

Madison Eastside Lacrosse Association (MELAX)

Monday, December 4, 2017 at 5:30 pm

Hartmeyer Ice Arena

Madison, WI

Meeting Facilitator: Joe Seifert, President

Attendees: Renee Abel-Collinge, Secretary, Tim Verhoff, Vice President, Shayla Boyland, Treasurer, Dan Boyland, HS Boys Coach, Josh Klein, Jeremy Schmidt, Youth Coach, Susie Syron, At Large, Dale Manning HS Boys Rep, Kelly Kasper, Kris Graham, HS Girls Rep, Sarah Moriva Genschaw, At Large, Tressa Warnke, At Large

I. Roll call

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

III. Open issues

a) 501(c)(3): Update

- Federal designation received
- Small items to complete at local level
- Hoping everything will be complete by January
- Tim will call lawyer this week

b) Business Side of Combined Club:

- Accounting
 - Shayla can go ahead and set up the bank account
 - The account will be a combination of youth, and both high school teams
 - Once account is set up, Tressa and Kris can get it setup with registration on our website
 - Will go live when all 501(c)3 local paperwork know is filed
- Budget - this will be determined at the January meeting. We need to get the games schedules to be able to budget correctly.
- Player Fees - talked about raising the fees just a little bit
- Informing Parents of Our Status - we will send out an email in January information parents of non-profit status, coaching, fields, and fees.

- Inform USA Lax and Badgerland of combining teams into one organization (so when players register, there will only be one team choice - MELAX). Kris will do this.

c) Recruitment

- Joe will get the posters finalized this week and we will get them hung up at the schools by next week. We are only going to have two posters-boys and girls.

d) Registration

- Fees - will be determined at next meeting, when we get the games schedules
- Standard Documents - these are done. Kris will get them up on the HS boys registration and youth registration forms. They are on HS girls registration already.
- Date of opening - TBD at next meeting

e) Practice Fields for All Teams

- Ahuska hasn't gotten back to Joe - he'll check in with them
- Youth has the field at Mendota as backup but will look for something closer
- HS Boys have field at Whitehorse as backup but will look for something better
- HS Girls practiced at Dominion but will be looking for something else
- Brainstormed about indoor/outdoor practice spaces: Eastside elementary school fields, St Dennis gym, Abundant Life gym and Door Creek Gym

f) Breese Stevens

- We are just waiting on the schedules to come out and then we will be able to get the info to the folks at Breese and sign contracts.
- Jeremy would like to have a few youth games there. He is on the Badgerland subcommittee to schedule games. Hopefully he can work it so Eastside can get some home games early in the season.

g) Coaching

- Graham Collinge and Jessie Theiler will coach the U-12 team
- Jeremy and Jonah Lackey will coach the U-14 team
- Josh and his coaching staff are leaving the HS Girls team. New coaches are needed for this coming season.

- Dan Boyland will be coaching. A new recruit, Nick Yielding (graduated from Beloit College and played lax there) will be helping, as will the guys who helped last year.

h) YMCA Program Update

- The Y did not put the lacrosse program in the Winter 2 course offerings. They will make sure and get in in this spring.

IV. New Issues

a) New Logo

- We would like to develop a new logo that encompasses all the team - Eastside Lacrosse. Kris has someone who is willing to work on a new logo. The new logo may be phased in over the next couple of years.

b) High School Director/Coordinator

- It would be nice to have one between the HS boys and Girls teams, but no one volunteered.