

CTYLA

Central Texas Youth Lacrosse Association

Board Meeting: 9/16/13

Affiliate programs represented: Dripping Springs, CAYLA, Georgetown, Lake Travis, New Horizons, Regents, Round Rock, St Andrews, Smithson Valley, SWALA, Town & Country, Vipers, Vista Ridge, WAYL, Westlake

NEW PROGRAMS:

There are several new Affiliate programs proposed for the 2014 Season. We were able to have introductions from a few during the meeting and will have more information out shortly. We will have discussion and voting on these programs at the October meeting.

Austin Achieve: Set up as part of the renovation/re-opening of the former Westside Memorial school. The New Horizons program has been building interest in the sport in this underserved area for several years. Numbers will determine whether this is a full team or scrimmage situation and games may be limited to Home to avoid travel.

Gateway Prep: This new charter school in the Georgetown area is eager to include lacrosse. The number/age groups of teams will be determined but they expect to have some full teams for the season.

Longhorn Lacrosse: Established as a feeder to the Westwood HS program. We did not have a representative present to introduce the program further but will get more information out prior to next meeting.

O.Henry MS: Located in Tarrytown, west of Mopac, and traditionally serving students from that area as well as Rollingwood, Travis Country and beyond. With a strong girls program in existence at the school, there's interest in developing a boys team as well.

San Antonio: We've had interest from the SA area and have requested more information.

COACH TRAINING:

Two US Lacrosse coach training sessions are available this fall. As a reminder, participants who wish to be USL Certified need to complete the online training and attend a Positive Coaching Alliance session in addition to the scheduled local clinics below. Details are available on the USL website (www.uslacrosse.org).

CEP Level 1: November 9, from 9am-4pm at Vandergrift High School. CEP 1 is great for first time coaches, providing a good foundation of structure and drill mechanics. Registration is available through the US Lacrosse website. Refer questions to Mike Wright (mrwaustin@gmail.com).

CEP Level 2: November 16 in Dripping Springs. CEP 2 is designed to train coaches for higher age and skill levels. Registration should be available through the USL site soon, if not there already. Refer questions to Troy Jamail (troy.jamail@hwaparking.com).

SCHEDULING:

PASSED BY VOTE: The schedule for Bantam and Lightning levels will be based on geographic "Pods" to manage travel throughout the season.

PASSED BY VOTE: We will execute a Manual Schedule, with each program/team building its own schedule during a league-wide meeting. Date for meeting will be announced at October meeting.

DIVISIONS:

The shortage of Red (division 1) teams and massing of Blue (division 2) teams has caused a couple reactions: (a) that we form sub-divisions so the “High Blue” and “Low Blue” teams are better matched, and (b) that league objective should be to move skill upward and the current divisions be used appropriately. Some proposals that were made:

- Proposal that we split the Blue division to reflect the varied skill levels of teams in that division.
- Proposal that higher skilled/established Blue teams to the Red division by league policy, either based on pre-season ranking or requiring programs with multiple teams at and age level to place one in the Red division.
- Proposal that higher skilled Blue teams are motivated to join the Red division by increasing the number of playoff spots available at that level.

Further discussion will be open at the October meeting.

RULES:

PASSED BY VOTE: Return to an NCAA-based rule structure for games

Rule waivers and Officials Training dates will be announced at October meeting.

Eligibility: Discussion and vote expected at October meeting to establish rules for player eligibility. Specifically to address questions of players registered in multiple programs and the movement of players to other teams within one program.

LEAGUE MANAGEMENT:

PASSED BY VOTE: Each Affiliate Program is required to supply one volunteer, in addition to board representative for league level committees or administrative functions.

PASSED BY VOTE: Adoption of five member Executive Board, as follows, with nominations for all positions open immediately.

President (currently held by Jason Isaac)

Serve as first line contact to US Lacrosse Chapter

Preside over all meetings and calls of the CTYLA League

Provide guidance and direction for league growth

Delegate specific responsibilities to chapter board members to ensure activity

Vice-President, League Administration (derived from “Secretary” position held by Derek Craig)

Manage league operations and functions, including schedule, tournaments, and playoff situations

Primary contact for league affiliates, and prospective affiliates, regarding membership Manage volunteer committees regarding league structure and disciplinary action

Provide guidance and direction for league growth

Vice-President, Rules & Officials (currently held by Dave Emerick)

Manage effort of recruiting and training officials

Manage effort to clarify, update and communicate rules and procedures on the field

Liaison with league affiliates regarding rules and officials

Provide guidance and direction for league growth

Secretary

Draft agendas and take minutes for meetings

Distribute communication materials to affiliates

Manage content and administration of league website and links to USL chapter and other sites

Keep record of league bylaws and historical documents

Treasurer (currently held by Carrie Isaac)

Manage accounts receivable and payable for league

Prepare, or assist in preparing, compliance documents regarding state and federal taxes, incorporation, and US Lacrosse chapter membership

Provide financial statements quarterly for league and affiliates

Nominations can be announced at the October meeting or sent to Derek (derek.CTYLA@gmail.com).

Proposed terms would have officers take positions on June 1 with President and Secretary elected in odd years and other positions in even years. Discussion and vote on terms will take place at October meeting.

Next CTYLA meeting tentatively scheduled for October 14.