

IHSSL Board Meeting
LAX ID, Boise, ID
September 24, 2019 6:30 pm

In attendance: Brian Patton (Centennial), Phil Warchol (Bishop Kelly), Neil Nelson (Bishop Kelly) Khammouane Senethavilay (Eagle), Brandon Pechin (Meridian), Alissa Lauer (Capital), Taylor Hedrick (Kuna), Todd Moyer (Kuna), Jerrid Verhaege (Mtn View), Mike Almanza (Rocky), Gary Wheeler (Rocky), Joe Dannenfelnt (Timberline), Stephanie Hale (Vallivue), Kegan Collins (Vallivue), Parker White (Vallivue), Braeden Hylton (Vallivue), David Donovan, Eric Holzer, Britt Talbert, Jane Anderson

On phone: Andrea Dittman (Coeur d'Alene), George Hein (Jackson Hole), Dave (Jackson Hole), Aaron Jackson (Pocatello)

August Minutes: Not available for acceptance.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer not available for the meeting; however, email sent stated the balance in the account is same as last month.

Agenda:

1. Treasurer & Secretary appointments/introductions

David, Eric, and Britt introduced and supported Jane Anderson as Secretary and Sheree Wheeler to stay on as Treasurer – none opposed.

2. Formation of Committees:

Disciplinary Committee – Neil Nelson volunteered, need a minimum of three including a member of the Exe BOD

Appeals Committee – No discussion, still needs to be formed, need a minimum of three and cannot include a member of the Disciplinary Committee

Scheduling Committee – Proposed representatives from each Member meet in one location to determine the Spring 2020 schedule. Saturday, October 19, 2019 was decided as the date of the scheduling meeting. **This is an in-person only meeting.** Locations proposed were ESI offices in Eagle and Albertsons Corporate offices in Boise: location to be determined. Members were asked to be prepared with as much information as possible (prom dates, SAT schedule, any details on field availability). The board will get an email out within the next week to provide more details on the scheduling meeting. Members volunteering to be on the Scheduling Committee include:

Gary Wheeler (Rocky)
Jerrid Verhaege (Mtn View),
Joe Dannenfelnt (Timberline)
Brandon Pechin (Meridian)

Please email Jane at jane@2000spider.com if you would like to be on a committee.

3. Survey discussion:

Eleven Members returned the survey – it is still available, so if you haven't completed, please do so **ASAP**. The main highlights from the surveys received include the following:

Centralized scheduling – plan to address by all members attending the October 19, 2019 meeting. It was suggested that lopsided games not be included in the RPI. Diamond Scheduling was mentioned as possible program that will assist with scheduling.

Officiating – discussion included inviting referees to the IHSLL Board meeting so they can hear issues from Members point of view and we can hear theirs; nine referees left at the end of last season; having each Member find at least one, hopefully two, individuals willing to become a referee and supporting the individuals financially (purchase start-up gear and pay during training); details on lacrosse referring can be found at <http://www.idlaxref.org/>; ask referees of other sports if they are interested in being a lacrosse ref; ask former players if they're interested; maintain one schedule for games that IHSLL and IOA (refs) use so games aren't missed.

Better communication – Board will have better communication with Members; to improve the quality of the meeting for those calling-in, Aaron Jackson volunteered to provide financial assistance – thank you, Aaron!

Website updated – thought not discussed, Board will work on keeping the website updated year-round.

Travel issues – discussion included scheduling more multi-team days where clubs travel Friday to a central location and play two league games on Saturday, followed by a bonding dinner (i.e., bar-b-que); try to keep locations mid-way for the clubs involved; though Vallivue prefers not to play on Saturday, they don't compete with other sports for their field so maybe an option for multi-team days; the former policy of how often and where teams need to travel, including a year off from traveling, is up for renegotiating.

4. Fall Ball status (good/bad)

Overall, Members are pleased with Fall Ball. Good: like the multi-team format at one location; enjoyed the formality of the Nation Anthem and teams lining up before faceoff – helps new players feel more a part of a team, adds excitement. Bad: issue with ref starting game before teams were prepared [NOTE: Following a timeout, or the team that called the timeout declares they are ready to play, teams have 20 seconds to take the field once notified by the official, NFHS Rule 4-25.6]; the schedule is not available - Gary Wheeler will send out the schedule and will be posted on IHSLL website. Suggested

that Members continue to spread the word regarding the games to get more fan support.

5. Discuss league structure for 2020

Though there are still issues, 2019 season for playoffs better than the previous two. The RPI algorithm, including strength of schedule, works well, just needs to be communicated early – before the scheduling meeting on just need October 19th; Quarterfinal round should be at central locations that are known well before the season ends. A Member suggested narrowing the playing field. Further discussion during the October meeting.

IHSL Meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the Month

David adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.