

**IDAHO HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE LEAGUE - HIGH SCHOOL BOYS**  
**MEETING MINUTES JUNE 13, 2023 @ 6:30PM PDT | 7:30PM MDT**

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**1. Roll Call** - L. Doko Meeting called to order at 6:34PM PDT | 7:34PM MDT by Commissioner Adam Marfice. Attendance as noted: Ammon, CdA HS, Idaho Falls HS, Jackson Hole, Kimberly, Lake City HS, Pocatello, Sandpoint HS, Teton Valley (9 of 13 present)

**2. Approve May 2023 Minutes** - L.Doko Aaron Herdt (Pocatello) made the 1st motion to approve; John Lamm (Kimberly) made 2nd motion to approve; all teams present voted unanimously on approving the May meeting minutes.

**3. Treasurer Report** - N. Gray Commissioner Adam Marfice filled in for Natalie Gray to present the Treasurer Report. Closing May 31, 2023 balance \$5011.00; with the current refunds due to clubs from IHSLL plus the payments owed to IHSLL from other clubs, the EOY balance is expected to be \$5611.82 outside of any miscellaneous expenses.

Refund checks to be mailed soon; J. Lamm/Kimberly requested its refund check to be mailed to an alternate address; L Doko to advise N. Gray accordingly.

**4. Finalize 2023 Awards:** - G. Hein

USA Lacrosse approved awards as submitted and they can be publicly announced and shared:

- *All American:* Bryce Johnson, Jackson Hole and Colton Altimus, Lake City
- *All Academic:* Samuel Billings, Pocatello and Seth Little, Idaho Falls
- *Bob Scott Award:* Samuel Smith, Jackson Hole
- *Coach of the Year:* John Lamm, Kimberly

G. Hein will mail Certificates if received by USA Lacrosse; however, they may be mailed directly to award recipients.

L. Doko to update IHSLL.com website, and share awards on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

**5. ByLaw | Policy Amendments:** A. Marfice Tabled until August 2023 meeting.

Some areas to be addressed include F. Championship Game Site Selection and Requirements regarding the host member being responsible for field costs associated with the event and may keep any proceeds above and beyond the costs of the event; this language supports the idea of admission fee charges, which is not something adopted this year. Initial feedback: to grow the sport of lacrosse, it is important to promote the game, encourage attendance and forego admission charges at Playoff and Championship games.

Jackson Hole and Pocatello offered to assist Sandpoint with its hosting fees and felt hosting fees should be shared across attending teams; Sandpoint is currently waiting for the City to issue corrected invoices due to overcharges. L. Doko (Sandpoint) will update the membership accordingly.

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**6. Season Wrap & Feedback:** A. Marfice Survey using Google Forms was sent out previously; seven replies to date with feedback. Please take a moment to submit a reply on behalf of your club.

In summary to date, Commissioner Adam Marfice shared the IHSLL first year under new leadership has been a great year and majority of feedback has been positive; goals were to focus on players and make the season fun, which were both achieved. IHSLL will continue to look for feedback to make continuous league improvements.

**7. IHSLL Team Interest | Expansion:** A. Marfice

- *SWILA:* It is not expected that teams presently associated with SWILA will opt to change leagues.
- *Washington:* There are 3-4 Spokane area teams interested in IHSLL based on fielding teams from multiple schools, which excludes them from competing in playoffs and cuts their season short due to current Washington rules and its league efforts to get the sport of lacrosse sanctioned in the state; these teams are discussing league options with their respective Boards. Spokane teams are seasoned with dedicated youth feeder programs, making them competitive teams.
- *Montana:* Montana teams are interested in non-conference games with IHSLL teams.

IHSLL ByLaws and Policies allow for acceptance of new teams without a formal vote. A. Herdt (Pocatello) expressed support; Dave (Idaho Falls) also expressed support and felt logistics could be figured out, such as utilizing Missoula as a game location.

Commissioner Adam Marfice shared that a two-day playoff schedule would support 8 teams max, or would need more fields which may be a challenge in the North. If Spokane area teams join, Spokane area refs would also support IHSLL games.

It would be important to set expectations with clubs and families for neutral playing sites like Missoula (and/or Butte), and possibly two weekends per season, in addition to reciprocal playoff years between the East and North.

**8. Elections:** A. Marfice

- *Commissioner:* Adam Marfice has completed one year of his two year term.
- *Treasurer:* Natalie Gray has completed her one year term and is up for re-election.
- *Secretary:* Lauren Doko has completed her one year term and is up for re-election.
- *Divisional Director - East:* Aaron Herdt has completed one year of his two year term
- *Divisional Director - North:* Nathan Kanning has completed one year of his two year term.

Elections will be held in September. Candidate nominations can be submitted to Commissioner Adam Marfice by the next IHSLL meeting, August 8, 2023.

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**9. ILOA:** A. Marfice Membership discussed an array of ideas related to officials and improvements:

- *Streamline Billing:* Pass-through experience this last spring season came with additional work for IHSLL
- *Contract:* Opportunity to revisit for improved accountability and communication
- *Direct payments:* This idea would bypass current ILOA admin fee; however, some of the membership felt that officials preferred being part of an independent officials league. Others felt it would be worth exploring.
- *Recruitment Strategy | Plan:*
  - Advertise to BYU, ISU and other sports officials leagues
  - Organize Fall Officials Clinic (East)
  - Goal: One stop shop weekend this Fall and become a 100% Certified Official
  - Next Steps: A. Herdt to organize a meeting for the East; A Marice to be included.

It was mentioned that Nate Rolston (Idaho Falls) and Dave Medeira (Jackson Hole) may have connections in Rexburg/related areas to help organize the Fall Clinic and games.

**10. Next Meeting** - Tuesday, August 8, 2023 @ 6:30PM PDT | 7:30PM MDT

**OTHER NOTES SECTION**

- **IHSLL Regional Playoffs (North) vs East Season Seeding:** Discussion about the approaches to playoff seeding:
  - The North has a long tradition of regional playoffs. This year the season seeding ended up being the same as the results from the regional playoffs.
  - IHSLL will discuss a consistent league-wide approach to the playoffs.
- **IHSLL Playoffs and Championship Games:** J. Lamm Kimberly expressed how nice to was to have live streams available and watch games from Kimberly.
- **IHSLL Contact List:** Send L. Doko any contact changes related to your club. Those received to date have been updated in the IHSLL Contact List.
- **IHSLL North:** L. Doko (Sandpoint) set a tentative game scheduling date for spring 2024: Saturday, October 14, 2023.
- **GREAT wrap on the 2023 season** is a direct result from the IHSLL membership and its collective effort!

**Meeting adjourned at 7:49PM PDT | 8:49PM MDT by Commissioner Adam Marfice.**