

**MHSLA  
General Membership Meeting  
May 21, 2021**

Agenda:

- 1) Roundtable recap of the season
  - a) Each club will receive 90 seconds to provide feedback on the season, both the good and the bad.
  - b) The feedback should be general to the season/league and not specific to particular clubs/teams.
  - c) In order: Billings Bearcats, Billings Rimrock, Billings YVL, Bozeman, Butte, Cody, Great Falls, Helena, Jackson Hole, Kalispell Glacier, Missoula Spartans, Missoula Wild.
- 2) Preparing for next season
  - a) Bylaws – review and changes
    - i) Any general membership meeting: The next one is in November 2021
  - b) Rules – proposed changes
    - i) Due to the board one month prior to fall general membership meeting (November 2021) (Rule 19.3.0)
    - ii) Recommend that the board of directors review proposed changes at the August regular board meeting effectively making this the deadline for submissions
    - iii) This gives each program, effectively, 90 days and three regular board meetings to develop and discuss proposed changes
- 3) Budget
  - a) Fall general membership meeting?
- 4) MLOA contract
  - a) Dates???
- 5) Boundary Document – changes
  - a) Included in rule 7.4.x so changes are to be made at the same time as the rule book changes, i.e., fall general membership meeting
- 6) League Structure – looking to the future
  - a) What do we want the league to look like and function like in the future?

All programs represented by a MHSLA Board member, coach(s) or other representative(s) as well as Treasure State Lacrosse (Kevin & Chris).

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Meeting called to order at ~8:30 p.m.

Welcome by John Noble.

- 1) Roundtable recap of the season

Discussion: Roundtable recap provided by each program. General consensus: general disparity between the boys' and girls' programs; room for improvement with clarifying rules currently in place; opportunity to take the negatives and turn them into opportunities. Good participation and feedback by all programs.

- 2) Preparing for next season
  - a) Bylaws – review and changes
    - i) Can be made at any general membership meeting. Next GM meeting is scheduled for November 2021.

Discussion: Need to establish committees with 5-6 members per division with representatives from the boys and girls programs. Will add to June agenda.

b) Rules – proposed changes

- i) Due to the board one month prior to fall general membership meeting (November 2021) (Rule 19.3.0)
- ii) Recommend that the board of directors review proposed changes at the August regular board meeting effectively making this the deadline for submissions
- iii) This gives each program 90 days and three (3) regular board meetings to develop and discuss proposed changes

Discussion: Substantial number of rule changes expected. Rule changes can be sent via email to [MHSLASecretary@gmail.com](mailto:MHSLASecretary@gmail.com).

Side note: need to add the meeting minutes to the MHSLA website once approved by the BoD. Still pending approval are meeting minutes from two (2) special and one (1) regular board meeting. John N. will send via Slack and send directly to Mike Flaherty.

3) Budget

Discussion: Suggested that the budget be addressed sooner rather than later. The MHSLA fees may have an impact on individual program registrations.

4) MLOA contract

Discussion: The current contract covers the 2019 – 2021 seasons.

Side note: Add as topic for June board meeting along with video capability for future seasons (Hudl/Crossover/YouTube/Portal, does SportsEngine have the video storage capability). Request for master email address list to be added to the Coaches packet. Slack should be a quick communications tool only.

5) Boundary Document – changes

- a) Included in rule 7.4.x so changes are to be made at the same time as the rule book changes, i.e., fall general membership meeting

Discussion: The boundary document defines boundaries, not divisions. A call for changes will be made in the June/July timeframe.

Side note: Make sure the MHSLA website is updated with the most recent boundary document.

6) League Structure – looking to the future

Discussion: Changes needs to be made at the league level. If the current structure is leading to contention, perhaps the structure needs to be changed. Does the BoD want to run the day to day business or act in an advisory role?

Meeting adjourned at ~9:35 p.m.