

# MSLax Meeting Minutes

June 12th, 2023

## MSLAX MISSION STATEMENT

As the governing body for girls community lacrosse in Minnesota and surrounding areas, MSLax provides leadership and resources to sustain and grow the sport while emphasizing inclusion, fair play, and fun.

**Roll Call:** Ryan Sandell, Peter Robson, Tony Johnson, Emily Muelken, Chelsea Cross, Steve Sazama, Eugenio Fuentes

### Reports:

President – (Ryan)

Vice President – (Peter)

Treasurer/Bookkeeper – (Tony/Erich)

- Tony provided an overview of the May profit and loss
- Spring tournament expenses are still coming in. Should have spring tournament finances finalized by July meeting

Secretary – (Jess)

- Approved May meeting minutes (Tony motioned to approved, Steve seconded, no one opposed)

Director of Member Services – (Vacant)

Director of Events – (Vacant)

Director of Rules, Policy & League Operations – (Nate)

- Eugenio suggested casting a wider net for additional board volunteers
- Peter suggested going to association board meetings on behalf of MSLax

Director of Communications, Marketing & Media – (Vacant)

Director of Lacrosse Development – (Emily/Ashley)

- Ashley and Emily are planning on making videos with rules examples
- Emily suggested making a scheduling tip sheet for associations. She will work with Mike and Chuck.
- Emily suggested that MLUA needs help recruiting refs. She suggested that one individual within each association becomes certified as a ref.

Webmaster – (Steve)

- Summer schedules are loaded onto MSLax website. Any unscheduled games are listed as Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Working on creating framework for summer tournament
- Working on efficient roster process for summer tournament

### Old Business:

- 8U Season Update (Ryan)
  - First few play days went well. Have 34 teams participating. Have a few more play days scheduled where MSLax board support will be needed – MVI, Lakeville, and Monticello.
  - Need to discuss 8U program going forward
- Follow up Duluth issues (Emily)
  - Need to respond to involved associations on one incident. Ryan will do.
  - Other issue was addressed by Peter.

### New Business:

- Spring Tournament Recap
  - Spring tournament was a success. Had many compliments. Learned a lot that we will apply to summer tournament.

- Having table workers add scores via Tourney Machine worked well.
- Summer Tournament Preview
  - Getting prepared for summer tournament.
  - Need to create a work/task schedule to avoid duplication of efforts and improve efficiency
  - Ryan will send survey to identify participation.
- Summer Season Preview
  - Games started tonight.
  - Refs are being assigned with Arbiter being updated

Additional items:

- Scheduling – have heard from associations that they want their games scheduled versus current process. Topic for future discussion.
- Spring season – need to discuss spring season. Do we combine with summer, shorten to 4 or 6 games, etc.
- 8U – need to discuss how to handle 8U going forward.
- Volunteers – do we offer some sort of financial incentive? How do we find more volunteers for the board? Make a volunteer coordinator role?
- Peter asked that the board remind people about the 18U team opportunity.

**Announcements:** None

Tony motioned to close meeting, Peter seconded, all were in favor.

**Next Meeting:** July 9th at 6:30pm on Zoom