

# Maine Youth Lacrosse Open Board Meeting

January 28, 2020

Notes taken by Barbara Snapp

**Attending:** Board members – Jonathan Becker, Terry Pollack, Barbara Snapp  
Club representatives – Rob Parenteau (Saco Bay), Steve Strout (Scarborough)

## US Lacrosse updates

AED: Maine Youth Lacrosse has received grant funding from USL for an AED which will be supplied by the American Heart Institute. There are several issues to be resolved with its use.

1. The AED can only be used by a trained individual. It would be best to train several, so that no one person has to be present every time the device is wanted at a game. Perhaps there are people affiliated with MYL or one of the teams who are already trained. We can ask for volunteers at the upcoming Level 1 coaching clinic.
2. There is only one AED. How to determine where it goes if there is more than one venue requesting it? Consensus was that tournaments or large playdays would take priority, unless those events have already arranged to have emergency personnel present.

Level 1 Coaches Training: March 7, 2020; Maine Athletic Complex, Portland; 9 am to 1 pm

Registration is through US Lacrosse at <https://www.uslacrosse.org/coaches/coach-development-program/instructional-clinics>

MYLL is responsible for facility rental this year. Rental will cost \$1000.

Level 2 Coaches Training: Maine does not have one scheduled at this point. We should know by the end of March. If Maine does not get a clinic, coaches can attend trainings in New Hampshire or Massachusetts.

## MYL Updates

Open Board positions: there are 3 current vacancies.

The Board also needs to fill positions for Treasurer and Secretary.

Statewide Preseason Meeting: February 26; South Portland Recreation Center

Girls: 6-7 pm

Boys: 7-8 pm

Central Maine Lacrosse League: CMLL is disbanding

- ) Discussion of the impact included acknowledgement of the difficulty in scheduling teams which are spread out over a long distance – in particular those in mid-Maine and northern Maine.
- ) The intention is to schedule teams with nearby towns as much as possible, although each team may be asked to go to one venue requiring a 45-minute drive each season.
- ) Isolated towns may need to look at creating multiple teams in each age group which can participate in in-town games.

League player fee: the fee for 2020 will remain at \$2 per player in grades 3 through 6.

### K-2 Lacrosse:

- ) Most towns that sponsor K-2 lacrosse do not have scheduled games between towns
- ) They hold skills and drills session with minimal player equipment on the weekends
- ) There may be playdays during the last 2 weekends of the season for those towns who would like to participate.
- ) MYLL can facilitate communication among K-2 clubs by advertising those communities that host K-2 teams.

### **Schedule Update**

- ) Deadline for registration is March 21. Schedule will be released on April 1.
- ) Clubs/towns are asked to send a rough estimate of number of teams for boys and girls in each age group by the statewide meeting on February 26.
- ) Each team must host games on 2 days and will be responsible for paying officials for those days or negotiating a shared payment plan with visiting teams.
- ) First games will occur on May 2-3; Last games on June 13-14
- ) The season is shorter than usual due to a late spring break week.

### **2020 Tournaments**

- ) The following tournaments have been scheduled so far:
  - Girls
    - Massabesic: May 3
    - Cumberland Round Robin: 3/4 and 5/6; May 16
  - Boys
    - Cape Classic: 3/4; May 30
    - LaxFest in South Portland: MS and JV; June 6  
5/6; June 7?
    - Cumberland Jamboree: 3/4 and 5/6; June 13 and 14
- ) Tournaments still to be finalized:
  - Tegonhondi: at Colby College; Boys and Girls; May 9 and 10 or May 16 and 17.
  - Gray/New Gloucester: Boys and Girls; 7/8; TBD
- ) Details for tournaments: links for information and registration at <http://www.maineyouthlax.org/>

### **Rules Changes**

- ) Details on US Lacrosse rules for 2020 are at <https://www.uslacrosse.org/rules>
- ) Boys new rules: modifications to 5-yard rule for 5/6 and 7/8; 1 pass required after face-off before scoring
- ) Girls new rules: free movement at all levels on starts and restarts
- ) Unified field lines could be a safety concern for some Maine fields: if end lines would run through goal posts on a football field, space in center can be reduced to create a gap between end line and goal posts.

## **Officiating**

- ) Payment at games: home teams are responsible for paying officials or negotiating a shared payment plan with visiting teams.
- ) Adult and junior official training dates and locates will be sent to MYLL members by e-blast once details are provided to Jonathan.
- ) Details may also be found on the boys officials website (<http://www.mloa.org/>) and the girls officials website ([www.mainewloa.com](http://www.mainewloa.com))

## **Other**

- ) Rhino Lacrosse: boys camp on June 22-25 at Twin Brooks in Cumberland
  - o Information on other camps on MYLL website (<http://www.maine-youth-lax.org/>)
- ) Next MYLL Board meeting: date TBD