

## Meeting Minutes –

March 25, 2007 at Penn-Air & Hydraulics, York, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Rhein at 7:05pm. Roll call was performed:

### Present

Kevin Heiland (Central York)  
Albert Hoffman (Dallastown)  
Bob Rhein (Eastern York)  
Dave Reeder (Northern)  
Dave Hagan (Red Lion)  
Jeff Prenger (South Eastern)  
TJ Buchanan (South Western)  
John Moore (South Western)  
Dan Wilmot (Spring Grove)  
Guy Muller (Shooting Irish)  
Marcus Sweitzer (West York)  
Nick Hendler (York Suburban)

### Excused

Steve Marshner (Susquehannock)

### Absent

Rhonda Bauriedl (New Oxford)

1. **Minutes** – Bob Rhein distributed minutes from the February meeting. Dan Wilmot made a motion to accept the minutes as is. Guy Muller seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **Old Business**
  - a. **Review of World’s Longest Running Lacrosse Game** – Bob Rhein expressed his gratitude to all clubs and individuals that made this year’s event a great success. Friday’s winter weather turned into a positive as 389 boys registered. This is 50 more than was budgeted. The family receiving the Make-A-Wish grant was extremely grateful. They were present for the ceremonial check presentation late in the program.
    - i. Next year’s event is already being planned. The initial target date is the second Saturday in March, i.e, March 8, 2008.
  - b. **Laxfest 2007** – Neither Jesse James nor Margie Lewis from the EYARC were able to attend the meeting. Nick Hendler was able to provide some information.
    - i. Organizers are proposing jerseys to replace the pinnies worn in previous years. This would increase the cost to participants to \$20. Board members asked for additional information and recommended that the organizers seek other bids for jerseys. Nick will share the Board’s thoughts with the organizers.
    - ii. Each club will send four players (1 attackman, 2 midfielders and 1 defender). Clubs should send their goalies if they believe the goalie is deserving.
    - iii. West York is fielding two teams at the U11 level. Marcus Sweitzer asked how many U11 players they will be able to send. Guy Muller made the motion; Nick Hendler seconded that West York’s teams be treated separately, meaning each will be able to send four players. The motion passed unanimously.
    - iv. The organizers indicated that they are hoping to employ referees at a reduced rate. Several board members suggested that since the EYARC is making money on the event, it should be responsible for funding the officials. Again, Nick will share these thoughts with Jesse and Margie.
  - c. **Summer select teams**
    - i. **High School** – TJ Buchanan reported that the tryouts and team structure will be similar to last years. They are being held on Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. There is no tryout fee and board members were asked to encourage their coaches to relay this information to their players. Additional information is on the YCLA website.
      1. Dan Wilmot asked if it would be possible to rotate practices around the league so players don’t have to travel every week. TJ indicated he’d be open to this, if clubs are willing.
    - ii. **Youth** – Tryouts for the Youth Select teams are being held this coming Sunday, April 1. The selected team, the River Rats, will play tournaments throughout June. U13 and U15 will play in four events; U9 and U11 are currently slated for three events. There is a tryout fee of \$25/player. Early registration numbers are up from a year ago. Additional information is available on the YCLA website. Players interested in attending, who’ve yet to register, should call the organizers prior to Sunday.
  - d. **Post-season tournaments** – The Competition sub-committee met prior to the Board Meeting. Chairman Dan Wilmot provided an overview of what was discussed
    - i. **U9/U11** – With the scheduling problems created by last week’s wintry weather, it was recommended that the U9/U11 tournaments be cancelled. This gives clubs more flexible in scheduling make up games at all levels during the season, especially given the fact that these

tournaments were non-competitive. Bob Rhein made a formal motion to cancel; Nick Hendler seconded. The motion passed with one abstention.

- ii. **U13** – Nine teams voiced an interest in participating. Thus, the committee recommended a pool-based tournament. Teams will be randomly seeded into three pools. Each pool will conduct a triple-header on the first day (a vs b, b vs c, a vs c) of the tournament. The first place, second place and third place teams of each pool will be grouped together for a second day of pool play. The winner of the first place pool will be determined the league champion.
- iii. **U15** – Eleven teams have signed up. The committee's recommendation is to have a single elimination bracket. Teams will be drawn randomly. Six teams will compete in three first round games, with the winners advancing into the quarterfinals along with the five remaining teams. Guy Muller recommended that teams who lose their first games be paired up so that each team is guaranteed two games. Dan Wilmot will put together possible brackets and distribute them to Board members for approval.
- iv. **JV** – Ten teams have signed up. The committee's recommendation is to have a single elimination bracket. Teams will be drawn randomly. Four teams will compete in two first round games, with the winners advancing into the quarterfinals along with the six remaining teams. Unlike the U15 tournament, there was less interest in guaranteeing a second game for losing teams.
  1. Dan voiced concerns about player eligibility for the JV tournament. He took an informal poll of clubs, all of whom indicated they should have enough JV players that there will be no need to include varsity players in the tournament.
- v. **CPSLA Playoffs** –
  1. The CPSLA has provided no updates to the varsity brackets that were distributed last month. Because the brackets included New Oxford, which is no longer eligible because their roster includes players from outside the school district, the brackets need to be amended.
  2. Dan Wilmot will be contacting the club teams to monitor interest in a playoff for teams not eligible for the varsity bracket. In addition to gauging interest, he'll also be soliciting feedback on tournament seeding and field availability.

### 3. **New Business**

- a. **Club profiles** – Bob Rhein indicated he still needs to receive the Profile sheet from several clubs. At the very least, he needs participant numbers by the end of the week. He'd also like to receive the contact information in the near future so that he can distribute the sheet to all clubs.
  - b. **Disciplinary Board** – Clubs were asked to review the Disciplinary Board member posted on the YCLA website. Updates should be provided to Dave Reeder, either via email or the contact form on the website.
  - c. **Youth Spring Season calendar** – Dave Reeder introduced the idea of moving the Youth seasons back several weeks in the future. High school schedules are mandated by CPSLA playoffs, but the Youth programs do not have the same constraints. He asked Board members to initiate discussion among their club's leadership so that the Board may re-visit the issue during the off-season. He suggested that the season could start after April 1<sup>st</sup> and run two full months until the end of May.
  - d. **Other new business** – After hosting two Youth games during the week, Dave Hagan voiced concerns over the costs of officials for the U9 and U11 levels. He wanted to make other clubs aware that Red Lion will only be paying for one official for home games at those levels. Nick Hendler and Marcus Sweitzer indicated that they've had similar conversations with Steve Conaghan about the U13 level; both York Suburban and West York plan to pay for just one official for U13 games that are part of a doubleheader with U11 games.
4. **Next meeting:** The next meeting was scheduled for April 29th at 6:00pm at Penn-Air & Hydraulics Corp.
  5. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.