

## Meeting Minutes –

January 28, 2007 at Penn-Air Hydraulics, York, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Rhein at 5:01pm. Roll call was performed:

### Present

Kevin Heiland (Central York)  
Albert Hoffman (Dallastown)  
Bob Rhein (Eastern York)  
Jeff Prenger (HARP)  
Rhonda Bauriedl (New Oxford)  
Dave Reeder (Northern)  
Joe Dashler (Red Lion)  
TJ Buchanan and Rob Stickles (South Western)  
Dan Wilmot (Spring Grove)  
Steve Marshner (Susquehannock)  
Guy Muller (Shooting Irish)  
Nick Hendler (York Suburban)

### Excused

Marcus Sweitzer (West York)

1. **Minutes** – In reviewing minutes of December meeting, Dan Wilmot noted that New Oxford's team includes players from Gettysburg HS in addition to Delone and Biglerville which were mentioned in the minutes. Guy Muller moved to accept minutes; Dan Wilmot seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
  - a. Conversation ensued about New Oxford's roster also including players who live in Maryland. Rhonda Bauriedl noted that both Maryland residents attend Delone, which is in New Oxford's district. TJ Buchanan suggested that New Oxford may want to confirm these players eligibility with the CPSLA if New Oxford wants to be considered for the playoffs.
2. **Old Business**
  - a. **Communication with local organizations** – In December, Bob Rhein informed the Board he had sent introductory letters to the YAIAA and PIAA District III Chair. As a follow up, he shared an article from last week's York Dispatch that detailed January's YAIAA meeting. The article alluded to the association forming an exploratory committee for boys lacrosse. Marty Trimmer, the York Central AD, was appointed the primary contact. Bob will, on behalf of the YCLA, contact Mr. Trimmer to offer any support/information that he may need in gathering pertinent information.
  - b. **US Lacrosse Insurance** – Bob Rhein collected fees from each club, with the exception of South Eastern, Spring Grove and Susquehannock, to cover this year's US Lacrosse insurance policy.
    - i. Dan Wilmot learned that the CPSLA takes out a similar policy from US Lacrosse. He wondered that, if our policy covers officers from each club, would the CPSLA policy cover the YCLA? He will follow up with Harry Mazahari to inquire.
  - c. **World's Longest Running Lacrosse Game** – Bob Rhein provided additional information regarding the WLRG on March 17. Current plans are to have 17 games, featuring 34 teams. The first game will begin at 7:14am, the last will start at 11:14pm and conclude after midnight. Bob indicated that in addition to the charitable contribution towards Make-A-Wish, the event is also an opportunity to gain exposure in the local/national media. He shared an article that appeared in Lacrosse Magazine following the event in 2005. Bob conducted a roll call of teams to see how many are committed or still considering participation in the event. He will continue to monitor the team count and ask for firmer commitments by the end of February.
  - d. **Post-season tournaments/Laxfest** – Dan Wilmot summarized the limited number of responses he received from clubs about the formats for the post-season tournament.
    - i. The one consensus of those that responded was to keep the Laxfest format the same. Bob Rhein made a motion, Guy Muller seconded, to keep the Laxfest format the same as in year's past. The motion passed unanimously. Given the format, Bob suggested that any clubs/individuals who might have suggestions for improvement should contact Jesse James.
    - ii. Guy Muller suggested that a vote be taken for each age group to determine the type of post-season tournament to conduct, i.e., round robin events or tournaments to determine a league champion. This will give clubs the opportunity to decide if they wish to participate.
      1. U9 – Vote was unanimous to conduct a non-competitive round-robin event.
      2. U11 – Vote was 11-1 to conduct a non-competitive round-robin event.
      3. U13 – Vote was 9-3 to conduct a tournament to determine league champion.
      4. U15 – Vote was unanimous to conduct a tournament to determine league champion.

5. JV – Vote was unanimous to conduct a tournament to determine league champion.

### 3. New Business

- a. **Program updates** – A follow up to last month's survey of programs offered by club, West York has indicated they may have enough boys to compete at U15. Jeff Prenger noted that South Eastern will field teams in U11 and U15. (Addition: Since the meeting, Bob Rhein has indicated that he may have enough boys to field a U9 team.)
- b. **HARP/South Eastern** – Jeff Prenger said that his club will now refer to itself as South Eastern. In the past, they have played under the name of HARP and Kennard-Dale.
- c. **Communicating Information to Clubs** – Bob Rhein stressed the importance of Board members complying with requests from the YCLA and other clubs. Dave Reeder reminded members that they are the only ones to receive copies of Board minutes, and it is their responsibility to share with the appropriate members (coaches/executives) in their respective clubs.
- d. **South Western changes** – Rob Stickles and TJ Buchanan explained the changes to South Western's structure. The high school programs and the youth programs are now two separate entities. The varsity and JV teams are now under full control of the school district, while the South Western Youth Lacrosse program has become incorporated and oversees the youth programs. In addition, the U11 and U13 programs will now play their home games at Baresville Elementary School. The high school and U15 teams will continue to play at the high school's field.
- e. **Announcements from the President**
  - i. Bob Rhein asked if the Board wanted to conduct a Coaches' meeting as was done last year. The consensus was it is not needed.
  - ii. Disciplinary Board – clubs were reminded that they need to nominate a person for the Disciplinary Board prior to the February meeting.
  - iii. Bob confirmed the following as coaches' liaisons: U9-Bill Marks, Dallastown; U11-Bob Rhein; U13-Nick Hendler; U15-Jesse James, York Suburban.
  - iv. Unless someone makes a motion to change procedures in place from last year, Bob indicated that we'd continue the ROOTS initiatives from last year, including Sideline Managers and the coaches' Blue Cards to be completed after each game.
  - v. Bob noted that South Western's Dylan Price was recently recognized at the York Back to Sports night with a Shipley Award. Bob noted this is the first time that a lacrosse player has received this distinction.
  - vi. Bob shared correspondence he had with York College regarding the possibility of using their facilities for future Laxfests and playoffs. He was told that they are still completing renovation projects which rules out this season, but that they'd invite conversation for future years.
- f. **High School/CPSLA Update** – TJ Buchanan and Dan Wilmot provided updates from the CPSLA.
  - i. Lewisburg High School recently approved lacrosse as a varsity sport. Players will earn varsity letters this season, and by 2009, the district will fully fund the program.
  - ii. With the addition of high school programs in the Central League, TJ and Dan are proposing a modified CPSLA playoff bracket. Their bracket is a 9-team tournament that would have the 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams in the Mid-Penn and Lancaster League competing in a play-in game. Both TJ and Dan requested that YCLA coaches attend the meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> to support the proposal. The meeting will be held at the Damon's in Harrisburg.
  - iii. Dan voiced concerns that the CPSLA is only focusing on the high school level. Based on their chapter status with US Lacrosse, they should be more involved with all levels, including youth and girls programs.

4. **Next meeting:** The next meeting was scheduled for February 25th at 5:00pm.

5. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.