



## **Iowa Lacrosse Association Board Meeting**

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

Attendees: Beech Turner (West Des Moines), Dave Hankins (Ankeny) , Kevin Hawn (Officials), Jeff Kueter (Iowa City/Cedar Rapids), , Bruce Maxwell (Ames), Vince McGee (Quad Cities), and Britt Mitchell (Meskwaki). Guests included Max Gula (ISU Club) and Roman Meyers (Iowa City/Cedar Rapids).

Meeting was called to order by Beech at 7:06 pm. A quorum of members were present.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bruce advised there is \$10,129 in the bank account. Jeff was reimbursed for \$494 for the Iowa Athletic Association Conference registration.

### **Old Business**

#### **A. Competition Committee**

Dave spoke on the youth boys' schedule. It is mostly fully put together.

The committee is also putting together rules and regulations. Items included:

(1) A 10 point mercy rule will be put into effect which states that a team down by 10 or more, if the winning team scores a goal the team that is behind gets a free clear from half field.

(2) At the 10u level goalies will be optional. If a team does not have a goalie then blockers will be used. The blockers will be standard for all teams and will be provided by the home team. And at the 10u level the goalie gets a free clear pass within the box after a save.

#### **B. Officials Committee**

Beech shared that the committee followed up with the referee candidates to see how many were able to get the training that had been offered through Omaha. As of last report there were 4 new candidates from central Iowa and 4 more from eastern Iowa who had taken part in some of the online training for level 1.

Some of the trainers will be coming to central Iowa to officiate some games, and they are looking to get some on-field training for new candidates at that time.

Beech brought up the question of fee structure for officials. Kevin Hawn responded that the fee structure should be similar to last year, but that the travel reimbursement may have to be raised due to the increase in gas prices. Kevin also mentioned that Venmo may be a good, fast method of payment for officials this year.

Beech reached out to Liz Brush, a lead contact for officials training with USA Lacrosse, in an effort to see what may be possible with officials training that is local. We have candidates for whom training that is offered in late summer/early fall may be a good option. Beech learned that USA lacrosse can arrange for a couple of trainers to come in on a weekend and set up some training. They would also do some virtual training in the weeks leading up to the event. Beech feels that some time like early August or during Fall Ball could be a good time to do this.

There is a \$100 fee from US Lacrosse to run this, and it would be paid by ILAX.

## **New Business**

### **A. AD Convention**

The event is March 27-28 in Coralville. Jeff spoke on this. It is at the Iowa River Landing at the Hyatt. Sunday PM is expected to be the most well attended time.

Jeff suggested that if clubs can bring items from their clubs with their logos that would be very helpful. Jeff will also produce a one pager with high school schedules on them.

Jeff has a list of schools in the area of each club and requested that clubs contact the athletic directors in their area by email individually. The setup is from 8:00-10:30 AM on Sunday. The show opens at 11:00 and runs to 5:30 on Sunday. Monday is 8:00-12:00.

We are also going to provide a men's stick and a women's stick as a prize in the prize drawing.

### **B. Club updates**

\*West Des Moines - is expecting a lot of late youth registrations. Practices start right after spring break for levels below HS. Their numbers are slightly lower, but registration is ongoing and more are expected.

\*Ames - HS will have to play 7v7.

\*Ankeny numbers look good.

\*Quad City is up from last year 45 currently compared to 40 last year.

\*Kingfisher is currently around 35. They expect last minute sign ups.

### **C. William Penn/Cornell men's game/clinic Feb 12 in WDM**

Cornell-William Penn game was at 1:00 on Saturday the 12th. There was a great turnout. There was about 500 people at the game and a good number at the clinic afterwards. About 100 boys and 20 girls were at the clinic. It went very well.

#### **D. Other Items**

- An organization called Can Play - a nonprofit working with disadvantaged and at-risk youth has reached out to West Des Moines for a youth camp the nights of June 13-16. They expect 35-50 participants. The central Iowa clubs will put this event on their calendars and look to help out with running this camp. Roman mentioned that there is a branch of Can Play in Iowa City and they potentially get involved as well.
- Britt Mitchell brought to the board the idea of including girls lacrosse as a part of the ILAX process. The idea is to include the girls game fully under the ILAX umbrella just the same as is done currently with boys youth. Jeff stated that the structure of the new committees is such that they are gender neutral. Girls items could easily be added to both the competition committee and the officials committee. Beech brought up that as clubs and as a board we should look for representation for the girls game within our future board makeup. Beech also proposed that we include a line item for the girls game within all future meetings..
- Beech reminded that Nike will offer an Accelerate Day Camp on July 11-14 from 9:00-3:00 in Grimes. Beech encouraged clubs to promote it (open to boys and girls) and he can provide additional materials.
- Roman discussed that Kingfisher has an official connection with the PLL. Thus they can put together some events with the PLL. PLL is going to Minneapolis July 1-2. They are looking to do clinics there of 60 or 90 minutes. The clinic (\$60 or \$90) would include ticket passes to PLL games there. They would like to get around 30 kids to run the clinic, but this could include Minnesota kids as well. This is an idea at this point. Roman also said that sticks could be available through this program which could help with future growth in the state.
- Vince shared that the scheduling and format for eastern Iowa high school boys teams is essentially finalized. Participating clubs are Dubuque, Iowa City/Cedar Rapids, Meskwaki, and Quad Cities. Clubs will play a double round robin schedule and have a season ending tournament.
- Max shared clncsports.com for a possible team store for clubs to use.

**Next Meeting - April 13 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.**

The meeting closed at 8:43 with a motion to adjourn by Bruce and seconded by Jeff.