

Meeting Minutes –

July 29, 2007 at Penn-Air & Hydraulics, York, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Rhein at 6:02pm. Roll call was performed:

Present

Don Neff (Central York)
Albert Hoffman (Dallastown)
Bob Rhein (Eastern York)
Dave Reeder (Northern)
Joe Daschler (Red Lion)
John Moore (South Western)
Dan Wilmot (Spring Grove)
Guy Muller (Shooting Irish)
Mark Norris (Susquehannock)

Marcus Sweitzer (West York)

Excused Absence

Jason Cross (New Oxford)
TJ Buchanan (South Western)
Nick Hendler (York Suburban)

Absent

Jeff Prenger (South Eastern)

Guest in attendance: Phillip Bates (Dallastown)

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. **Election of Officers** – The annual elections began with President/Chairman Bob Rhein opening the floor for volunteers interested in serving the Board as officers for 2007-08. He noted the importance and benefits of changing leadership. In addition, Secretary/Treasurer Dave Reeder indicated that he is leaving the Board creating the need for a change in this dual position.

Dan Wilmot offered to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. Guy Muller offered to serve as Chairman, but declined to accept the President role. With no other members volunteering, Bob Rhein agreed to continue as President. John Moore made a motion to accept the slate of Rhein/Muller/Wilmot; Marcus Sweitzer seconded; and the officers were elected unanimously.

3. **Old Business**

- a. **Update on Sumer Team Performances** – No one involved with the high school teams was present, but it was noted that the teams' performances were much improved over a year ago. The select team won two games at Champ Camp and, after winning just one game at Keystone Games last year, went 4-3 to finish 7th of 12 teams this summer. Improvement was also noted at each of the Youth levels. Bob Rhein noted, that despite sparse numbers, the U9 team won a tournament against strong competition at the Beach, and though he wasn't involved with the U13 and U15 teams, Bob said he knew the U13 and U15 teams won tournaments as well. All levels featured many more players than last summer. Bob attributed this to a much better effort in getting word out about the teams. The one area of concern was a rostering issue with the U15 team, in a grade-based tournament, where the team mistakenly included 9th graders. In closing, Bob Rhein offered his appreciation on behalf of the entire Board to all of the coaches and players for their efforts this summer.
- b. **Summer Team Costs** – At the May meeting, Board members questioned how the fees charged to players for Summer Select Teams were derived. With no one from those teams present, Bob Rhein deferred the topic to the next meeting. He will plan to contact the team organizers before then to get a clear understanding.
- c. **Age-based vs Grade-based Structure** – The Board was asked for feedback from their clubs on the change from grade-based to age-based teams before this past season. The majority of the feedback was positive, including:
 - a. More teams presenting more opportunity for playing time for the players;
 - b. More teams facilitate the continued growth in the area
 - c. Ability to recruit 9th graders who do not have to compete against more experienced high school level players.
 - d. Success of the summer select teams who had a full year of playing age-level appropriate rules.

The one negative response came from Northern York, which also fields a significant non-YCLA schedule and noted the difficulty with playing other area clubs.

Some members questioned if the Association should begin requesting copies of Birth Certificates to certify players' ages. No consensus was reached.

In discussing the U9 level, several members favored a proposed idea to use a smaller field, especially when games are 7 vs. 7. It was noted that this could be done on a regulation-sized field by placing the goals at the top of the box. This topic will be revisited in future meetings.

- d. **High School Games Scheduling** – Dan Wilmot noted that the teams affiliated with their school districts need to have their schedules finalized by the end of August and that some Mid Penn teams have already completed their scheduling. Contact will be made with TJ Buchanan to organize a scheduling meeting by the end of August.
- e. **Delaying the start of the Youth seasons** – It was again discussed to delay the start of the Youth seasons by at least a couple of weeks. Most agreed it would be a good idea to set April 1 as a target date to begin Youth games.

4. New Business

- a. **CPLOA Officials** – Bob Rhein reported on a conversation he had with CPLOA President John Ferrara. Among the items of note:
 - a. The CPLOA is actively recruiting officials. They are looking for young professionals, preferably those with previous athletic experience. Interested persons should contact either Joe Gebhard or John Ferrara for further information. Their contact information is available at www.cploa.com.
 - b. The CPLOA sponsored a \$500 sportsmanship award to the HS team who best exhibited the ideals we all strive for in our teams. Warwick won a vote of all of the chapter officials, and one of their players was given the scholarship.
 - c. The PIAA has determined that the CPLOA will be the governing body for area lacrosse officials at the high school level, which includes the York area. He said the CPLOA will be reaching out to both the York and Lancaster areas for new officials. As part of this commitment, it will rotate the sites of its group meetings to include both counties. Laura Link will serve as regional rep for York County officials to the CPLOA.
- b. **High School Teams** – Dan Wilmot asked for a brief poll as to what clubs will be sponsoring high school varsity and/or JV teams. The results:
 - Central York – Varsity and JV
 - Dallastown – Varsity and JV
 - East York - neith
 - Northern York – Varsity and JV (possibly multiple teams)
 - New Oxford – JV only
 - Red Lion – Varsity and JV
 - Shooting Irish – Varsity only
 - South Eastern – not present, unknown
 - South Western – Varsity and JV
 - Spring Grove – Varsity and JV
 - Susquehannock – Varsity and JV
 - West York – JV
 - York Suburban – not present, assume Varsity and JV
- c. Fall leagues/tournaments – Spring Grove noted it is considering a 7 vs 7 fall tournament. Clubs will be contacted in the near future to determine their interest.

5. **Next meeting** – The next scheduled Board meeting will be Sunday, August 26th at 6:00pm at Penn-Air & Hydraulics Corp.

6. The meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.