

GHYLA Pre-Season Board of Directors Meeting

September 16, 2014

6:30 – 8:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Reitman at 6:42pm at the office of DLA Piper LLP (US), Wells Fargo Plaza, 1000 Louisiana Street, Houston, TX 77002.

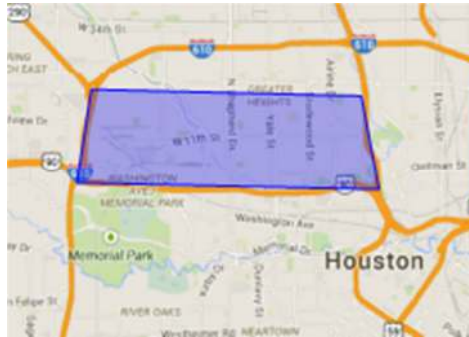
Attendees:

- 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
- Michael Bertasz – GHYLA VP of U15
- Andrew Wheat – GHYLA VP of U13, Katy representative
- Jillian Barkley – GHYLA VP of U11, Klein representative
- Donna Broom – GHYLA VP of U9, Friendswood representative
- Deanna Reitman – Sienna Plantation representative
- Jason Menchaca – Cy Fair representative
- Shawn Sommer – Cy Fair representative
- John Rotta – Katy representative
- John Perouty – Friendswood representative
- Jeff Saucier – Woodlands representative
- Matt Carr – Houston Saints representative
- Brit Chapman – Memorial Knights representative
- Chad Muir – Kinkaid/JP Lacrosse representative
- Ron Dunklee – Pearland representative
- Jim Defayne – Richmond representative
- Mike Campbell – Magnolia representative
- Michael Hughes – Magnolia representative
- Sam Garcia – Clear Lake representative
- Clubs not represented or did not sign in:
 - North Conference – Lobos
 - South Conference – Hylax, Black Middle School, Presbyterian
 - West Conference – Outlaws, Pershing

Discussions by area:

- Introduction of the Executive Committee
- Membership:
 - Frank Black Middle School – unanimous vote to move from a provisional member to a regular member.
 - Houston Saints – The Houston Saints are an upstart program with the following goals and boundaries:
 - Develop a lacrosse feeder program for the Catholic High Schools similar to the Outlaws and Houston Christian.
 - Initial support for lacrosse programs at Strake Jesuit, St. Thomas, and St. Pius. The program will be geared to starting a high school program at St. Pius.

- The players would be enrolled in a Catholic School or in the following zone bounded on the north by 290, east by I-45, south by I-10, and the west by 610.



- Teams are anticipated at the 4U, 5th/6th grade, and the 7th grade levels for the upcoming regular season.
 - Katy made the motion for adding the Houston Saints as a provisional member for the 2015 regular season. The motion was seconded by Sienna Plantation. The motion passed unanimously. The Houston Saints will be a provisional member.
 - Friendswood – Friendswood will have a combined Board for the 2nd through 8th grade program.
 - Motion #1 – remove academic grade level from the requirements for player eligibility (use the US lacrosse system of U15, U13, U11, and U9)-**MOTION FAILED**
- After discussing the two eligibility criteria; US lacrosse age or academic grade, the membership voted to use the academic grade for player eligibility.
- Motion #2 – consider options to modify the field size and/or player complement for the U11 (aka, 4U) division

The different scenarios were briefly discussed, 7 vs. 7, 10 vs. 10 on $\frac{3}{4}$ field, and 10 vs. 10 on full field. A fourth scenario was proposed, 8 vs. 8 on a reduced field size. The vote was tabled until the November meeting while the US Lacrosse representative developed an 8 vs. 8 proposal.

- GHYLA Finances – Tim Bohdan reported that GHYLA finished the 2013-2014 season with \$40 more than it started in its bank account at approximately \$4,100. The registration fees for each Team during the 2014-2015 season will remain the same as the 2013-2014 season.
 - 2U - \$50 per squad
 - 4U - \$50 per squad
 - U13/ Young Guns - \$120 per squad
 - U15/7th/8th grade - \$120 per squad
- The pinnies used at the year-end all-star game will resemble the American Flag.
- Regular Season and Playoff Rosters

- Regular Season – Regular season rosters shall be submitted to the Vice President for that level a minimum of (15) fifteen days prior to the opening weekend.
 - Rosters shall remain at the scorer's table during the game.
 - Players may not be rostered or play on more than one playoff eligible team during the regular season.
- Playoff Rosters
 - Playoff Rosters must be turned into the Vice President at that level no later than March 14, 2015.
 - Players may only be included on one playoff eligible Team roster.

The above proposal was discussed by the attending members with a vote following. The above proposal passed unanimously.

- Playoff Schedule – The playoff schedule was discussed, and the motion passed to host the playoffs on one weekend.
- New Team Additions: The following programs were determined to be possible additions for the 2014-2015 season:
 - Fort Bend Rangers – Add a middle school program. The anticipation is that Fort Bend will petition to become a provisional member during the November meeting. The preliminary membership vote is unanimous to accept Fort Bend as a provisional member for 2014-2015.
 - Pasadena Parks and Recreation
 - Angleton Parks and Recreation
- The attending membership was polled to determine the projected number of 2U Teams for the 2014-2015 season. The following Teams anticipate having Team(s) at the 2U Division:
 - Sienna Plantation – 2 Teams
 - Katy – 1 Team
 - Magnolia – 2 Teams
 - Kingwood – 1 Team
 - Friendswood – 1 Team
 - Klein – 2 Teams
 - The remaining organizations do not anticipate registering a Team at the 2U Division.
- League Alignment: Alignment of the conferences was tabled for discussion during the November meeting.
- Other Business: The member representatives requested that the website be updated to remove the inconstancy regarding age and academic eligibility for the players.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM