



Iowa Lacrosse Association Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 7:00 pm - Zoom Conference Call

Attendees: Beech Turner (West Des Moines), Dave Hankins (Ankeny) , Jeff Kueter (Iowa City/ Cedar Rapids), Sean Mahoney (Waukee), Bruce Maxwell (Ames), Vince McGee (Quad Cities), and Marc Shulman (Ames). 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

Dave moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting, seconded by Marc. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce advised there is \$10,624 in the bank account. All dues are in. \$550 has been paid for officers and directors insurance. \$435 was reimbursed to Beech for the trip to LaxCon. .

Old Business

A. Competition Committee

Jeff shared that the committee has met weekly since mid-January. Youth boys schedule is essentially done pending registration numbers. Next up is to discuss game operations/rules. Group will meet again later in February to discuss rules and procedures and once more before the season starts to make any adjustments to the schedule due to registrations..

Dave discussed that the boys schedule is essentially finalized. It includes individual games between clubs, two jamboree setups, and the Iowa Games.

The group will meet again after Spring Break and make any adjustments needed after registrations are complete.

Dave recommended that the board approve the schedule for dissemination to the individual clubs. Beech moved with a second by Jeff. Passed unanimously.

A big thank you to Mike Ross for taking over the mechanical part of the process of the scheduling.

B. Officials Committee

This committee has met a couple of times. It is well represented by different clubs. The main focus is on trying to come up with a list of potential candidates to become officials. Then we will reach out to them to train to be officials.

The committee put together a directory of past officials, people who have expressed interest, names that have been passed on, etc. The committee split up responsibilities for contacting these officials.

The officiating training is online twice a week with an in person, on-field training in Omaha/Lincoln on February 19 or 20. The sessions may be archived and it may be possible to make them up. Max Gula shared that he was at the training yesterday and that the on-the-field training on February 19/20 could be done on one or both days. Max said that there were 10 or 11 people present at the online training.

Beech emphasized that we get as many people as possible to complete the online training, and we will figure out a way to get the on-field evaluations done.

On the girls side there is also virtual training and then on-field training at Lincoln the last weekend of February. The candidate list on the girls side is much shorter.

C. LaxCon Convention (Baltimore)

Beech and Jeff attended. Both went to a program leaders' workshop. Beech shared a written summary that he put together. They shared with USA Lacrosse program leadership what is needed in areas such as Iowa. They found that there are many smaller groups around the country with similar problems. Beech was struck by what a huge tent and great variety of programs that exist within USA Lacrosse.

Beech did ask about the shoulder pad requirement. USA Lacrosse was adamant that it must be followed, but that there was no supply problem.

In summary, Beech felt that it was time well spent. However, it was geared for coaches and officials more than for club management.

New Business

A. Club updates

Club update:

*Ankeny - Around 20 players at 14u and the same at 12u. 9 at 10u. High school numbers look solid but a little down. 24 high school girls, 11 14u, and some younger as well.

*West Des Moines - Over 90 registrations, mostly high school. Expects to field high school, 14u, 12u, 10u on boys side and high school and middle school on girls side. High school practices are underway.

*Waukee - in mid 50s for total registrations. High school registrations are a little slow but more coming. 20 for 14u, in teens for 12u. Expect to have all levels.

*Kingfisher - sees no problems being able to field all levels with boys.

*Ames - Expects to have a mixed 12u/10u team. They have about 16 for high school.

*Quad City - Registration is about to begin, expects to have high school, 12u, 10u on the boys side and high school and 14u on the girls side.

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

Cornell-William Penn game is at 1:00 on Saturday the 12th. For an hour after the game they will have a post game clinic for boys and girls. William Penn women's coach is coming as well to help out with the girls clinic.

C. Iowa High School Athletic Director's Convention.

Is March 27-29 in Coralville. We have indicated interest to them in attending as an exhibitor. Upon discussion it was agreed that we will do so.

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

The meeting closed at 8:11 with a motion to adjourn by Dave and seconded by Jeff..