



Iowa Lacrosse Association Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 7:00 pm – Zoom Conference Call

Attendees: Beech Turner (West Des Moines), Jeff Kueter (Iowa City), Bruce Maxwell (Ames), Dave Hankins (Ankeny), Britt Mitchell (Meskwaki), and Vince McGee (Quad Cities). Guests included Max Gula (ISU club president), and Nick Osselo (Clinic and Post Game Group).

Meeting was called to order by Beech at 7:04 pm. A quorum of members were present.

Meeting Minutes

The August meeting minutes were presented. Bruce Maxwell moved to approve the minutes. Dave Hankins seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce advised we have \$4,446.58 in the bank account with a \$158 deposit pending from Try Lax.

Old Business

TryLax Clinic — Beech reported on the TryLax clinic. 63 kids registered on the first night - 45 boys and 18 girls. The event seemed to be off to a good start.

ILAX committees — In an effort to recruit more volunteers from member clubs to help with the work of ILAX, the board has discussed the prospect of setting up committees made up of such volunteers. Discussion on this will continue.

Officials Recruitment and Training - Kevin reported that we were still working on a fall training. They were looking at a fall tournament in Omaha/Lincoln for training, but discussion has gone quiet lately.

Bruce proposed to talk to the ISU Club team about officiating opportunities and the money that is available.

Beech showed a flier that has been put together previously to promote officiating. The flier is being emailed to all present at the meeting.

Jeff shared that there has been some interest with the Iowa Club teams, but they need to be given a specific start date/time to attend to see if they are actually interested.

Beech brought up that hockey officials may be a good resource

New Business

Fall Ball -

- (a) West Des Moines - 95 kids registered. It is going very well. Turnout is better than in 2020. Practicing a couple of times a week. WDM has found that a beginner's clinic that is done through Park and Rec, but connected to the club in Fall Ball seems to work well.
 - (b) Waukee - registration has gone very well.
 - (c) Ankeny - Has just over 100 kids registered. Many new players. Will finish up mid-October.
 - (d) Meskwaki - Girls will do a tournament in Omaha on October 24. Meskwaki was selected for a "Pick up and Play" grant that includes 30 girls sticks and 20 boys sticks as well as a free clinic that is roughly two hours. Saturday, October 23 is a possible date. This will be blasted out for "Celebrate Lacrosse Week" in November.
 - (e) Kingfisher - received a "Pick up and Play" grant as well. They just started Fall Ball. 40 boys and less than 10 girls. Girls are clustered in age 11-15. Boys evenly distributed in 10&under, 12-14, and a handful of high school students.
 - (f) Ames - Fall Ball starts Sunday. Running a flex 6 program.
- (2) Kingfisher, WDM, Ankeny, and Waukee will communicate to set up any scheduling options for Fall Ball.

Coaching Clinics - Level 1 and 2 coaching clinics will be offered in Omaha. October 2 at North Star in Omaha. Level 1 in the morning and Level 2 after lunch. A coach could get both in one day.

Possible New Club - **There has been an** inquiry from an individual in Carroll interested in starting up a club there. He has put up a grant request to get things started there.

Discussion with Clinic and Post Game Group - Nick Osselo of CLNC Sports was present to discuss the possibility of doing some clinics the third weekend of October. CLNC Sports is doing a five game "tour" nationally to underserved and non-traditional lacrosse areas. They are going to be in Ames on October 23 for an ISU home game. They are looking to bring attention to the challenges that exist in places such as Iowa where lacrosse is in the early stages of development. They will be bringing a PLL group of players.

They are looking at running camps in Des Moines on October 20 and 21. Open to youth and high school groups, coaching clinics, etc. CLNS Sports talked with the WDM board already and presented a tentative summary/itinerary. Two groups: HS and 5th-8th grade. There is a 7v7 tournament in Kansas City on October 23/24 that may be already scheduled for the HS boys for WDM, and that is a concern.

Beech communicated that a good setup for this may be for the group to attend a club practice and tag it on to that. There are also concerns with the daylight and weather at that time of the year - the location must be able to accommodate.

The group is going to make a podcast video of “What is a Day Like at Iowa State?”

Jeff commented that based on his experience in the spring, this event would resonate with the kids.

Dave commented that Ankeny is not attending the KC tournament and would not have the conflict that other clubs may have.

Kevin asked for information regarding the need for more officials in Iowa to be included in the podcast.

Fliers and more information will be coming.

Miscellaneous

*Nike Accelerate Camp is also wanting to come in during the fall and run a clinic. Dave raised the question of would they be interested in coming to the eastern side of the state.

*Britt Mitchell discussed that the Meskwaki program was approved for a national “Celebrate Lacrosse” grant.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8:28 pm with a motion to adjourn by Dave seconded by Jeff.