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# Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 7:28 PM

**Facilitator:** MK Benshoof

## Attendance:

Bo Weingaertner, Cathie Frizalone, Claire Monsaas, Jeanette Wake, MK Benshoof, Jamie Asaka, Tony Duck, Sara Towner, Steve Fricke, Curtis Estes, Christy Neff, Ryan McCloskey

Absent: Lyndsey Gillis, Grace Hamilton, Tami Tommila, Suzanne Replinger, Laura Hamilton

## Approval of Minutes:

October Minutes were not approved; Approval will be done via email.

## Board:

### Committee Assignments

Defined the committee objectives and added members from the board to each.

MK has a spreadsheet that has been updated and will be posted into the SharePoint site.

Ryan has concerns that he may not be able to commit to any of the committees.

### WWLOA Officiating

With Edith stepping down from WWLOA presidency, the opportunity open to have more ratings during tournaments and hosted events through programs.

We need to research increasing the fee for providing officials because programs are essentially paying the fee at the end of the year rather than taking the time to find officials.

8v8 rules should stick as close to USA Lacrosse as possible.

<https://www.usalacrosse.com/sites/default/files/documents/Rules/2024-Girls-Youth-Rules-ComparisonChart.pdf>

<https://www.usalacrosse.com/sites/default/files/documents/Rules/2024-girls-youth-guidebook2.pdf>



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Christy wants to make sure that we have clear understanding for coaches when interacting with the officials because the expectations change when the field size changes.

WWLOA will be working harder to increase level of training for youth officials. There are new chairs for the training committee at WWLOA.

Most important thing is to make sure the definitive guide is in the hands of every program.

### Splitting Programs

Before COVID, data was gathered from the conglomerate teams that would be problematic in splitting into different programs.

Historically there have been challenges when the programs have been given the choice to split. The decision should be made by the WSLA board and the program to plan splitting.

Board is concerned about how we approach the growth of the sport in the process of splitting. A gentle hand is needed to make sure everyone can move appropriately.

There is more involved than just numbers. We need to consider the financial, social, and other aspects of the programs splitting.

Grace suggested keeping in mind how things will work downline the line with state sanctioning.

### Budget:

No discussion

### Executive Director Report:

No report

### New Business:

No new business

### Committee Reports:

Cathie Frizalone is stepping down as the Rules Committee Chair at the end of 2025



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### Announcements:

Date for the WWLOA/WSLA meeting will change to December 12<sup>th</sup>.

A Treasurer is needed for next year to replace Cathie Frizalone.

### Next Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM