

BYLW Board Meeting - September 22, 2011 at Rich Schwartz's house Capitol Hill Seattle, WA

- Review Agenda, Attendance, Approve Minutes
 - In Attendance, Mark Funkhouser, Brooke Hartley, Matthew Alberto, Rich Schwartz
 - Approved minutes from last meeting
- New News
 - Northshore left BYLW and went to GELL
 - BYLW added South Hill Grizzlies
- 2012 Rule Changes
 - US Lacrosse, the national governing body made updates. The board agrees to align BYLW more with US Lacrosse. BYLW will confirm with WALOA enforcement standards, the changes are as follows:
 - New age cutoff date = August 31st instead of March 31st, (7/8 U15, 5/6 U13, 3/4 U11)
 - Violent purposeful collisions particularly targeting unsuspecting players hitting them to the ground, lower the head and blindsides, etc. are prohibited at all ages. Body checks are prohibited at the 3/4 level.
 - 3/4 level minimum stick length can now be 37" inches and a 42" maximum
 - The defensive 20 second count and the offensive 10 second rule will be used at 7/8 & 5/6 levels
 - 3 yards distance on loose ball penalties instead of five yards for legal checks, etc.
 - 1-handed checks are automatic slash from 3-6th grade (OK on 7/8th)
 - 5-8th grade adopts four personal fouls and 3/4th is 3 personal fouls is an ejection
 - The board will have to message clubs to educate them on the changes. They should be aware of the changes before the upcoming program directors' meeting.
 - Board agreed to send a 'need-to-know' document to the clubs highlighting the changes. Discussed making it mandatory for clubs to acknowledge the changes by signing the document.
 - Mark proposed motion to accept US Lacrosse rules. Rich seconded. Board approved.
- Standardize the BYLW forms
 - Proposing forms (similar to high school) forcing clubs to sign agreement.
 - Acknowledgement form
 - Program certification
 - Proof of insurance
 - Lystedt law
 - Discussed repercussions for breaking age limit rules and ensuring Clubs know the process.
 - Coaches have the ability to challenge a team and call for an age check on a player. The challenged team has 72 hours to produce a birth certificate.
 - Programs must have birth certificate available upon request (according to bylaws)
 - Background checks are required for coaches. At least 1 coach in each club must be CPR certified. Head coaches must be insured through US Lacrosse.
 - BYLW recommends all coaches are insured
 - Agreed to conduct a roll call or check in at the Program Director's meeting
 - Discussed attendance and decided the next email communication for the meeting should come from the president instead of the secretary
- Open board position
 - The opening is for Vice President. Matthew will email the clubs about the opening and voting
 - Voting will be done at the Program Directors meeting, with 1 vote per Club representative. Each candidate will submit a bio to be handed out to the Directors and give a short introduction of themselves before vote.
- Discussed the season schedule

- Important dates
 - Begin registration soon after the program directors meeting on November 2 (TOPS school)
 - Registration fee is due January 20.
 - Schedules will be out February 13.
 - Coaches meeting February 15 (TOPS school)
 - The first game of the season is March 10.
- Season will be 11 weeks and 10 games for all divisions except the 7/8 A division
- 7/8th grade teams will have A bracket and B bracket
 - “A” teams will play 9 regular season games and have playoffs
 - Top 6 teams will play in a single elimination playoff
 - May 18th & 19th (Friday/Saturday)
 - Rich is booking fields for these dates and working out the details for playoff structure
 - Expect about 6-8 A-teams.
 - BYLW highly recommends that if the Club feeds into a D1 high school they should register their 7/8 team in the A division
 - Throughout the season records and scores MUST be reported to BYLW
 - Post stats online at BYLW.org
- Team Fees
 - Proposed a nominal raising of rates to generate a surplus for BYLW
 - Mark will contact Sean to work out a budget
 - The board should be able to purchase US Lacrosse insurance, food costs and begin developing off-season events
- US Lacrosse WA Chapter Convention
 - Brooke is on the board for US Lax WA.
 - Convention is January 28
 - Must be a US lax member to go
 - It will be held at SPU
 - Coaches can get CPR Certified or get US Lax coaching certification
 - BYLW wants to support this and encourage strong attendance. The board will message our members to get coaches certified.
- Discussed BYLW’s role in sharing local lacrosse information
 - We agreed that we should share the information with the program directors and they should forward it to their coaches and players
 - The events should not compete with BYLW and they should be in-state.
 - On some requests, the president will have the role of deciding if the board should support an event and help distribute it to the members.
- The board appointed Rich to the Central Scheduler role and removed the At Large position. The board only needs to fill the VP role
- Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.