

Meeting Minutes –

May 20, 2007 at Penn-Air & Hydraulics, York, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Rhein at 6:00pm. Roll call was performed:

Present

Don Neff (Central York)
Albert Hoffman (Dallastown)
Bob Rhein (Eastern York)
Dave Reeder (Northern)
Bill Simms (Red Lion)
John Moore (South Western)
Jeff Prenger (South Eastern)
Dan Wilmot (Spring Grove)

Guy Muller (Shooting Irish)
Marcus Sweitzer (West York)
Nick Hendler (York Suburban)

Excused Absence

Jason Cross (New Oxford)
Steve Marshner (Susquehanna)

1. **Minutes** – Bob Rhein distributed minutes from the April meeting. Guy Muller made a motion to accept the minutes as is. Dan Wilmot seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

2. **Old Business**

- a. **Laxfest Review** – The previous day's Laxfest event was discussed. All in attendance agreed the day was a positive experience for each of the participants. The addition of the JV game was viewed favorably, and it was noted that the inclusion of all age levels makes Laxfest a unique celebration of lacrosse. It was also agreed that the jerseys were a nice addition in place of the pinnies in previous years. Though they were not present, Jesse James and Margie Lewis of the EYARC were praised for their efforts. Suggestions for future years included:
 - a. Make the games longer (perhaps schedule games 90 minutes apart) as it was difficult getting so many players more than a few minutes of play.
 - b. Attempt to balance the teams by age level instead of maintaining the same split for all games.
 - c. Make sure the jerseys and t-shirts both include the word "Laxfest."
- b. **Post-season tournament reviews** – Dave Reeder offered a summary of the end-of-year tournaments for Varsity, JV, U15 and U13. All totalled, there were 37 games played among 31 teams. The champions were HS: Susquehannock; JV: Shooting Irish; U15: Red Lion; and U13: Dallastown. Dave thanked Nick Hendler for his help in setting up the second field at Rexroth for the first day's games. The Board also thanked Dave for his efforts with the tournaments. Suggestions for future years included:
 - a. Explore the possibility of pre-determining dates and locations for games. This will allow teams to schedule the dates so their coaches and players can plan accordingly. It will also provide clubs with ample opportunity to prepare their fields and help greatly with scheduling officials.
 - b. Have teams pre-pay their first game officials' fee. If a team forfeits or pulls out of the tournament, they lose their fee.
 - c. Consider expanding the U15 tournament format to guarantee teams more than one game.
- c. **CPSLA Update** – Dan Wilmot provided a report from the CPSLA board meeting held on May 15. He noted that TJ Buchanan was unable to attend as the YCLA's second rep, so Bruce Jones accompanied him to assure the league had two votes.
 - a. Individual awards – Dan provided an overview of the voting for All-American nominees and for Academic All-Americans. No YCLA players were selected for either group. Dan noted that the players chosen were all deserving, and he encouraged YCLA coaches to provide more detailed information in the future.
 - b. Varsity playoffs – Questions about the varsity bracket still weren't answered at the meeting. Specifically, New Oxford's eligibility was still not determined. In either event, New Oxford will not be competing in the tournament. Bob Rhein wished South Western, Red Lion and Central York the best of luck in the tournament.
 - c. Club playoffs – Dan was still putting the final pieces of the club championship together. Five teams will compete. The seeds are: 1) Susquehannock; 2) State College; 3) Spring Grove; 4) York Suburban; 5) Dallastown.
- d. **YAIAA/High School Update** – There is nothing new to report regarding the YAIAA athletic directors' preparations for starting high school competition in 2009. The AD's have met with the leaders of the CPLQA; the small number of officials who actually live in York County is a concern. Bob noted that clubs should be contacting former players and coaches to encourage them to consider giving back to the game by becoming officials. It appears that nine of the 13 clubs plan to compete for their high schools in 2009. They are: Central York, Dallastown, New Oxford, Red Lion, South Western, Spring Grove, Susquehannock, Shooting Irish and York Suburban. West York is moving towards fielding a JV team in 2009 with hopes of having a high school team a year or two later. Northern York is not a candidate for the YAIAA. They would look to the Mid-Penn at the high school level, but could remain in the YCLA at the youth level.

3. **New Business**

a. **2007-08 Calendar**

- a. Election of officers – The Board will vote for new officers at its July meeting.
 - b. Scheduling – High schools will need to schedule their games in the early Fall. Plans will be made for the Youth teams to conduct a scheduling meeting in early December, like last year.
 - c. Coaches' meeting – Noting several shortcomings this year, Bob Rhein indicated that the YCLA will conduct a mandatory coaches meeting prior to next season, similar to the one held in 2006.
 - d. Playing season – In its next two meetings, the Board will hold discussions about moving the youth seasons back a couple weeks. In addition to improved weather, other potential benefits are field space and more referees.
- b. **Select team costs** – Questions were raised about fees being charged to players on the summer select teams. It was noted that, at the least, the Board should be better informed about the breakdown of the charges, so that members are able to address the issue within their clubs. Bob Rhein will ask the organizers at each level to provide the details for this year.
- c. **Make-A-Wish Foundation** – Bob shared a letter he received from Ann Waltman at Make-A-Wish regarding the success of the World's Longest Running Lacrosse Game. The Foundation was extremely delighted with the response from the local lacrosse community in supporting their causes.
4. **Next meeting** – Because many board members will be away each weekend in June with summer select teams, it was decided to forego a June meeting. Thus, the next scheduled Board meeting will be Sunday, July 29th at 6:00pm at Penn-Air & Hydraulics Corp.
5. The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.