



Iowa Lacrosse Association Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 7:00 pm - Zoom Conference Call

Attendees: Beech Turner (West Des Moines), Dave Hankins (Ankeny) , Kevin Hawn (officials), Sean Mahoney (Waukee), Bruce Maxwell (Ames), Vince McGee (Quad Cities), Britt Mitchell (Meskwaki), and Tim Mohrfield (Waukee). Guests included Max Gula (ISU Club).

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

Meeting Minutes

There were no December minutes due to the lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce advised there is about \$10,000 in the bank account. All dues are in except for three clubs, and those are on the way. Beech said that officers and directors insurance has been paid for.

Old Business

A. Status of member club dues payments – Bruce

All are in except for three. Two of those three are on the way and the third will be coming.

B. Status of ILAX committees – Jeff

Two committees were created: Competition and Officials. The competition committee met on Monday. They agreed on basic parameters for the scheduling. There is a question regarding the Iowa Games this year because it will be a National Games. Dave said that we have an option: We could compete in the "State Games" that are the national event. But this would be later in the summer. Or we could have our own state event as normal.

Beech suggested that the Iowa Games issue get decided in the Competition Committee meetings.

The competition committee hopes to have the scheduling completed earlier than in past years.

The officials committee has their first meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 20. Kevin Hawn shared that we are down a couple of referees from the past. Kevin has recruited a couple of basketball officials. Kevin stated that he may be turning over the assigning duties. Beech shared that NELAX will be offering some online training to any interested officials. Recruiting more officials is a major priority.

Max Gula of ISU shared that several players with the ISU club team are interested.

Beech said that ILAX is going to do some things to make officiating financially attractive for potential new officials.

Britt asked if the number of officials will require clubs to schedule more teams in one location to save officials, and if it would be ok for a non-credentialed ref to work with a credentialed ref at youth games.

C. LaxCon Convention (Baltimore) – Jan. 14-16

Jeff Kueter and Beech are attending.

New Business

A. Club updates on spring season preparations

Kingfisher: Boys: HS, 14u, 12u, 10u. Girls: HS will coop with Quad City. Younger will depend on registration.

WDM: Registration has opened. They had to raise fees a little due to increased field costs. They are mirroring CDC guidance for their indoor activities. They will mirror the WDM school policies. First parent meeting is tomorrow night.

Ankeny: Opened registration at the start of the year. They already have 30% of their registration from last year. Registration increased due to increased field fees. Indoor activities are more limited for younger groups, and only one group at a time indoors. They expect their Covid protocols to be a little more relaxed than last year.

Ames: Starting up a youth program. May need to mix age groups.

Waukee: Opening registration shortly.

Meskwaki: HS, 14u, 12u, 10u boys. Girls 14u, 12u.

Quad City: HS, 12u, 10u boys. HS, 14u girls.

B. Wm Penn/Cornell men's game/clinic Feb 12 in WDM

*Event is free to the public with a free will donation bucket. This is viewed as

a great marketing opportunity in central Iowa. There will be both a boys and a girls clinic after the game. A flier has been produced and will be put out on social media.

C. Other - There was a question regarding the new chest pad requirement: What is the policy going to be with this from officials and clubs going forward? The shoulder pads are hard to find, expensive, etc. But US Lacrosse says it is a rigid rule that must be abided by. But if there is a shortage of these materials, what can be done?

Next Meeting - Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7:59 with a motion to adjourn by Bruce and seconded by Sean.