

# MSLax Meeting Minutes

October 18th, 2021

## Roll Call –

Present - Ryan, Tony, Nate, Emily, Janien, Lexi, Julie, Peter

Not present - Maria, Jess, Ashley

## Reports:

President – (Ryan) - None - would like to discuss topics below

Vice President – None

Treasurer/Bookkeeper – (Tony/Erich)

- Treasurer Report - will put together and send out
- Autopay functionality is not working - payments not being sent - Tony and Erich will work together until the autopay issues are resolved to make sure payments are going out.

Secretary – (Jess)

- Approve September meeting minutes - motion made by Nate to approve, Ryan seconded.. All approved.

Director of Member Services – (Julie)

- Zoom calls with 'Regional Directors' - no Regional Directors yet determined
- Julie working with Nate and Emily to put things in motion
- Goal is to offer coaches clinics during the winter months

Director of Events – (Janien)

- Kylie visit 1st weekend in February
  - Emily suggested coaching component be worked into program

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

- Nate will send a link to the new USA rules to discuss through email as a board prior to the Fall Meeting
- Will discuss proposed unique rules based on USA Lacrosse changes and the constituent survey
- Proposal to give constituents an opportunity to provide input to rules changes
  - Ryan suggests we move away from getting constituent input and rather defer to the expertise of the board to make decisions.

Director of Communications, Marketing & Media – (Maria)

- No report

Director of Lacrosse Development – (Emily/Ashley)

- No report

Webmaster – (Ed)

- No report
- Update on USA Lacrosse website options - defer to next meeting

## Old Business:

- Approval for \$350 graphic design fee for revamping the front page of the website – (Maria)
  - Propose we approve it subject to sign-off on proofs prior to loading to website
    - Ensure we present diversity of associations, players in ages, ethnicity, etc.
- Motion to approve made by Ryan, seconded by Janien. All in favor. No one opposed

## New Business:

- VP appointment – (All)
  - Julie made motion to appoint Peter. Nate Seconds. All in favor.
- New 8U and 10U coordinators – (All)

- 8U - Laura Childs
  - 10U - Propose Emily reach out to Randy Siefert or Hannah Vilks
  - 14U - Chelsea Cross - Wayzata
- Winter offerings update – (Janien)
  - 18U Winter and Pre-season clinics
  - Rescheduled Coaches clinic
  - Kylie Ohlmiller - First weekend in February
  - Need to ID possible open dates
  - Possible holiday event in Orono
- Spring and summer season update – (All)
  - 7v7 option?
    - Need more conversation regarding this. Will discuss with constituent associations and bring feedback back to the board
    - Feedback and ideas regarding handling of 7v7 reffing
  - Scheduling – MSLax or constituents?
    - Need to understand how this can be accomplished
    - Julie (Nate and Emily) to discuss with constituent associations
  - State district development
    - Julie will be working with Nate and Emily to develop and begin to do outreach
      - Expect to be starting calls at the end of the month
- USA Lacrosse level 1 and 2 training – March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Concordia (GNLL, YLM, MSLax) – (Ryan)
  - Tentative dates and plans as of now - more info to follow
  - If we want to support outstate coaching training we need to ensure that we have certified resources to support those sessions
    - Idea of using College coaches was proposed as well.
- Board meeting approach – (Ryan)
  - Timing of agenda items
    - Agenda items to Jess 2 weeks in advance of meeting
    - Agenda sent out one week in advance
  - Length of meeting
    - Shortened to 1 to 1 1/2 hours
    - Maintenance / check in meeting
  - Topics discussed during call
    - Update - vs discussion topics
    - Narrow involvement of people in decisions - bring recommendation to board for decision
- Collaboration/transparency with GNLL and YLM – (Ryan)
  - Need to work together
  - Suggest one point person vs multiple to ensure consistency of communication and bringing it back to full the MSLAX board.
- Individual meetings with all board members – (Ryan)
  - Ideas/thoughts/feedback
  - Tasks
  - Ryan to conduct with each member of the board
- Timelines and budgets – (Ryan)
  - Everyone start to work on their respective timelines and budgets/projections
- Communications – (Ryan)
  - All marketing or event communications must come from Ed or Maria
    - Communications going to large constituent groups
  - May need to identify other opportunities to address gaps
- 2022 Rules – (All)
  - USA Lacrosse changes
  - Play down/association waiver process
    - Discussion around automating/systematizing the process within an electronic tool
      - Ed could help with that

- Chill parents?
  - Think about this as a requirement for associations for 2022
- By-law and policy and procedure review – (All)
  - Bylaws, pretty good
  - Policies and procedures - should be reviewed for updates
- Member associations – (Ryan)
  - Need primary contact for every association and need verification process to keep data current
    - Tool may exist already - reach out to Ed
- Referees – (Ryan)
  - Need to develop mechanism(s) to support open lines of dialogue and communication to referee community
  - Recruitment
  - Training
  - Feedback
- Marketing Off-season Training – (Peter/Janien)
  - Need short term solution to address immediate needs for winter and pre-season sessions

Tony moves to adjourn, Emily seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Meeting adjourned.

**Announcements:**

None

**Next Meeting:** November 8th at 6:30pm via Zoom