



Iowa Lacrosse Association Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 7:00 pm - Zoom Conference Call

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

Meeting was called to order by Beech at 7:03 pm. A quorum of members were present.

Meeting Minutes

The October meeting minutes were presented. Bruce Maxwell moved to approve the minutes. Marc Schulman seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce advised there is \$5422.58 in the bank account. There are two recent deposits of \$712 from Kingfisher and \$715 from Cyclone Club for ILAX dues.

Old Business

ILAX committees – Jeff & Bruce presented. Jeff discussed that the document is an aspirational document. Optimally every club would have a member on each committee. However, it is recognized that it may not be possible at this time for every club to be able to supply volunteers to every committee. Beech discussed that with limited resources and limited time that this may need to be approached in a piecemeal fashion.

Bruce asked how often Jeff felt that the President's Committee should meet. Jeff answered that the committee would meet roughly quarterly. Bruce also asked regarding the authority of the committees. Jeff responded that ILAX is a member-driven organization, and that having the committees represented by all clubs should help them to feel fully included. The committees would also allow clubs to clearly communicate to ILAX their wants and needs.

Bruce stated that he felt that the most important committees that should be prioritized would include the President's Committee, Officials Committee, and Competition Committee. Jeff agreed that these three were the most important, and that the President's Committee could be the third priority of this group. Currently the Presidents of Ames, Ankeny, and West Des Moines are not on the ILAX board.

There was a discussion of how many people each club thought they may be able to get involved with the ILAX committees.

Each club will have the opportunity to have one member on each committee. The consensus was that clubs should try to find one volunteer to represent their club on the Officials Committee and another volunteer for the Competition Committee. Beech proposed a target date of December 16 to have this done and then encourage those committees to meet as soon as possible after that point.

Dave made a motion for the board to accept the committee proposal framework. Officials and Competition Committees will receive priority and that the other committees will be pursued after that as time allows. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff will collect the information on volunteers from clubs. Britt will lead the Competition Committee. Kevin Hawn will be asked to be on the Officials Committee.

Member Club Funding Request for 2021-22 - Status of member club funding requests. Beech asked board members to get the yearly club funding request on to individual boards and send the funding request on to Bruce.

Fall Ball recap/Spring ball prep - There was a discussion that in the future we should set a date(s) ahead of time for possible fall ball games/scrimmaging between clubs. Play between clubs never came together this year in the fall.

New Business

Eastern Iowa Scheduling Arrangement - Britt and Vince shared information regarding meetings between the eastern Iowa clubs for scheduling. Dubuque, Kingfisher, Meskwaki, and Quad Cities have met regarding scheduling games together at the high school boys level and at younger ages where appropriate.

The purpose for the scheduling arrangement is for the clubs in eastern Iowa to provide a structure that allows for more local games that are at an appropriate level. The four clubs are proposing a double round robin schedule that would occur in a jamboree format at one location on a game day, with a possible final tournament weekend. The clubs are all willing to play 7v7 if that is needed in order to get game play for each club. This is primarily a framework for the high school level, and younger boys ages will be included as appropriate.

Ames expressed an interest in working with these clubs in the endeavor. The Des Moines area clubs also expressed that their JV teams may be interested in playing some games with the eastern Iowa clubs.

LaxCon Convention (Baltimore) – January 14-16. This is the national convention for USA Lacrosse. Sean Maloney invited someone from ILAX to attend the Leader's Seminar on January 14. USA Lacrosse is willing to provide financial support. It includes one night's lodging, free registration, and a \$350 stipend for other expenses. The Leader's Seminar will include lacrosse leaders from states all over the country and will run from 9AM-4PM on the 14th. Beech expressed that he may be interested in attending.

Nike Xcelerate Camp – July 11-14, 2022. Hoping to have boys and girls camps. Will be a day

camp roughly from M-R. The camp had roughly 50 boys last year.

William Penn/Cornell men's game - Feb 12 at West Des Moines, probably at the RecPlex. William Penn may sponsor a clinic after the game which would be open to the public. It may be sponsored by West Des Moines. More information will be coming.

Kingfisher Lacrosse Membership - Dave moved to accept Kingfisher Lacrosse into ILAX. Seconded by Marc. Unanimously approved. Kingfisher is the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Lacrosse Club.

Other Items -

*Jeff provided a link for application for free goals: [Goals For Greatness \(typeform.com\)](https://typeform.com)

*Jeff shared that they are working with Muscatine Youth Sports to initiate lacrosse there, particularly with Flex 6 in the summer.

*Max Gula shared that the Iowa State Club Team had their clinic with attendance of about 30. It went well and they intend to do it again in the spring.

*Bruce talked to the ISU club about officiating last week. He thinks there was some interest.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, December 8 on Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8:31 with a motion to adjourn by Dave and seconded by Jeff.