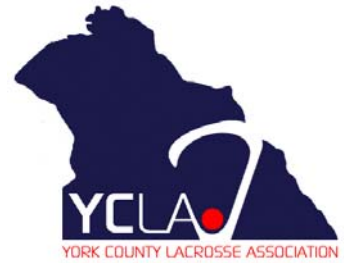


YORK COUNTY LACROSSE ASSOCIATION



Meeting Minutes –

October 26th, 2008 at Penn-Air & Hydraulics Corp., York, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Rhein at 7:01 pm. Roll call was performed:

Present:

CENTRAL YORK – Jim Gilhool
DALLASTOWN - Phill Bates
EASTERN YORK – Bob Rhein
NEW OXFORD – Dan Badolato
NORTHERN YORK – Mike Reinaman
RED LION – Joe Dashler
SHOOTING IRISH – Iona Conlon
SOUTH EASTERN – Ted Schonbrunner
SPRING GROVE – Dan Wilmot
SUSQUEHANNOCK – Mark Norris
WEST YORK – Mark Keim
YORK SUBURBAN – Nick Hendler
CHAIRMAN – Guy Muller

Excused Absence:

SOUTH WESTERN – John Moore

Absent:

None.

Guests:

SOUTH EASTERN – Melanie Greaver
NORTHERN YORK – Doug Gamber

1. **Minutes** – Bob Rhein distributed minutes from the September 21st meeting. Dan Wilmot made a motion to accept the minutes as is. Mike Reinaman seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

2. **Old Business**

- a. **Age Based Cut-Off to September 1st** – In September's meeting, Spring Grove brought up the topic of moving the age cut-off date up to September 1st from December 31st. Melanie Greaver asked about the dates so that all were clear on how this would potentially work. Phill Bates asked if it is one age level or all levels and we agreed that it would be for all levels from U-9 through U-15. Dan Wilmot discussed players not making their HS teams, where will they play? Nick Hendler said they support the idea as they had to move a lot of players up last year in order to fill out their rosters. Bob Rhein had feedback about US Lacrosse and possible issues with the Youth Festival tournament cut-off dates. Guy Muller talked about protecting the younger players and his experience with West York's youth football program. Ted Schonbrunner talked about kids leaving their program. Mark Keim talked about U-15 players and the benefit to move it to September 1st. A motion was made by Dan Wilmot for all age levels to move the age cut-off date from 12/31/08 to 9/1/08. Ted Schonbrunner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved. 9 Clubs voted in favor to approve – 4 Clubs opposed the motion (EY, RL, CY, SW).

→ Action Item: None.

- b. **Referee Update - SPLOA** – Nick Hendler provided the following information → 32 officials registered in York to date. 2/3rds are available this spring. 95% will be available for both Youth games and PIAA HS games. 20-22 will be available for Youth games for the YCLA. Another York training will start on 11/19/08 @ 7:00 pm held at Penn-Air along with another training to start on 1/14/09 @ 7:00 pm. Mechanics training will be held at Central York. Please visit the website at www.sploa.com for the specific details of dates, times and locations. The SPLOA needs everyone to help out. Minimum age is 14 as of 12/31/08. Junior officials are age 16 and under and would be teamed up with another official. SPLOA did receive official approval from the Lancaster-Lebanon League. Dan shared that one of the LL coaches had a lot of comments related to the new SPLOA stipulations. The SPLOA will determine a pay schedule for the junior officials. Scheduling of Youth games for YCLA will be done in late January for all levels of play. Nick shared that a person will make about \$30-\$35 per hour (in round numbers) for officiating a game when you break it down into an hourly rate.

→ Action Item: Recruit, recruit, recruit...send all interested people to Nick/Dan or the website at www.sploa.com.

- c. **Winter Ball Opportunities** – Brief review of events (Lanco, etc...) WY – elementary, MS, and a JV team; RL – 2 elementary teams; YS – none; DT – JV team; S/E – none; SG – no youth, Varsity and JV only; SUS - JV & V; CY – yes; NO – none; SI - U-15 team. South Eastern looking to play in Churchville, MD. Allstar sports – Gettysburg; Red Rose in Lancaster; Mike Reinaman → Northern HS has some Tues/Thurs open scrimmages through November.

→ Action Item: None.

- d. **Run N Gun Lacrosse Camp** – Bob Rhein provided a brief update and will be emailing the announcement from Ira Rainess. R & G elected to postpone the camp to President's Day (February 16th, 2009) and are looking to work with Lanco Fieldhouse to host the camp.

→ Action Item: Bob Rhein will email the YCLA Board the announcement from Ira Rainess.

3. **New Business**

- a. **Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA)** – Bob shared with the Board that the application grant has been submitted to US Lacrosse to help offset the expense of the 3 workshops offered by PCA. The applications were due on October 15th and notification will come from US Lacrosse in mid to late November. If the grant is approved, the YCLA will move forward with three separate workshops in January, February and March to include (Coaches, Parents and the Board). It was also shared by both Nick and Dan on behalf of the SPLOA that the requirement for all coaches to attend the PCA workshop will directly benefit their organization and membership as well.

→ **Action Item: Bob Rhein to inform the Board of the US Lacrosse decision in November.**

- b. **Travis Sipe** – Bob Rhein shared with the Board that the memory of Travis Sipe is still alive and well. Thanks to Travis and his parents, the sport of lacrosse has blossomed from 1996 when he first became a participant on the original York Lacrosse Club team as a 5th grader. Travis passed away on October 24th, 2004 after being in a coma-like state for over 3 years. This was as a result of a tragic car accident in March of 2001. The World's Longest Running Lacrosse Game is played in his memory and plans are now starting for the 4th annual event to be held in March. A location is needed since The Blast has closed.

→ **Action Item: Keep Travis, Laurie and Dean Sipe in your thoughts and prayers. If anyone knows of an indoor location to host the event, please contact Bob Rhein.**

- c. **High School Players** – A brief discussion took place regarding West York and South Eastern and what options these high school boys have to participate in competitive play this spring. It was suggested that the HS coaches work with their AD's to establish a reciprocity agreement between neighboring school districts to enable boys to potentially play on a HS team. It was also suggested that perhaps a team or two can be formed to play other club teams in the MD area or other regions in Central PA that may not have PIAA varsity recognized teams. The YCLA is asking all of its members to think of additional ways that we can help this group of boys who cannot play for their school teams this spring.

→ **Action Item: Think of other options and ideas for this group of players.**

4. **Next Meeting** – The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Sunday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm at Penn-Air & Hydraulics Corp.

5. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.