

Montana High School Lacrosse Association

Date: 9/18/18
Time: 7 pm
Location: Phone 605 475-4043 Access Code:982909

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Roll Call

- Matt Rizzolo X
- Erika Burke
- Sarah Flynn X
- Mike Garcia X
- Molly Pickall X
- Lynette Thompson X
- Brynn Schwarz X
- Dane McCollum X
- Blake Wahrlich X

1. Approval of Agenda Motion to Approve: Dane Second: Sarah **APPROVED**
2. Approval of last meetings Minutes Motion to Approve: Molly Second: Matt **APPROVED**
3. Treasurers report: Bank Balance: \$11,907.52 Current monthly expenses Quickbooks and upcoming expenses over the next couple of months are Website Fees and USL Insurance for Board. Motion to Approve: Dane Second: Mike **APPROVED**
4. Presidents Report
5. Regional Rep Report (s)
 - a. Northwest Region – Matt
 - i. Glacier has a candidate for the board. This candidate would also take Region Rep Position from Matt and Matt can focus his duties on Vice President.
 - ii. Whitefish/Glacier Letter – Boundary Document Adjustment (Presented to board 9/18)
 1. Motion to approve a change to the boundary document to include Columbia Falls to participate with Whitefish as opposed to Glacier as stated in the current boundary document. Remaining three players from Columbia Falls to be grandfathered to complete their [high school lacrosse career season](#) with Glacier. Vote will be [final](#) pending the full execution [with signatures](#) of the letter. Motion to Approve: Matt Second: Molly **APPROVED**
 - b. Western Region – Sarah
 - i. Sentinel is working on figuring out their girl's program to see if they will have enough players this year [and whether or not boundary document change requests will be needed.](#)
 - ii. Hellgate was wanting to find out about Coaches training for the upcoming year.
 - iii. Big Sky – nothing to report, just getting ready for the season
 - c. Central Region – Mike
 - i. Concussion Forms and some requirements for training that he sent in an email to the board.
 - ii. Helena New 501 c (3) update sent out late August via email

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- iii. No interest from Helena or Great Falls for submitting a bid for the State Tournament
 - d. Southern Region -Molly
 - i. Jackson Official question about offering the statistics training again in 2019
 - ii. Website Platforms – All south region will be using Sports Engine
 - iii. HS Commissioner – Still looking for prospects and has one question about the description of the candidate to have coaching experience. We might want to review that language on the website.
 - iv. State Tournament Bid Form – Molly has not distributed this to any programs for Southern Region. Still need to have finalize document that can be shared to all the programs. Final form should be placed on the website with the ability to download if necessary. Target deadline to have all Board Member look over the [RFP document in the next few days](#) ~~the State Tournament Form~~ and reply to all with comments or acceptance. Notification will then be sent to all programs along with putting on the website. Need to amend the date to due to 10/19 from 10/9. Board will have their Monthly Board call on 10/23 [to review all submitted bids prior to the General Membership meeting](#).
 - e. Eastern Region – Dane
 - i. Rule Changes submitted by YVL
 - ii. Player Petitions submitted by YVL parents and responses from Bearcats
 - iii. [Spartans-Scorpions](#) working on approving a new HS board [for the girls' program](#) and will be submitting the paperwork for their 501 c (3)
 - f. Boundary document follow up
 - i. Big Sky/Sentinel Girls [– pending outcome of early season meeting – see regional rep report above](#).
 - ii. YVL Player Petitions (Blake, Dane and **Brynn** will abstain from the vote)
 - 1. Chase Jordan
 - 2. Riley Bergland
 - 3. **Legacy Player - Alec Alred**
- Motion to Approve the Player Petitions as requested by the parents of YVL and supported by BHSLA. Motion: Dane Second: Matt **Approved**
- g. Moving league website to Sports Engine ([SE](#))
 - i. Key Functions – Scheduling will still work the same as an upload; stats will flow down to the program sites and has the ability to carry year over year; has the ability to do the tournament bracketing
 - ii. Recommended Cost: \$700 (attached to the agenda)
 - iii. Full Cost Proposal, [with options for various levels of setup assistance](#) was sent to all the Board Members.
 - iv. Timeframe we need 2 – 3 weeks to have the website up and registration open.
 - v. Target Date to get Website up and the Registration Open by 10/6
 - vi. Key to start up:
 - 1. Essential documents
 - 2. Essential forms
 - 3. Registration Set to open
 - vii. Motion to dedicate \$900 which is the Starter Option and have the Registration open by October 6th. Motion to Approve: Molly Second: Sarah **Approved**

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- viii. Blake will reach out to SE to get the ball rolling to convert [the current website](#) to SE
6. New Business
- a. Rules changes
- i. Form has not been formally distributed to all the programs.
 - ii. Re-open the form on the website and extended the submittal to 10/2 via website. Blake will pull all submittals via excel spreadsheet and send to Board Members for review. We would require a separate Board meeting [10/9](#) to review [and discuss](#) the rule [change requests](#) that were submitted ~~10/9 to discuss rule changes~~. Once [the Board](#) [has](#) met and voted on any changes, the rule book will be revised by 10/12 and sent to the General Members.
 - iii. Accept YVL rules changes as submitted and YVL will not need to re-submit through the website form.
- b. Discussion parent 501/boosters managing and/or supporting multiple teams This section was skipped by mistake during the Board Call.
7. Other Business
- a. General Membership Fall Meeting: Tentative - Saturday, Nov 3rd or 10th
- i. Blake will set up a Poll and send to link to Regional Reps for all the programs to vote on the meeting date. We will give them a week to vote then set the meeting.
- b. Board Positions –
- i. Increase the number of members on the Board
 1. This would need to have General Members approval before we can increase the numbers of the MHSLA Meeting.
 - ii. Vacancies: Board Member At Large (Erika's Position), Member – Region Rep (Molly's Position)
 - iii. Molly recommended to the Board that we look for members that would support the Girls Program.)
 - iv. Molly agreed to Champion the process of getting the proper notification ready to be distributed to the programs relating to the process of submittals of candidates for open Board Positions. Timeline of Process noted below;
 1. Open Board Position Notification to Programs [by 10/3 for the two positions that will be vacated. Submittals to be sent to MHSLA Executive Secretary -- Lynette.](#)
 2. Submittals for the Positions due 20 days prior to the General Members [hip](#) Meeting. ~~Submittals to be sent to MHSLA Executive Secretary.~~
 3. Final Submittals to General Members will be 10 days prior to the Fall General Membership meeting
 4. Board agrees to review and provide feedback within 48 hours of when Molly gets the language for the notification of the open board positions drafted to the new members.

[Brynn motioned for a new board call to occur on 10/9 to review proposed rule change requests and for the regular board meeting call to be moved from 10/19 to 10/23 when 2019 state hosting bids will be reviewed. No second or vote.](#)

[Sarah and Blake – need you help with the last motion from Brynn](#)

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Next Board Call Meeting: Tuesday, October 23rd

Motion to Adjourn at 8:56 pm: Brynn Second: Molly

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Presidents Report:

I received an email and call from the new executive director of Jackson Hole Lacrosse with questions regarding splitting wanting to know the history behind the rule and inquire about how he/Jackson would go about petitioning for a waiver. I explained there is no formal petition but if their board wanted to pursue it to reach out to their regional rep with a letter and info explaining their reasons for the petition. I said he should include what has changed from when their program signed off on the bylaws to now. He is the new ED there so was really trying to just get up to speed and a full understanding. I did tell him if he did petition as we have never had one so there is no real history of precedent.

USL Regional Rep Update:

CEP (Coaches Development Program) – Tentative Coaches Training Dates and still trying to get final dates confirmed with the areas.

12/8 - Level 1 Great Falls

1/19 or 26 - Level 1 Missoula

2/9 - Level 2 Great Falls

There may be a fee related to the training that would be required to be paid by coaches attending.

USL Membership Fees will include the cost of the background [checks](#) and it will not be a separate fee anymore.

Potential New Programs:

Rapid City:

1. Main concern was the scheduling of the games within the league and the participation in State.
2. Rapid City was interested in ~~the~~ working out the scheduling of the games. Blake recommended that Rapid City contact the other girl programs to let them know that they would be interested in games in various MT jamborees. Blake will make a note to follow up with Rapid City to see where they are with this request.

WY – Sheridan and Gillette as potential new programs, but we have not heard any new updates with these areas.

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Ordered Services

CHARGES DUE NOW	DUE	LIST PRICE	DISCOUNT	PRICE
DIY Package	On Receipt	\$ 250.00	---	\$ 250.00
Sitebuilder - Billed & Recurring Annually	Annually	\$ 595.00	24.37%	\$ 450.00
Registration Setup	On Receipt	\$ 250.00	100.00%	\$ 0.00
Registration	Annually	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00
ESTIMATED TAX				\$ 0.00
DUE NOW				\$ 700.00

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Registration Transaction Rate 3.25% + \$1.00

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Rules Changes

- Boundary changes requests by YVL
 - o Boundary exceptions will be considered by the board of directors on a case-by-case basis.
 - o Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must fill out the MHSLA waiver form and submit it to their regional representative. (SAMPLE WAIVER ATTACHED)
 - o Reasons for consideration include but are not limited to: family, distance to practice, carpooling, or area school draw population. If there is a $\geq 15\%$ disparity in school population to draw from, compared to other area team(s), boundary exceptions will be given additional consideration.

Current read:

9.4.0 During the MHSLA season only contests scheduled against MHSLA sanctioned teams or teams sanctioned by their state's lacrosse sanctioning body are permissible.

9.4.1 The High School commissioner may schedule non-sanctioned games so long as it is in the best interest of growing the game.

Revision:

9.4.0 During the MHSLA season, contests scheduled against MHSLA sanctioned teams or teams sanctioned by their state's lacrosse sanctioning body should be prioritized.

9.4.1 The High School commissioner may schedule non-sanctioned games so long as it is in the best interest of growing the game.

9.4.2 Non-sanctioned games should be played against teams which adhere to all MHSLA rules, their state's governing body's rules, and/or NFHS rules.

9.4.3 Non-sanctioned games and statistics will not count for or against a team's overall record-of-standing in the state.