

Eureka Lacrosse Club Board Meeting Minutes

Sept. 5, 2017, 6:30 pm

Eureka Fire Department

Present: Brad Baker, Darla Baker, Jon Van Kleeck, Ron Mikel, Nancy Smith, Jackie Ripson, Sheldon Ripson, Debbie Ward, Lee Ann Grayson

Absent: Greg Crowder

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron submitted a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Jon seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Ron Mikel

1. Practice Fields

Ron has been in contact with the owners of Southern Springs Polo Field located on Highway FF in Eureka to use the fields for all levels for games and practices for the spring. This location is more accessible from Eureka High School than Buder, is in better condition, and has more space. We will also be able to store supplies there. We will need to line the fields, get portable toilets, trash cans and a portable sound system. Ron is also looking at pricing for lights.

Jon made a motion that Ron enter a formal discussion with Ida to secure the space if the cost is within our budget. Nancy Smith seconded the motion and all approved.

2. Logo

Brad was not able to get an answer from Dr. Knost re: use of the power cat and the words "high school". Lee Ann presented a revised logo that has a power cat. A few revisions were recommended (lowering the lacrosse sticks, omitting the balls and not using yellow as it was hard to read.) Ron made a motion to approve the new logo. Jon seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

3. Parent Meeting Agenda

Ron reviewed the agenda to make sure that all necessary information has been included. We reviewed dues and deadlines. Debbie will revise the website to reflect dues and deadlines.

4. Fall Schedule

Ron reviewed the fall schedule of practices, jamboree and Lindenwood tournament.

5. Spring Break Trip

Ron confirmed that he and Coach Ganey will try to schedule games on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Spring Break in the northwest side of Atlanta to avoid traffic and within the team's Lax Power rating.

6. Calendar

Board meetings will be moved to the first Tuesday of the month because the Eureka Fire Department has been booked by an organization for the first Monday of the month.

There is a possibility of adding a game on November 11th.

7. Lindenwood Tournament

Because of the player format (7 vs. 7), only a limited number of players have been invited by Coach Ganey to play. Those players have already been notified.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Brad Baker

1. Water Plan

Brad presented a water plan to the Board (see attached notes). The plan will be put in place to make sure that players, with support from parents, have a formal responsibility for making sure water is available at each game and practice. Brad made a motion to approve the plan. Nancy seconded the motion and it was approved.

2. Brad reviewed concussion testing procedures for the 2018 season. All players will take the baseline screening before the season begins unless they have been tested through another fall sport by EHS. Testing will be done by Athletico.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jon VanKleeck

Jon submitted the financial reports. They have not changed dramatically from last month's report. There are funds that were collected for Rockwood United that were not used because we could not field teams for tournaments. We will need to review how those funds should be split out if Rockwood United dissolves after this year.

FUNDRAISING – Nancy Smith

1. The group sales person that Nancy was in touch with for the Blues fundraiser has left. The program has changed, but she was trying to get tickets for either the Blues vs. Predators game on 12/27 or the Blues vs. San Jose game on 12/30.
2. Rock 'n Roll Bingo – Nancy needs prizes for this event, but does not want to solicit from places that typically donate for Trivia Night. She will ask for donations at the Parent Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS – Debbie Ward

Debbie reported that the website is almost finished. She will make changes based on discussion of deadlines and dues at tonight's meeting. The website will be ready for the Parent meeting.

YOUTH PROGRAM – Martin Ferguson

1. Fall program – Martin reported that there are 30-35 kids enrolled in the fall program at Eureka Elementary on Monday nights. He asked for help from varsity players. Ron said he would let Coach Ganey know of this need.
2. The winter indoor session is still up in the air because The Field is no longer available. There was a discussion about other possible venues like Sports Fusion and the Elite Football Academy fields. It was suggested that Martin enter a box league instead.
3. Martin is working on recruiting more players for the spring and will be giving flyers to the Junior Wildcat football teams. Debbie suggested using Facebook ads.

MEDIA DIRECTOR REPORTS – Sheldon & Jackie Ripson

1. Vimeo Account – Sheldon reported that the Vimeo account is all set up and he is working on uploading all the videos from last season. There is a limit of 5G of data uploads per week. The videos will be available on the Team pages of the website so that only ELC families will be able to access them. Debbie will assign permission to that page as soon as spring registration is finalized.
2. Sound System at EHS – Sheldon reported that we will no longer have access to the sound system at EHS because a new system has been installed and it is restricted to EHS employees only. Organizations who rent the field will not have access.
3. Bag Orders – Jackie reported that the bag orders will be due on October 1st. She plans on talking about the bags at the parent meeting. We will also include it in a note to parents.

MERCHANDISING – LeeAnn Grayson

1. LeeAnn has spoken with both Crown Embroidery and Johnny Mac's to check on pricing and merchandise for Spring 2018. Pricing is comparable. Nancy Smith made a motion to use Johnny Mac's this year and Jon VanKleeck seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
2. LeeAnn said that she plans to have a pre-holiday flash sale and another sale in the spring. The link to the flash store will need to go on the website.

FIELD REPORT – Greg Crowder

In Greg's absence, Jon said that LaSalle is not available for fall practices.

There were no reports from the team representatives and no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS:

1. Ron will formalize a contract with the owners of Southern Springs Polo fields for Spring 2018.
2. Coach Ganey will contact teams for Spring break competitions.
3. LeeAnn will contact the vendor who has the logo file to see if he can revise it.
4. LeeAnn will contact Tim Ganey at Johnny Mac's to set up the flash store. Debbie will put flash store link on the website.
5. Debbie will revise registration details for the website and finish it by the parent meeting
6. Debbie will add access to Vimeo footage when teams are finalized for spring.
7. Nancy Smith will continue to work with the Blues to find out more about the possibility of a fundraiser with them.
8. Martin will investigate possible locations for youth winter training.
9. Ron will confirm Board meeting schedule based on availability of Eureka Fire House.