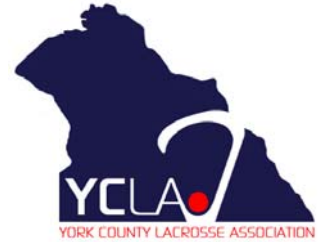


# YORK COUNTY LACROSSE ASSOCIATION



## Meeting Minutes –

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Penn-Air & Hydraulics Corp., York, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Rhein at 7:39 pm. Roll call was performed:

### Present:

CENTRAL YORK – John Yantek  
DALLASTOWN - Phill Bates  
EASTERN YORK – Bob Rhein  
NEW OXFORD – Dan Badolato  
NORTHERN YORK – Jack Armstrong  
RED LION – Dave Hagan Jr.  
SHOOTING IRISH – Iona Conlon  
SOUTH EASTERN – Lee Ann White  
SOUTH WESTERN – John Moore  
SUSQUEHANNOCK – Mark Norris  
SPRING GROVE – Dan Wilmot  
WEST YORK – Jeremy Cox  
YORK SUBURBAN – Nick Hendler

### Excused Absence:

None.

### Absent:

Guy Muller - CHAIRMAN

### Guests:

Jim Gilhool – CENTRAL YORK  
David Stickler – EASTERN YORK D.B.M.

1. **Minutes** – Bob Rhein distributed minutes from the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 meeting. John Moore made a motion to accept the minutes as is. Dan Wilmot seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

## 2. Old Business

- a. **LAXFEST May 16<sup>th</sup> – CYLC Recap:** Jim Gilhool provided a recap to all the Board Members. It was a great day overall as CYLC had plenty of volunteers. Based on the income generated, CYLC made a donation to the McKinney family in the amount of \$250. Also, CYLC is proposing a contribution to the YCLA in the amount of roughly \$325. Feedback on ways to improve were limited to (1) larger numbers on the jerseys to help the officials make the calls and (2) it was suggested that next year, it be called an All-star game so that the parents and players know it is intended to be an All-star game. Conversation took place about the YCLA not having a checking account and what steps will be taken to set up a checking account.

→ **Action Item:** CYLC to cut a check to the YCLA. The Treasurer of the YCLA is to set up a checking account and deposit the check.

- b. **YCLA Post Season Tournament – Nick, Recap:** Nick shared that 100% of all the YCLA teams from U9-U15 participated in this year's event. The tournament ran very well. There were 43 games held over 6 days. The results and a final recap are posted on the YCLA website. Tournament winners were Spring Grove (U9), Eastern York (U11), Eastern York (U13) and York Suburban (U15). Nick received several compliments from the Board Members for a job well done. Nick did reinforce that it was published prior and should be emphasized that it is a single elimination tournament with the objective of winning to continue your play. Playing your entire roster evenly is not necessary unless the coach of a team decides to do this. Conversation also took place about making the U9 and U11 tournament similar to what Spring Grove did for their event regarding a sportsmanship scoring system versus a goal scoring system.

→ **Action Item:** None.

- c. **U-9 Youth Rules (7 v 7, 8 v 8, 10 v 10):** Bob was asked during the post season tournament about the number of players that should be on the field for the U-9 level. This topic was briefly discussed during the board meeting, but should be a topic of conversation for 2010 as to whether we should change the number of players to 10 v 10.

→ **Action Item:** None.

- d. **YCLA By-Laws & Process:** Discussion took place regarding this topic as Nick Hendler read his email to the Board. The email was read and was modified to (eliminate red word):

#### **ARTICLE X OFFICIALS ASSIGNING AUTHORITY**

10.01 Member clubs are required to utilize an officials assigning authority that has been officially recognized by the YCLA, to schedule officials for regular season (**league**) contests.

10.02 Officials assigning authorities officially recognized by the YCLA are:

- a. South Penn Lacrosse Officials Association (SPLOA)
- b. Central Pennsylvania Lacrosse Officials Association (CPLOA)
- c. Southern Lacrosse Officials Association (SLOA)
- d. Western Maryland Lacrosse Officials Association (WMLOA)

There was feedback from Dave Hagan Jr. regarding the use of an official who is not part of one of these Associations. Phill Bates discussed the options that exist in Harford County, MD where they have in house rules for their games. Nick Hendler, York Suburban made a motion to approve the By-Law wording since the By-Law addition was previously approved by the Board. Dan Wilmot, Spring Grove seconded the motion.

→ **Action Item:** A vote will be taken to approve the motion in the July 2009 Board meeting.

- e. **Age Based vs. Grade Based – 2010 Season:** The topic of moving back to grade based play was discussed at length. Many coaches this spring questioned why the YCLA is still operating under the age based definition when now, the PIAA is governing the sport at the High School level for both boys and girls. The girls are playing grade based in most PA communities. The York teams are at a disadvantage to play teams outside of York/Adams area since most of the other areas (Lancaster, Lebanon, Berks, Mid Penn Areas) are primarily grade based. After a number of comments were shared that would indicate a return to grade based criteria, a motion was made by Dan Wilmot, Spring Grove to have the 2010 season be grade based (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade; 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade; 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade; and if possible, a K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade program). The motion was seconded by Dan Badolato, New Oxford.

→ **Action Item:** A vote will be taken to approve the motion in the July 2009 Board meeting.

### **3. New Business**

- a. **2009 Season Recap - Improvements:** Overall the feedback from the YCLA Board was very positive and very little was shared in regards to issues or concerns. Dan Wilmot brought up the topic of possibly not requiring officials for the U9 level of play in 2010 as a way of cutting the expenses for the clubs. Dan also suggested that the Disciplinary Board have in place a Chair, a 1<sup>st</sup> Chair and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair so as to have an unbiased person in charge of running the hearings. Phill Bates also reiterated the need for the YCLA to adopt an “in house” set of rules and policies that would apply for our Association games.

→ **Action Item:** Phill Bates to contact Harford County, MD for a copy of their in house rules and policies.

- b. **2009 Injury Report - Feedback:** Bob shared that he would be sending out a survey in the next week looking for feedback from each Club on their injuries of U9 through U15 male players. This information is compiled each year and presented to US Lacrosse to help them with their science and medicine, statistics and research.

→ **Action Item:** Bob Rhein to send out survey, compile results and share via email with the YCLA Board before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

- c. **2009 Registration Fees - Summary:** Bob shared that he would be sending out a survey in the next week looking for feedback from each Club on what they charged for registration fees in 2009 for U9 through U15 male players. This information will be compiled and shared with the YCLA Board. Several Board members felt this was a good idea to help each Club to understand what they charge the families.

→ **Action Item:** Bob Rhein to send out survey, compile results and share via email with the YCLA Board before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

- d. **2009 Community Service - Overview:** Bob shared that he would be sending out a survey in the next week looking for feedback from each Club regarding their community service involvement for U9 through U15 male players. Mark Norris, Warrior shared that the total amount of money collected on behalf of the McKinney Family was \$7,300. He extended thanks and appreciation to all the Clubs for their generous donations and care for the McKinney family.

→ **Action Item:** Bob Rhein to send out survey, compile results and share via email with the YCLA Board before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

e. **YCLA Board Changes:**

- a. President's Role/Tasks: Bob Rhein offered to share his information with the next President of the YCLA once the formal approval vote takes place in July.
- b. Future Meeting Location: Dan Wilmot offered Spring Grove's Rec. Building (Heidelberg Park) site as a potential location for all future meetings.
- c. Introduction – Vice President: Conversation took place about modifying the By-Laws to include the role of a Vice President so as to prepare a person for the role of President. Currently, the role does not exist.
- d. Nomination for Officers: The following individuals were nominated for the 2009/2010 fiscal year:
  1. Chairman – Dan Badolato, New Oxford
  2. President – Phill Bates, Dallastown
  3. Secretary – Nick Hendler, York Suburban
  4. Treasurer – David Stickler, Eastern York
- e. New Board Members: Changes taking place as of July, 2009 will be:
  1. Eastern York – David Stickler (replacing Bob Rhein)
  2. Warrior (Susquehannock) – Dan Gartrell (replacing Mark Norris)
  3. Shooting Irish (York Catholic) – Beth Brennan (replacing Iona Conlon)
  4. South Western – Unknown (replacing John Moore)

The YCLA and entire lacrosse community would like to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all those who have served in their roles over the last year(s). Thank you.

→ Action Item: A formal vote will take place in July to approve the individuals listed above for the various Officers' roles.

f. Additional:

- a. **Gotham City Thunder**: Dave Hagan Jr. offered a formal apology to the YCLA Board on behalf of Red Lion and Gotham City Thunder. Dave asked if Gotham City Thunder could be reinstated as a member in good standing in the YCLA. Dave made a motion and Dan Wilmot seconded the motion to have Gotham City Thunder rejoin the YCLA.

→ Action Item: A formal vote will take place in July based on the motion that was introduced regarding Gotham City Thunder.

4. **Next Meeting** – The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Sunday, July 19th, 2009 at 6:30 pm (**New Location – Spring Grove, Heidelberg Park Recreation Building – off of Rte. 116**)
5. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.