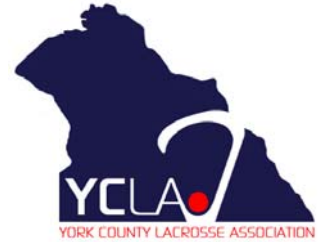


# YORK COUNTY LACROSSE ASSOCIATION



## Meeting Minutes –

November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 – John Yantek  
DALLASTOWN - Phill Bates  
EASTERN YORK – Bob Rhein  
NEW OXFORD – Dan Badolato  
RED LION – Joe Dashler  
SHOOTING IRISH – Iona Conlon  
SUSQUEHANNOCK – Mark Norris  
WEST YORK – Mark Keim  
YORK SUBURBAN – Nick Hendler  
CHAIRMAN – Guy Muller

### Excused Absence:

NORTHERN YORK – Doug Gamber  
SOUTH EASTERN – Ted Schonbrunner

### Absent:

SOUTH WESTERN – John Moore  
SPRING GROVE – Dan Wilmot

### Guests:

NORTHEASTERN YORK – Bob Foster  
STYLIN' STRINGS – Dustin Dohm

1. **Minutes** – Bob Rhein distributed minutes from the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Nick Hendler made a motion to accept the minutes as is. Dan Badolato seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

## 2. Old Business

- a. **Referee Update (SPLOA)** – Nick Hendler provided the following information. The York class started this past week. There are approximately 60 total referees in the SPLOA to date (with 45 in York and 15 in Lancaster currently); 25% are under the age of 18 (20 boys). Two trainings are scheduled for January. Nick expects 85-90 officials to be available for the spring of 2009. The SPLOA will be able to handle the YCLA and PIAA High School games. Nick asked that we keep spreading the word that they need more and will take them. For more information, please visit the website at [www.sploa.com](http://www.sploa.com). Bob suggested another effort by the SPLOA to contact all the local colleges in York and Lancaster County. Our YCLA scheduling meeting is tentatively planned for the third or fourth week of January and final schedules should be in by February 15<sup>th</sup>. The Assignors fee per team is estimated at \$45 per team at this time per Nick; however, this is not finalized.

→ **Action Item:** Recruit, recruit, recruit...send all interested people to Nick/Dan or the website at [www.sploa.com](http://www.sploa.com).

- b. **Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA)** – Bob shared a few details of the grant, schedule and the total investment for the YCLA. There were 40 programs that applied for the US Lacrosse Grant for the PCA workshops. Twenty (20) programs were awarded grants around the US. In the Mid Atlantic region, there were five (5) programs who applied and three (3) were selected (YCLA; Western MD and Delaware). The total cost of the three (3) workshops is \$2,250. If you are a member of US Lacrosse, PCA offers the workshops for \$1,975. As a result of the Grant, the total investment for the YCLA will be roughly \$592.50 plus the workbooks for some workshops. The tentative schedule is slated to include the YCLA Board workshop in mid January, the Coach's workshop in mid February and then the Parent's workshop in early March. All three (3) workshops must be completed prior to March 15<sup>th</sup>. Nick asked how the YCLA will insure that each head coach and each assistant coach will be certified. It is important that this be adhered to as a result of the new, younger officials joining the SPLOA. This must be executed. Bob also shared that he has completed the application for recognizing the YCLA for a national award (Honor the Game Award). A special thanks goes out to Iona Conlon (Shooting Irish), Nick Hendler (York Suburban) and Trevor Sweitzer (West York) for their letters of recommendation as a parent, a coach and a player.

→ **Action Item:** Bob has several conference calls scheduled in early December with PCA to finalize the dates for all three workshops.

- c. **Run N Gun Lacrosse Camp** – Bob Rhein provided a brief update as he recently spoke to Ira Rainess. The Camp will be held on President's Day (February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009). Ira has contacted the Red Rose Arena off the Centerville Exit in Lancaster and they have agreed to setting aside six (6) hours for the training session. Each Club is still encouraged to send one player from the spring 2008 season.

→ **Action Item:** Bob Rhein will share any announcements that come from Ira Rainess in the coming weeks.

- d. **High School Players – Non Varsity players in 2009** → The question asked was how do we help the HS boys. Suggestions were offered by Phill Bates that perhaps regional play one day a week could work. It will be important to have a central field to play. West York contacted their AD and there is no reciprocity established with any other schools at this time. Mark Keim said perhaps the West York Club team could play all the JV teams on the bye dates on the schedule that originally was slated for the West York Varsity and JV team. It was also suggested that perhaps West York and South Eastern can meld together. This could allow for a York United Club team to play teams from the MD area that are Club or external to their respective High Schools. Discussion also took place about the selection process for each of the Varsity HS teams and the head coaches. They are Susquehannock (Russ LeBlanc); York Catholic (Jared Dematt); Dallastown (Chris Andrews); New Oxford (Jason Cross); York Suburban (Eric Carey); Red

Lion (Bill Middleton); South Western (TJ Buchanan). Undetermined at this time are Central York, Spring Grove and Northern York.

→ Action Item: None.

### 3. New Business

- a. **Stylin' Strings (Dustin Dohm)** – Dustin came in for the initial portion of our meeting to share some of the latest things happening with S/S's. He distributed several items that we can use for planning our equipment and uniform requirements for the spring. He has launched a new website at [www.mocheesenevents.com](http://www.mocheesenevents.com) which features a lot of fun and helpful information. There were 5 programs that he helped last spring and he thanked those organizations for their business. In the future, all his contact information will be through Stylin' Strings at [www.stylinstrings.com](http://www.stylinstrings.com). His on-line store is now functional as well.

→ Action Item: None.

- b. **Injuries – 2008 Summary** – Bob provided a hard copy and then emailed the spreadsheet that overviewed all significant injuries that took place in 2008. There were roughly 25 injuries to players in the YCLA. Concussions were a common injury at various levels of play. This information will be shared with US Lacrosse. Each Board member is asked to update the information and to confirm the accuracy back to Bob by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

→ Action Item: Respond to Bob via email if you have any additions or changes by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

- c. **Jerseys** – Iona asked a question regarding whether the YCLA for youth level play would require both a home and an away uniform. It was confirmed that this is only mandatory at the HS level of play.

→ Action Item: None.

- d. **Lax Exchange Program** – Nick Hendler shared some background with the Board about the program that exists with hockey locally. The York program has an exchange program with teams from Canada where players will travel to the other community to play. Although Nick is in favor of this program, he suggested that he would not be able to manage it due to the other roles he currently has and offered any Board member who may be interested in coordinating this for the YCLA to contact him. This is a positive way to promote the sport and he will be happy to help. Rough expenses are \$200 not including travel costs.

→ Action Item: Anyone interested in coordinating this should contact Nick Hendler.

- e. **U-13 & U-15 National Festival** – Bob announced that the dates have been posted on US Lacrosse for the National Youth Festivals for the summer of 2009. Both events take place in early to mid June. Bob will be coaching the U-13 Central PA team this summer. He has received approval from Harry Mazaheri, the US Lacrosse Central PA President. Players for both squads will be selected from the YCLA, the LL, The Mid Penn and the Berks area leagues. Players can only participate in the event once. More to follow later this winter about try-outs and the details.

→ Action Item: None.

- f. **U-15 National Championship** – A letter was sent out on November 7<sup>th</sup> from US Lacrosse regarding the new National Championship tournament at the U-15 level. Each Chapter will be invited to participate so the Central PA Chapter will be able to submit a team. More information can be found at [www.uslacrosse.org/events/u15nc](http://www.uslacrosse.org/events/u15nc).

→ Action Item: None.

- g. **US Lacrosse Convention** – The national convention is scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Baltimore Convention Center.

→ Action Item: None.

- h. **Northeastern York** – Bob Foster from Northeastern York attended the monthly board meeting to learn more about our Association. He has a number of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys interested in playing. He sent a flyer home at school and had 45 players respond that they were interested. He will be contacting the Superintendent about hosting a clinic in early December and the YCLA has offered help to him to promote the sport. This would potentially be the 14<sup>th</sup> Club to form under the YCLA. Bob's contact information is [rfoster525@comcast.net](mailto:rfoster525@comcast.net). His home phone number is 266-7241 and his mobile number is 405-2595.

→ Action Item: None.

- i. **Youth Teams** – Discussion briefly took place about having a bubble of excess players at the U-11, U-13 and possibly the U-15 levels this spring. What do we do if we have 28 boys at a certain age level. A and B level play is one option. Perhaps having an extra quarter or two after each game to enable the weaker players to participate is an option as well. Discussion to take place at our December meeting.

→ Action Item: Talk to your club Board members to determine the best way to handle this situation.

- j. **Laxfest** – Phill Bates shared that the girls would like to be included in our Laxfest event this spring for the Middle School age players (5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) since we will have room now that the HS boys are independent of the YCLA.

→ Action Item: None.

- k. **Pancake Breakfast** – The Shooting Irish/Fighting Irish Lacrosse program from York Catholic is having a benefit breakfast on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Details are provided below. Please spread the word...Chairman, Coach and Chef Guy Muller is flipping the pancakes!



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, December 6**  
**All Irish Pancake Breakfast**  
York Catholic High School  
7:00 AM – NOON  
“All the Pancakes You Can Eat”  
\$5 Adult, \$3 Child, 2 and under Free

Fundraiser to benefit  
The Shooting Irish Lacrosse Club and  
The York Catholic Boys & Girls Teams

To purchase tickets or for more information:  
Contact [info@shootingirishlacrosse.org](mailto:info@shootingirishlacrosse.org)  
OR call Beth Brennan at 767-7749  
OR Purchase tickets from a Shooting Irish Player



→ Action Item: Bring your appetite and come out to support York Catholic Lacrosse.

4. **Next Meeting** – The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Penn-Air & Hydraulics Corp.
5. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.