

Eureka Lacrosse
Board Meeting
June 3, 2020

Present: Beth Daniels, Debbie Ward, Sheldon Ripson, Tim Ganey, Mitch Mitchell, Eric Nichols, Shannon Quinn, Tony Ehrman and Jacki Ripson via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

President's Report: Sheldon Ripson

- Sheldon welcomed Shannon Quinn as our new fundraising Chair with Nicole Wecherlin.
- We will table the vote on minutes until next month, pending their review by the Board.
- For next year, Sheldon proposed 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. Debbie will put the tentative dates on the calendar.
- Sheldon would like to have a budget meeting on July 15th at 7 pm for Mitch, Craig, Tony and Tim. Please submit any information that you think will impact the budget.
 - Beth suggested that we offer a larger, one-time buyout than individual buyouts per fundraising event.
 - Debbie suggested that it might be a matter of positioning and packaging the buyout as a one inclusive fee as an option, rather than having to pick each fundraiser separately.
 - Beth suggested that maybe having a payment plan would be helpful. Shannon said that one challenging aspect of lacrosse is having payments start and span other sports seasons.
 - Sheldon explained that cost per player is roughly between \$1100 and \$1200.
- Return to Play
 - We have 20 EHS kids committed to play in the Summer League.
 - Tentatively, practices should start on 6/16 from 6-8 pm at LaSalle Springs. But Eric just received notification that Rockwood fields are closed through the month of June.
 - We would have to find fields outside of St. Louis County to practice on.
 - Jacki shared how Promo practices ran and Tim thought they could follow similar procedures to keep the practices safe.
 - Eric will try to call Northwest. Sheldon will call Pacific.

- Rockwood United – We have 12 signed up for Rockwood United travel, 4 signed up for Rock U practice only option. Scott suggested that we cancel the season. With low numbers, Tim agreed that we probably don't have enough players to play.
 - Instead, Sheldon suggested that we could have those players practice and he would try to get scrimmages. Tim agreed.
- KC Tournament – We have 12 out of 14 players committed to playing in that mid-July tournament. Sheldon asked if we should open it up to JV players. Tim asked Debbie to invite the JV Purple team and resend to Varsity.
- Senior Night Festivities – It appears since we are still in social distancing precautions, it may be hard to do anything in June. Tim suggested that we do a 7 v 7 when we can. Beth said that she will try to get food donated if possible.

Coach Report

- The last ditch effort is to play from July 8th – July 23rd. From July 8th – 16th teams would play 3-4 games. On July 17th there would be a seeding meeting and then there would be a playoff tournament. Varsity only teams, but JV Purple can play. Tim felt that the chances were slim because SLUH and some other teams have already pulled out. We should know within the next week to week and a half.
- Sheldon asked Tim to reach out to the Northwest HS coach to see if their field would be available.

Treasurer Report: Craig Stebor

- Sheldon submitted the budget on behalf of Craig. There were very few changes between last month. Sheldon will speak with Craig about refunds for Rockwood United.
- Sheldon suggested that we refund the tournament fees and give them the practice only option if they want it.

Vice President Report: Mitch Mitchell

- Uniforms – Mitch confirmed with Tim that we do not need uniforms any longer. Mitch will set a date on the calendar for a uniform return night.

Youth – Tony Ehrman

- Summer season with SLYLA is up in the air. It was supposed to start on 6/16 but they have a board meeting this week to review.
- July 13-15 from noon – 4 pm – Tentative camp, predicated on whether we can get field space.
- Tony mentioned that the Eureka Leader had an article about lacrosse being one of the most dangerous “COVID” sports.

- Tony mentioned that the storage unit is very full and Sheldon suggested that we need to purge and pare down. Beth will set a date and let the Board know when.

Fundraising

- No report

Volunteer Coordinator

- Beth told the Board about some experiences that Jerry has had with racial discrimination. The coaches have helped Jerry in the past but Beth wants to help more. We are hoping that Jerry will share his stories so that the team understands his experiences and can support him better, and that Eureka Lacrosse can help be a voice of change.

Field Coordinator

- Eric reiterated that Rockwood fields are closed through end of June.
- Eric asked if we want to keep Tues/Thursday schedule. Tim said he can be flexible. Goal is to get a minimum of 2 days per week.

Spirit Wear

- Jacki and Tim have been talking about new gear. They talked about pulling the practice pack out of the Spirit Wear order and putting it with registration, but then we may not hit our minimums.

New Business

- None

Mitch made a motion to adjourn. Tony seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.