

York County Lacrosse Association

Meeting Minutes –

September 10,, 2006 at Penn-Air Hydraulics, York, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Rhein at 6:32pm. Roll call was performed:

Present

Don Neff (Central York)
Bob Rhein (Eastern York)
Dave Reeder (Northern)
Joe Dashler (Red Lion)
Jeff Prenger (South Eastern)
TJ Buchanan (South Western)
Dan Wilmot (Spring Grove)
Steve Marshner (Susquehannock)
Marcus Sweitzer (West York)
Guy Muller (Shooting Irish)
Nick Hendler (York Suburban)

Absent

Bill Marks (Dallastown)

1. **Minutes** -- Dan Wilmot moved to accept minutes from the August meeting; TJ Buchanan seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **Old Business**
 - a. **Vote to accept New Oxford** -- New Oxford was expected to be present to seek formal membership into the YCLA. However, with no representative present, the vote was deferred until next month's meeting.
 - b. **Transition to age-based structure** -- Bob Rhein confirmed the results of the electronic vote which took place after the August meeting. By a 7-4 margin, the clubs voted to change to an age-based structure for the Youth programs. The following details were clarified:
 - i. The player's age of record is as of December 31st of the previous year;
 - ii. Players aged 14 and younger are eligible for U15; 12 and younger for U13; etc.
 - iii. Ninth graders are eligible to compete at U15 provided they have not participated and are not rostered on a high school (varsity or jayvee) team;
 - iv. US Lacrosse insurance will cover any player who meets these criteria;
 - v. TJ Buchanan will contact Harry Mazaheri to inform the CPSLA of this change in structure.
 - c. **Report from high school coaches' meeting** -- TJ Buchanan provided highlights of the coaches meeting held on August 26th, including several proposals made by the coaches for Board consideration:
 - i. The coaches recommended that each varsity team play each other team at least one time in the regular season. If teams play multiple times, the game played closest to the end of the regular season will serve as the league contest for standings purposes.
ACTION ITEM: Dan Wilmot moved to accept the coaches' proposal that each varsity team play each other team at least once during the regular season; Guy Muller seconded. Vote 11-0.
 - ii. The coaches recommended that the YCLA conduct a year-end Final Four tournament where the top four teams in the regular season meet in the semifinals (1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3) with championship and consolation games held two nights later. The games would be played at the higher-seeded team, and the teams would split officials costs. The tournament's winner would be considered the league champion, but the tournament would not influence CPSLA seedings, which will still be determined by regular seasons standings.
ACTION ITEM: Guy Muller moved to accept the coaches' proposal that a Final Four varsity tournament be held and that the tournament would not affect CPSLA seedings; Dan Wilmot seconded. Vote 11-0.
 - iii. The coaches recommended that a trophy be presented to the YCLA tournament champion.
ACTION ITEM: The Board agreed this was a good idea. However, without an operating budget, it will need to explore its options for purchasing the trophy as well as, possibly, trophies for youth program tournaments as well.
3. **New Business**
 - a. **YCLA Directory** -- Dave Reeder indicated that he would be emailing Board members a link to complete an on-line director for each club. This information will be used to update the YCLA web-site. Dave reminded members that the web-site has a password protected directory that includes contact information for head coaches

and club administrators. The user name is YCLA; the password is bobrhein. Members should share this with club officials, but are reminded the purpose of the password is to prevent access for the general public.

- b. **Youth Level Play-offs** – Last year, JV and middle school playoffs were conducted with very late notice. Dan Wilmot was recognized for his efforts in putting the tournaments together in a two-week span of time. A sub-committee, which will be referred to as the Competition Committee, was created to oversee the playoff structure at all levels. Dan Wilmot will serve as chair; Dave Reeder and Nick Hendler agreed to serve on the committee. In addition to playoff structures, this group could also become involved in other competitive issues, including dialogue concerning mandatory playing time.
- c. **Summer Travel (Elite) Teams** – A lengthy conversation regarding the formation of summer travel teams ensued. TJ Buchanan voiced concerns from the aforementioned high school coaches meeting over the small number of high school players who tried out this past year. Though everyone understands the costs involved, TJ suggested that these teams need to be promoted as a special honor and even as a possible investment since they provide players with an opportunity to showcase their talents in front of college scouts.

At the Youth level, there is a need to ensure that all players have the opportunity to tryout and that we are bringing all of the county's best players together on one team. To this end, a sub-committee will be formed to oversee this process for all levels. Bob Rhein will be contacting Jesse James (Suburban), Bill Marks (Dallastown) and Dan Ruoco (Red Lion) to invite them to serve along with TJ Buchanan. A previously scheduled meeting to discuss this issue will take place on September 26th. Bob will ask these four members to provide the Board with an update at the October meeting.
- d. **Other New Business**
 - i. **Fielding varsity teams** – TJ Buchanan raised the issue about clubs who fielded varsity teams last year but who do not plan to field one this year. Both the Shooting Irish and HARP indicated that because of their lack of upperclassmen that they plan to compete at the JV level only in high school. Both clubs indicated that they lost most of their varsity players from a year ago and would be less competitive than they were in 2006. While TJ's primary concern that some players who played varsity last year would now be competing at the JV level was understood, there was a general consensus that clubs need to determine for themselves what levels they are sponsoring teams.
 - ii. **Indoor Facilities**
 - 1. **West Manchester Twp** – Bob Rhein was invited to meet with Brent Leib regarding a new indoor facility in West Manchester Township. Mr. Leib is interested in bringing lacrosse to the facility. Bob will share information about the YCLA with him and forward any relevant information to the clubs on the facility.
 - 2. **The Blast** – The Blast is open to creating an indoor lacrosse league. However, they would need someone to oversee all facets, including scheduling, referees, etc. The organizer would receive compensation commensurate with the revenue produced.
 - 3. **World's Longest Lacrosse Game** – This year's event has been scheduled for Saturday, March 17th. Bob Rhein provide more information later.
 - 4. **PIAA Meeting** – Bob Rhein will attend the next PIAA meeting on October 5th. The final reading of the proposal to adopt boys lacrosse as a sanctioned sport is scheduled and a vote to accept is expected.

4. **Next meeting** – The next Board meeting was scheduled for 6:30pm on Sunday, October 15th at Penn-Air Hydraulics.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Reeder