Hope Ice Arena, Meeting Room 1