

# **PAGLA Spring Meeting June 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: See accompanying sign-in sheet

## **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

### General

- Mary Fran to start a new girl's youth program in Great Valley
- Camp Green Lane seeks someone to coach a lax clinic at this summer. Interested people should contact Ross
- UK school seeks programs interested in playing their teams when programs are in the Philly area. Interested people should contact Ross
- USL has started a wall ball challenge. Region reps have details for those interested

### Board Openings (*sign in sheet distributed for nominations*)

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Official/Assignor Rep
- Age Group Coordinators (3/4, 5/6, 7/8)

### Financial Update

- League is financially on good ground
- Once new Treasurer is identified, Board will work with the individual to determine an appropriate amount of reserves. After this, PAGLA will review how best to use excess funds, including reducing annual fees

## **II INITIATIVES**

*All initiatives were distributed at least one week in advance of meeting to allow time for consideration prior to vote. No additional initiatives were submitted to the Board for consideration. Initiatives discussed at the meeting and voted on follow along with key discussion points.*

### #1 Region Rep Term Limits

- Term limit change was made with good intentions (minimizing key person risk in event a region rep can no longer serve) but Prog. Directors were not aware of the vote and many expressed concern about the new directive.
- Directive was brought up for discussion and re-vote in consideration of expressed concern by many Prog. Directors

**RESULT:** Prog. Directors and Board voted to rescind the directive; term limits no longer apply for Region Reps.

#2 Mandate player/coach registration in PAGLA's league athletic software

- Goal is to:
  - Facilitate league's ability to understand growth/numbers
  - Allow the Board to better govern PAGLA as needed
  - Help programs save funds/operate more efficiently (e.g. provide support for League athletics to allow programs the option of minimizing/eliminating the use of duplicative LA /Team\*Snap systems)
  - Promote consistent use of technology to foster a better run league (e.g., consistency with game management, communication tools, etc.)

**RESULT: Prog. Directors voted to mandate registration in**

#3 Assignor Improvements

Topic discussed, no initiatives adopted

#4 Coaches Training

- In 2016, coaches had opportunity to participate in both the traditional Coaches Clinics at Radnor and the USL Level 1 training
- Program Directors discussed whether to continue with one or both trainings
- USL's Lacrosse Athletic Development Model
  - Andi O'Conner presented on what USL is doing
  - Group discussed need to look into how to implement

**RESULT:** Prog. Directors voted to run both trainings in 2017 BUT with Mia stepping down (who ran clinic in 2017), PAGLA will need a new volunteer to run the clinic in 2017.

#5 Implementation of USL's recommended new rules

- Some programs have benefited from experiments with the new rule change
- Group voted on whether to explore implementation of the new rule changes

**RESULT:** Prog. Directors voted to start a committee to explore implementation. Three individuals volunteered to spearhead a committee that will review this issue over the Summer.

## #6 Playday Format

- Due to capacity issues in 2016, new formats will be explored, including:
  - Overflow space at a new location
  - Reducing # of games to 3 with a bracket following
  - Other options ...
- General feedback about the 2016 playday was positive outside of the capacity issues.

**RESULT:** Ross to explore other options and report back to league at the Fall meeting

## #7 “A-Level” Team Formation

- During 2016, Tri-County had:
  - 5/6: 1 A-team of the 21 registered teams
  - 7/8: 1 A-team of the 8 registered teams
- During 2016, South had:
  - 5/6: 3 A-teams of the 29 registered teams
  - 7/8: 5 A-teams of the 14 registered teams
- Programs that hosted A teams generally found their B-teams dominated by programs not hosting B teams, suggesting a “red shirting” of talent at the B-level
- To balance play, it was proposed that all programs be required to form at least one “A-level” team at 5/6 and 7/8 if the program:
  - *has hosted teams at the respective age group for at least 2 prior seasons,*
  - *has more than one team at an age group, AND*
  - *feeds into a public HS with a varsity lacrosse team*

**RESULT:** The directive was approved by a majority vote