

GHYLA Second Pre-Season Board of Directors Meeting

December 2, 2014

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Revisions are underlined, 12-27-14

Upcoming Important Dates:

- January 6, 2015 – Declare Playoff eligible teams.
- January 8, 2015 – Scheduling meeting. See below for details.
- January 16, 2015 – Submit preliminary rosters to VP at that level.

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Reitman at 6:55pm at Pub Fiction, 2303 Smith Street, #100, Houston, TX 77006

Attendees:

- Glenn Reitman – GHYLA President, Sienna Plantation representative
- Tim Bohdan – GHYLA Treasurer
- Chris Arnold – GHYLA Representative to US Lacrosse Houston Chapter, Kingwood representative
- Tom Partin – GHYLA Coordinator/Website, Richmond representative
- Jim Warner – GHYLA Secretary
- Donna Broom – GHYLA VP of U9, Friendswood representative
- Deanna Reitman – Sienna Plantation representative
- Bob Horswell – Cy Fair representative
- John Rotta – Katy representative
- Michael Hughes – Magnolia representative
- Sam Garcia – Clear Lake representative
- Mark Rothwell – Hylax representative
- Michael Matlock – West Houston representative
- Rusty Genson – Fort Bend representative
- Ben Dyer – Lobo's representative
- Nick Ignatiev – Pershing representative
- Clubs not represented or did not sign in:
 - North Conference – Woodlands, Klein
 - South Conference – Pearland
 - Central Conference – Black Middle School, Kinkaid, Pin Oak, Presbyterian, Saints
 - West Conference – Outlaws, Memorial

Discussions by area:

- September 16, 2014 meeting minutes – Motion to approve by GHYLA Treasurer, Seconded by GHYLA US Lacrosse Representative for the Houston Chapter. Motion carried and the meeting minutes approved.
- Membership:
 - West Houston – West Houston is an upstart program which will primarily feed Westside High School. There is one Katy ISD elementary school in the zone, Wolfe Elementary, which will feed Katy Taylor High School. The attached exhibit depicts the boundaries for West Houston.
 - They will play at West Briar Middle School and Paul Revere Middle School.
 - They currently have 2 possibly 3 coaches available.
 - Working with the Westside High School program.

- The final number of teams entered into GHYLA is under review. They anticipate entering a team at 5th/6th, 7th/8th, and possible 4U.
- Motion by Sienna to accept West Houston as a provisional member, Seconded by Richmond. Motion carried and West Houston will be a provisional member for 2015.
- Vice President for 4U – The Vice President for 4U has become an open position to which GHYLA is looking for volunteers. If you or someone you know is interested, please email the GHYLA President at president@ghyla.org.
- League Alignment – The following conferences were proposed for the 2015 season:

North Conference

1. Magnolia
2. Woodlands
3. Klein
4. Cy-Fair
5. Lobo

West Conference

1. Fort Bend
2. Katy
3. Memorial
4. Outlaws
5. Richmond
6. West Houston

Central Conference

1. Black Middle School
2. Kingwood
3. Kinkaid
4. Pin Oak
5. Presbyterian
6. Saints

South Conference

1. Clear Lake
2. Friendswood
3. HYLAX
4. Pearland
5. Pershing
6. Sienna

Motion #1 – Motion to incorporate (4) conferences by Katy, seconded by Richmond. Motion carried and there will be (4) conferences for 2015.

Motion #2 – Motion to accept the proposed conferences noted above by Katy, seconded by Sienna. Motion carried and the above conferences will be used for 2015.

- Scheduling :
 - Clubs shall submit contact information to GHYLA for person(s) responsible for scheduling regular season games.
 - Clubs shall develop regular season games prior to the scheduling meeting. The scheduling meeting will only confirm the schedule and fill in minor scheduling holes.
 - The scheduling meeting will be on January 8, 2015 at 6:00. The location is yet to be determined.
 - Playoff eligible teams must be declared prior to January 6, 2015.
 - Playoff eligible teams cannot be added or removed after the January scheduling meeting.
- Uniforms:
 - Jerseys must include numbers on the front and back
 - Jersey colors must be close in color for players on the same team
 - Different helmet colors are acceptable

- Memorial Herman Sponsorship – Memorial Herman has offered to sponsor GHYLA. This conflicts with the present arrangement for HYLAX at the South Campus. HYLAX will discuss with Methodist.
- Playoff location will continue at the South Campus fields.
- Clarification for 4U Rules – 2U and 4U will play on a 40' x 80' field while playing 8 on 8; goalie, (2) defensemen, (3) middies, and (2) attack with will only require (1) official per game. The 4U field boundary lines, if not drawn completely on the field, should be augmented with flat cones to fill in any missing boundary lines.
Motion by Richmond to accept the proposal above, seconded by Katy. The motion carried with 2U and 4U playing 8 on 8 on the reduced field of 40' wide x 80' long. Refer to the attached diagram for clarification.
- Preliminary regular season rosters shall be submitted to the Vice President for that level by January 16, 2015. The rosters shall include:
 - Player name
 - Address
 - Current School
 - Zoned High School
 - Designated if the player received a waiver to play for that team
- Boundary exceptions for a player who lives in one recruiting boundary to play for a club in a different recruiting boundary still requires a waiver signed by the club president of both affected clubs.
- Rule Discussion:
 - Faceoffs will be modified. The official will hold the ball, communicate down, place the ball, communicate set, then blow the whistle.
 - Team certification will occur at the same time for both teams.
 - Take-out checks will be a minimum 2 minute non-releasable penalty.
 - Goalies will serve the penalty. The in-home will only serve a team penalty.
 - The NOCSAE helmet issue was discussed. The officials will only ask the coaches once before the game to certify that their players are properly equipped, including the new helmet specifications.
- Items to discuss at the end of the season:
 - Waivers for 6th grade and under
 - Exception that goalies may play for two playoff eligible teams.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM



