

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GREATER HOUSTON YOUTH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Greater Houston Youth Lacrosse Association ("GHYLA") was held on June 10, 2013 at 1330 Post Oak Blvd., Houston, Texas, pursuant to notice duly given.

The following members of the Board attended the meeting:

Mike Chuter, Katy
John Roth Katy,
Nathan Crowell-Cy-Fair,
Brian McGill Pin Oak,
Nancy Horton- Clear Lake,
Pete Lehle Outlaws;
Warren Williamson, Pin Oak;
Ted McCrann, Pin Oak;
Pat McCrann PinOak;
Jeff Smith, SB Memorial;
Glenn Reitman, Sienna Panthers;
Deanna Reitman Sienna Panthers;
Mark Rothwell, HYLAX.

One member from each of the organizations described above represented a member of the Board.

The following members of the Executive Committee were present for the meeting:

Michael Bertasz: President,
Bob Wallace VP U15,
Dan Lipnick VP U13,
Jillian Barkley VP U11,
Mike Alsobrooks, Coordinator,
Mike Murphy, Treasurer,
Mary Zimmermann, Secretary,
Tim Bohdan US Lacrosse Representative

Mr. Bertasz presided as President of the Meeting until the election of the new Executive Committee, and Mary Zimmermann served as Secretary of the meeting until the election of the new Executive Committee.

1. Call to Order; Introduction. Mr. Bertasz called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

2. Executive Committee Reports. Each of the members of the Executive Committee provided an end of the year report. A summary of each report is provided on Exhibit A to these minutes.

3. By-Laws and Boundary Rules Update. The members of the Sub-Committee on Bylaws and Boundary Rules provided an update. A summary of the update is provided on Exhibit B to these minutes.

4. Elections for Executive Committee. The Board and the Coordinator were provided with ballots for the election of the new Executive Committee. Each candidate was given the opportunity to speak. The following members of the Executive Committee were elected by a majority of the Board present at the meeting:

President: Mike Alsobrooks

VP U15: Mike Wallace

VP U13: Michael Bertasz

VP U11: Jillian Barkley

Treasurer: Tim Bohdan

Secretary: Glenn Reitman (volunteered since no candidate nominated)

Coordinator: Mary Zimmerman

US Lacrosse Houston Chapter Representative: Chris Arnold

At this point, Mr. Ted McCrann and Mr. Pat McCrann departed from the meeting, Mr. Alsobrooks presided as President of the meeting and Mr. Reitman served as Secretary of the meeting

5. New Business. Mr. Alsobrooks opened the meeting to new business.

(a) Proposed By-laws Changes. Mr. Bohdan proposed changes to the GHYLA By-laws to modify the following items:

I. Correct typographical errors and inconsistent nomenclature.

II. Change player requirements from grade-based to age-based, consistent with US Lacrosse rules regarding age and division eligibility. A discussion ensued regarding whether or not GHYLA should approve Mr. Bohdan's proposed changes to the age and division eligibility requirements for this upcoming season. Mr. Alsobrooks determined that the Executive Committee and Board should form a subcommittee to plan how GHYLA should be structured based on US Lacrosse age based divisions and eligibility requirements. Mr. Alsobrooks appointed Mr. Bohdan to chair the subcommittee. The subcommittee was directed by Mr. Alsobrooks to present findings at the meeting at the end of the summer. Mr. Bohdan called on volunteers for the subcommittee. Mr. McGill agreed to assist.

III. Add a U9 position to the Executive Committee.

IV. Permit the bylaws to be amended by 2/3rd vote of the sitting members of the Board at any duly constituted meeting as opposed to 75%. A discussion ensued regarding which provision in the By-laws controlled since the last paragraph of Article 5 of the By-laws conflicts with Article 17 of the By-laws and whether it was appropriate to modify the By-laws prior to receiving recommendations from the attorneys at Jones Day (GHYLA's counsel) who are currently reviewing and revising the By-laws.

V. Make conforming changes to the Executive Committee job descriptions.

VI. Remove the last sentence in Article 17 of the By-laws that reads, "If the amendment is not approved, it shall not be brought again for consideration by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors for the period of one year.

After a thorough discussion, motion was brought to approve items I, III and VI, with items II, IV and V to be tabled for future meetings but not rescinded, which was seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that items I, III and VI above are hereby adopted and approved and the By-laws will be appropriately changed to reflect same.

6. Rules. Mr. Alsobrooks presented the Board with certain rules that needed to be addressed prior to the next season:

I. Whether Goalies serve penalties. A discussion ensued regarding whether or not Goalies should serve penalties or whether the in-home should serve the penalty.

II. Whether we have a mercy rule. A discussion ensued regarding whether or not to require the mercy rule.

Mr. Alsobrooks determined that a rules sub-committee should address all rules issues and present to the Board. Mr. Bertasz was appointed chairman of the Rules Sub-Committee.

7. Website. Mr. Alsobrooks next discussed consolidating our technology to accommodate league scheduling and officials assignments. Under the current system, we utilize the GHYLA website for league scheduling and Arbiter for officials assignments. Mr. Alsobrooks will research web host sites in order to determine whether we can consolidate our needs into one system.

8. Private Schools. Mr. Alsobrooks next discussed whether GHYLA should allow private schools to join the league. A brief discussion ensued without any final determination.

9. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Glenn Reitman", written in dark ink.

Glenn Reitman
Secretary of the Meeting

Exhibit A

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer- Mike Murphy: checking account balance \$5400

Outstanding checks total \$1400. Includes \$1000 check to HYLAX for playoffs.

\$560 surplus of the season.

Under forecast by 5 teams out of 80

Spent \$1200 more than planned.

Causes: Rule change on YG games,

Extra games and fees

All star pennies more this year.

D&O insurance for the Board of Directors. Cost \$450.

Could have a lower balance at the beginning of the season with expenditures during the summer.

Some foreseen expenses are new web tools for scheduling.

See attached Treasurer's Report Schedule

US Lacrosse Houston Chapter Representative -Tim Bohdan:

Loaner Stick Program: We purchased 4 bags populated with 25 mini sticks each at the beginning of the year to loan out to elementary school programs to introduce the sport to elementary aged children to allow coaches to run a lacrosse curriculum in the school. 4 bags are currently with Katy, Sienna and Pearland. If any organization is interested in borrowing sticks for in upcoming school year please contact the newly elected US Lacrosse Houston Chapter Representative.

Coordinator/ Officials Rep- Mike Alsobrooks: Coordinator and the Assigner for the official's organization.

This past spring season there GHYLA expanded from 1 official to 2 per games.

All season only 2 no show officials and 4 games where a YG team has only one instead of 2 officials assigned.

New officials: 49 came to training class, 25 continued on to train at tournaments

5 of those 25 were good enough to work playoffs.

Nancy Horton asked if high school players could officiate.

Secretary: Mary Zimmermann: Scheduling went well. Thanks to all for patience during the season.

VP U11- Jillian Barkley;

20 teams played 4U this season.

This age level is getting more competitive.

Still on the small fields,

Huge range in age levels,
There were about 8 2U games played this season
Tim Bohdan mentioned the need of adding a U9 division.
Magnolia hosted an end of season tournament.
Several suggested next year GHYLA hosting a playoff tournament at the 4U level.

VP U13 - Dan Lipnick:

29 Young Gun Teams, 22 playoff eligible
Needs in the age division: Split into A & B division and
Need to control coaches to improve fans and player attitudes
Fewer incidents this year than in the past
Quality of play is up.
Woodlands won the playoffs.

VP U15 Bob Wallace:

3 primary roles:

1. Deal with incident reports: There were a few this season in U15. Need to be more prepared for incidents and pay close attention. Problem this year with offence being committed after the game is over. Need to make sure the officials are not abused.

2. Playoffs: Plaques were presented with picture to winning teams.

8th grade HYLAX- presented to Mark Rothwell

7th grade- Outlaws. Presented to Pete Lehle.

This was the first time team from the North, South and the West won the championship games.

3. All Star Games: 23 players on each team. The number of players submitted was determined by where they finished in the season. Every team was able to send an All Star. All the players were mixed together according to position.

Thanks to Ben Dyer and thanks to Margie Dyer for hosting the All Star games on Margie's birthday.

Thanks to Mike Murphy for getting the All Star pinnies.

Overall a good season.

Mike Alsobrooks mentioned by rule when the game is over if an official is still on the field then he still has jurisdiction. Also, many of our officials are football officials, as of this year in football any hit to a defenseless player with a helmet is an automatic ejection.

Mark Rothwell- supports combining Young Gun and Middle School playoffs., easier for parents, volunteers and more of an event.

Mike Alsobrooks stated that he has looked at the schedule and it can work in one weekend.

President Michael Bertasz:

Most important stuff has been covered. The only thing he would add:
Thinks the adoption of the US Lacrosse rules has been a good thing.

More resources available. and better for teams that travel.
Encourage all the coaches, administrators and teams to go and use these resources.
Contact the Houston Chapter President Stacie McKay or US Lacrosse website.

Exhibit B

By-Laws and Boundary Rules Subcommittee Report

By-Laws and Boundary Rule Update:

Reported by Mr. Bertasz, Chairman of the By-laws and Boundary Rules Subcommittee:

We were supposed to have something to deliver by this meeting but there is nothing to present at this time.

Michael, Tim, Bob and Deanna have been working with the lawyers, Jones Day.

2 things they are trying to accomplish.

1. Fix the boundary rule
2. Fix the boundary rules in the context of re-examining the bylaws.

A meeting is being organized for this month in Houston.

More will be known at this time.

They will give the committee options and give pros and cons.

Something should be deliverable by August.

Concern was expressed as to who would continue on the committee after the elections.

Deanna stated we could change committee members but not the scope of work.

We should have something to submit and vote on at the Board of Directors at the next BoD meeting.