

YORK COUNTY LACROSSE ASSOCIATION



Meeting Minutes –

July 27th, 2008 at Penn-Air & Hydraulics Corp., York, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Guy Muller at 6:01 pm. Roll call was performed:

Present:

CENTRAL YORK – Jim Gilhool
EASTERN YORK – Bob Rhein
NEW OXFORD – Dan Badolato
NORTHERN YORK – Mike Reinaman
RED LION – Joe Dashler
SHOOTING IRISH – Guy Muller
SPRING GROVE – Dan Wilmot
WEST YORK – Kent Lichty

Excused Absence:

DALLASTOWN - Phill Bates
SOUTH WESTERN – John Moore
SUSQUEHANNOCK – Mark Norris
YORK SUBURBAN – Nick Hendler

Absent:

SOUTH EASTERN – Ted Schonbrunner

Guests:

GOTHAM CITY THUNDER
* Dave Hagan
* Troy Arnold
SHOOTING IRISH
* Iona Conlon

1. **Minutes** – Bob Rhein distributed minutes from the June 1st meeting. Dan Wilmot made a motion to accept the minutes as is. Bob Rhein seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **Old Business**
 - a. **Summer Travel Teams** – Conversation took place regarding the E.Y.A.R.C. River Rats program as well as the York Select program. Representatives were invited from both programs, but unable to attend. An email was forwarded to all the Board Members outlining the budget report provided by Melanie Miller who managed the E.Y.A.R.C. program. In order to increase the player participation for next year, the following suggestions were provided by Dan Wilmot to include:
 - a. Eliminate the try-out fees and reduce the overall costs to participate.
 - b. Hold registration later in the season to allow more players to participate.
 - c. Rotate the practice locations and fields to make them more accessible and centralized.
 - d. No Sunday morning practices or tryouts.

→ Action Item: None.
 - b. **P.I.A.A. Status Report** – As of July, there are 10 HS Boys teams competing in the YAIAA and 11 HS Girls teams competing in the YAIAA for the spring of 2009. The only difference is Kennard Dale. There are a total of 32 HS Boy's teams competing in District III. A preliminary schedule is out showing that the YAIAA will play on Mondays and Wednesdays; the Lancaster-Lebanon area will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays; the Berks County area will play on Fridays.

→ Action Item: None.
 - c. **Officials Update** – Bob Rhein met with Joe Gebhart, CPLOA President and Steve Connaghan, CPLOA Assignor on July 25th. The purpose of the meeting was to determine if the CPLOA would support the YCLA for the spring of 2009. It was apparent that the CPLOA is not going to support the Youth programs in the York Adams area or the Lancaster Lebanon area for 2009. Bob suggested to both the CPLOA and to Dan Wilmot that Joe and Dan get together to talk. Dan subsequently met with Joe and determined that the CPLOA has no desire to work the York County Youth games and that York County will be responsible for providing its own officials for 2009.

→ Action Item: **Begin the discussions with the SPLOA to determine if they can support our Youth games in 2009.**
 - d. **Election of Officers** – There are four Executive positions defined by the YCLA By-Laws for the 2009 fiscal year. They are Chairman, President, Secretary and Treasurer. After some discussion regarding roles and potential conflicts for those who may sit in Executive positions in the SPLOA, nominations were made. Dan Wilmot made a motion to have Bob Rhein continue in the role of President. Bob also offered to fill the role of Secretary. Mike Reinaman seconded. All in attendance voted to accept Bob in these roles. Bob Rhein made a motion to have Guy Muller continue to serve in the role of Chairman. Joe Dashler seconded. All in attendance voted to accept Guy in this role. There was no discussion regarding the role of Treasurer, so Bob will continue to fulfill this responsibility when there needs to be discussion and responsibility.

→ Action Item: None.
 - e. **Age vs. Grade Based Levels** – There was a brief conversation as a follow-up to past meetings. The YCLA will only be responsible for Youth levels of play for the Spring of 2009 in the York Adams area and this will remain Age Based with four levels to include Bantam, Lightning, Junior and Senior Divisions of play. This correlates to U-9, U-11, U-13 and U-15 age levels. The YCLA will continue to adhere to the NFHS Rulebook for guidelines to follow which is endorsed by US Lacrosse.

→ Action Item: None.

3. New Business

- a. **Gotham City Thunder** – Dave Hagan and Troy Arnold shared details with the Board regarding their plans for a Lacrosse School to benefit both boys and girls in the York Adams area. Dave provided a handout which was then emailed to all Board members for distribution to their respective teams and players. The school starts in early August and will continue through the winter up until our Spring 2009 season begins. This school is designed to support and help any of the existing clubs in the YCLA and will not compete against any YCLA teams during the spring 2009 season. It will be an extension for each program to encourage the development of Youth and HS players and will also involve coaches from around the area. For more information, please visit www.gothamcitythunder.com.

→ Action Item: None.

- b. **Summer Events** – Discussion took place regarding several programs to include:
 - a. Spring Grove Lacrosse Day Camp – Cost will be \$50 and it will take place on August 5th – 7th. Please visit www.springgrovelacrosse.org/uploads/2008_SG_YOUTH_LAX_CAMP.pdf for more details. Estimates for the camp attendance are 37 players.
 - b. Run-N-Gun Camp – Ira Rainess had informed us that they were postponing the summer camp to be held at Central York HS until the fall. Ira is to share more details in late August.
 - c. Red Lion Tournament – As part of the on-going fundraising efforts to enable Red Lion to have a Boys and Girls HS program in 2009, a 5-5 tournament was announced and promoted earlier in the summer. After checking in with Red Lion, the tournament was cancelled due to a lack of registered teams prior to the event. Red Lion did report that the Tom Marechek Camp drew 45 players and was well attended.
 - d. York Select – May be entering a team in at Lanco this winter.

→ Action Item: None.

- c. **Birth Certificates** – Discussion took place regarding whether the YCLA would require each Club and each team to have birth certificates on hand/file for our Spring 2009 Season.

→ Action Item: Each Board Member should poll their respective Clubs to see whether it makes sense to move forward with this new action for 2009. A vote will be taken in our next meeting.

- d. **FAQ's on the YCLA Website** – Iona Conlon suggested that a page be set up on the YCLA website with FAQ's that may help Clubs to prepare for the Spring 2009 season. This suggestion makes a lot of sense to help new people within their Clubs to have a central location for information regarding the who, what, where, when, hows of administering a program.

→ Action Item: Each Board Member should think of Questions and Answers to share with Nick Hendler who manages our website. Bob Rhein will discuss this in further detail with Nick.

4. **Next Meeting** – Since there are no pressing items to warrant a meeting in August, it was decided to forego an August meeting. Thus, the next scheduled Board meeting will be Sunday, September 21st at 7:00 pm at Penn-Air & Hydraulics Corp.
5. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.