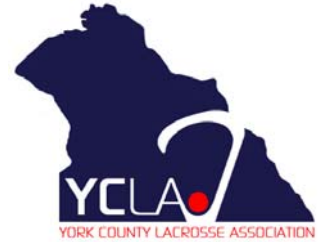


YORK COUNTY LACROSSE ASSOCIATION



Meeting Minutes –

March 1st, 2009 at Penn-Air & Hydraulics Corp., York, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Rhein at 7:00 pm. Roll call was performed:

Present:

CENTRAL YORK – John Yantek
DALLASTOWN - Phill Bates
EASTERN YORK – Bob Rhein
GOTHAM CITY – Dave Hagan Jr.
NEW OXFORD – Dan Badolato
RED LION – Joe Dashler
SHOOTING IRISH – Iona Conlon
SOUTH EASTERN – Melanie Greaver
SOUTH WESTERN – John Moore
SPRING GROVE – Dan Wilmot
SUSQUEHANNOCK – Mark Norris
WEST YORK – Mark Keim
YORK SUBURBAN – Nick Hendler

Excused Absence:

None.

Guests:

Ted Schonbrunner – SOUTH EASTERN
Tim Link – SPLOA YOUTH ASSIGNOR

Absent:

NORTHERN YORK – Doug Gamber
CHAIRMAN – Guy Muller

1. **Minutes** – Bob Rhein distributed minutes from the January 25th, 2008 meeting. Bob shared that there was an addition from Northern York based on the initial draft. John Yantek made a motion to accept the minutes as is. John Moore seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **Old Business**
 - a. **Referee Update - (SPLOA):** Nick & Dan: 64 officials will be active doing YCLA games this spring. All the schedules are in as of today. Tim Link is the YCLA assignor and he will act as a liaison between officials and the clubs. Dan shared that they looked at Arbitor (using the HS system) as an option for software, but will be going with Assign By Web again this year. All the contacts will have to be put in since it is a fresh system. Games as a double header with extra quarters must be played second so as to allow both games to be completed. Coaches must confirm games on ABW within 2 days of the game. The officials will go to the head coach of the home team to collect the money (even though both teams split the fees). Tim read his preliminary letter for common ground rules for officials. Tim will send an electronic version of the letter to me to share with the Board. The letter stimulated a lot of conversation from the Board. Ted asked about ABW, contacting officials and payment in full. Dave brought up the issue of officials not showing up. Conversation also took place about the concerns the YCLA had for the charge of the official's fees. Evaluating officials will be accomplished either by a post card handed to the coaches at the end of the game with a stamp to be mailed back or on the ABW website. The SPLOA will also be offering a scholarship back to one Club to encourage and promote the sportsmanship aspect of the game while honoring the game as well. Contacts are on the YCLA password protected part of the website if you need to determine who the club scheduler is. The user name is XXXXXXXXX and the password is XXXXXXXXX. All schedulers must confirm the field locations as well. Dave Hagan shared that Gotham City is not hosting any games this year so cancel all the games on the schedule since they did not sign up any players for any of their youth teams. Dan suggested that if you can pay in cash, that would be easier rather than writing a check and having to split the check in half if something changes at the field. Tim's email address is Tlink@sploa.com. He should be contacted for any schedule changes from now on (not Nick).
→ **Action Item:** Tim Link will share a copy of the letter outlining common ground rules.
 - b. **Parent's Workshop & Coach's/Player Clinic – March 8th, 2009:** Bob provided feedback recapping the expectations for attendance from the parents. Each youth team is expected to have a sideline manager assigned for each game so one of the people attending per team needs to be that person. Dave Hagan along with Tom Marechek is offering a coaches instructional clinic from 12-3 that Sunday (\$20 on line - \$25 for walk-ons). Any adults are invited to participate (coaches, parents, anyone involved in lacrosse). Dallastown HS players will be there to demonstrate the drills. Three hours is set aside. Any coach who brings their child or any parent who attends the workshop can have their child attend the player clinic for free. The player clinic will run from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and is free for the players. Parking is by the Dallastown Middle School Auditorium and the players will meet and be escorted to the field. All equipment is required for the players to participate. Coaches are encouraged to be involved in the clinic with the players.
→ **Action Item:** All Board Members must confirm with their coaches who will be attending the Parent's Workshop.

- c. **Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) – Reimbursement:** Bob presented an update to all the Board Members regarding the Coach's Workshop and the Parent's Workshop. Bob also shared the final expenses for all three workshops in addition to the US Lacrosse D & O Insurance. Dave Hagan agreed to keep Gotham City as a member of the YCLA so with 14 clubs, the total expense per Club is \$185. This was voted and approved by all Board members. The checks should be made payable to Bob Rhein and mailed to his home address by the 15th of March.

→ Action Item: Bob will email the summary to all the Board members with the mailing address (done – 3/2/09).

- d. **ImPACT Training Sessions for U-13 & U-15 Players:** Bob shared details about the Grant that the YCLA has received from the PA Department of Health. A detailed letter will be sent (done 3/2/09) outlining this session. Nick asked if the players from York Ice Hockey could be waived from attending and YES, they can be waived. All U-13 and all U-15 players and one parent must attend any one of the three sessions in March.

→ Action Item: Bob will email the letter to all the Board Members (done 3/2/09) and will ask Wellspan about whether or not the York Ice Hockey players have to attend. Wellspan responded on 3/3/09 saying, Yes, those players can be waived.

- e. **World's Longest Running Lacrosse Game – March 21st, 2009:** Bob updated the Board with some additional information on the event. We have 17 hours available to play from 7:00 am in the morning up to 2:00 pm in the afternoon on three different turf fields. Bob will contact the Board (done – 3/2/09) to open up registration. The first 34 teams to commit will be playing. The big fields do support 7 on 7 and that includes the goalie. You could do 8 on 8 keeping 2 on each side of midfield for offense.

→ Action Item: Bob will email the Board (done – 3/2/09) and will also provide more details in early March about the event.

- f. **By-Laws Draft:** Bob shared that the information regarding the update on the By-Laws. Nick offered feedback on two different issues. Nick offered to email his comments to the Board for review so we can vote electronically on approving the By-Laws before the first games take place. The most significant topic was whether a player could float to play up towards the end of the season to get some game experience with the older level even though he has played all season at a younger level.

→ Action Item: Nick will email his thoughts and summary on these two topics (done on 3/2/09).

- g. **Roster Review – Player Numbers:** Bob surveyed the group for each of the youth teams. Bob will email the template out for review and girls updates.

→ Action Item: Bob will email the Board (done – 3/2/09).

- h. **Player Waivers – Exemption & Eligibility:** Conversation took place regarding Brian S. from South Eastern. Red Lion has a U-13 player with a medical condition. New Oxford has a U-15 player who is very small and a first year player who wants to play U-13. Dallastown has one player as well. The Board agreed that all four players were okay playing down for the spring.

→ Action Item: None

3. New Business

- a. **Laxfest – May 16th, 2009:** Central York had the first right of refusal. John will check with the Central York's Board to see if they will host again. Red Lion and Spring Grove indicated interest in the event Central York chooses not to host it. A decision needs to be made by our next meeting in early April.

→ Action Item: John Yantek will check and let Bob know in March.

- b. **Keystone Games:** There is a Junior level available for MS players, but a coach is needed. Dan suggested that perhaps the River Rats or Gotham City could handle it.

→ Action Item: Anyone interested in taking on this should notify Bob.

- c. **Disciplinary Board – March 15th, 2009:** Each Club must submit the name of the disciplinary board member to Bob by the 15th. This person cannot be a coach (head or assistant). They must be 18 years or older.

→ Action Item: Each Board Member must email the name of their D.B.M. to Bob by the 15th of March.

- d. **Payment of Officials – Accounting:** Conversation took place about the tax issues and payment to the officials. Dave spoke about the issues and Mark provided some additional insight.

→ Action Item: None.

- e. **Field Paint Order:** Dan talked about one more order for paint and balls. Mark Keim has a lot of extra paint and is willing to sell it at the cost he paid (\$33 per case).

→ Action Item: None.

4. **Next Meeting** – The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Sunday, April 5th, 2009 at 6:00 pm (**note the earlier time**) at Penn-Air & Hydraulics Corp.

5. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.