



EC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Open Session Wednesday, November 9, 2016 @ 7:00pm
Xavier College Preparatory
471 North 5th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

I. President Reginald Younger, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Attendance:

Heather Cole, Desert Vista HS	Kelly Kubicki, Chaparral HS
Rachael D'Angelo	Ronna Layne, Xavier College Preparatory
Katie Dirvonas, Kyrene MS	Nancy Lowe, Desert Vista HS
Amanda Dozier, Gilbert HS	Tanya Williams, Gilbert HS
Heather Eakins, Desert Mountain HS	Riley Winter, Pinnacle HS
Tara Flaherty, Chaparral HS	Reginald Younger, Jr
Nancy Harley, Pinnacle HS	

II. President Younger informed the membership that Phoenix Country Day School will not be forming a team for the 2017 season but may return at a future date. Their Athletic Director mentioned they were having internal discussions regarding AIA vs Club involvement.

III. Open Members Forum – Several issues were discussed during the Open Member Forum.

- Clarification was made regarding official rules and if they would be changing for JV this year, Varsity rules will apply to JV.

IV. Approve Meeting Minutes

A. Open Meeting Minutes November 2016

V. Topics for Discussion

A. 2016 Schedule JV & Varsity (Changes, Points, Playoffs, Venues)

- Heather Eakins described the schedule which was put together by the Coaches committee. There are a couple more changes that need to be made but it will be completed very soon. She also described the new system where teams will play everyone once (Green Games) and those games will be weighted heavier with the winning team receiving 3 points. The Freedom Games will bring the season total to 15 games and these games are drawn randomly and given a lesser weight. Teams winning the Freedom games will receive 1 point. In preparing the game schedule, consideration was given to the officials as there must be 3 refs per game. In many cases there are not enough officials to ref at 3 separate locations in one evening.

- B. Coaches Council is also working on playoff system which will now include the High Seed to host the playoff game on their home field. It is suggested that teams begin making arrangements for this at their earliest convenience. Playoffs are scheduled for the first week in May and will allow for a break between the two playoff games. The intent is to not give the team receiving a bye an unfair advantage. The Championship game will be either on a Friday or Saturday if possible.
- C. Coaches Openings:
 - Desert Vista and Horizon have filled all positions on their coaching staff.
 - Desert Mountain is in need of 3 coaches, Varsity, JV and Youth team.
 - Gilbert is looking for a JV coach.
- D. President Younger will get more information on the D1 coaches clinic scheduled in December
- E. By-Law Update – Rules and Regulations Changes: Suggested changes need to be sent to the EC (please include verbiage). President Younger would like to take action on any by-law changes in December and prior to the beginning of the year. Changes this season would include Criteria on Boundaries and the Playoff changes.

There was also a question on player uniforms as several teams have been told by officials that their uniforms are illegal. The consensus of the membership is that Gilbert and Desert Vista be allowed to use their current uniforms without penalty from the officials until 2018 when US Lacrosse Rules will be changed. Nancy Lowe of Desert Vista will prepare a brief statement to be sent to the officials prior to the 2017 season.

- F. Treasurer's Report – 2017 Dues have been increased to \$100/player. We will have a more detailed report at the December meeting:
 - 2015 - \$16,000 remained in account at end of year.
 - 2016 - \$8,000 remains in account at end of year.
 - Playoff Fields in 2016 cost \$2000
 - Officials cost approximately \$32,000/season - \$150/game. Some games require more officials than others and it is the officials that determine which game and who is available to officiate.
 - WNT Massachusetts – in 2016 was given \$2000 by AZGLA. This needs to be reviewed and perhaps in the future AZGLA can help with fundraising as opposed to just making a flat donation.

VI. New Business

- A. Southwest Roundup – Field are reserved at Tempe Sports Complex, February 18-19, 2017
- B. Team Communications will be coming from the Board and the Website will be updated on a regular basis.

VII. Next Meeting scheduled date December 7 @ 7:00 PM

VIII. Adjournment @ 8:00pm

The AGLA Consists of the Following Lacrosse Teams: Chaparral (V, JV) Desert Mountain (V), Desert Vista (V, JV) Gilbert (V, JV) Hamilton (V) Horizon (V) Notre Dame Preparatory (V, JV) Pinnacle (V, JV Blue & White) Xavier College Preparatory (V, JV) Kyrene (JV) Rancho Solano (JV) Tucson (JV)