Attendees and Roles

- Brian King – President (facilitator)
- Kate Splitek – Secretary
- Chad Leatherman – Treasurer
- Russ Coley – VP Boys
- Cas (Cassidy) – VP Girls
- Nick – Sportsmanship
- Rob Carlon
- Daniel Pabst
- Jason Kasten
- Jerod Nadolny
- Lindsay
- Ashley Lochner
- Tyson Cook
- Jeremy Sullivan

Call to Order- Brian King

Meeting Minutes Acceptance- Brian King

- Last in person meeting in June. No questions. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer Update- Chad Leatherman

- Bank account just under $31,000.
- $5-600 going out for ref bonuses. No other spending expected rest of calendar year.
- Started budget for next year, will present at next meeting.

Boys VP Update- Russ Coley

- Contacted by Milwaukee Bucks Looking for a youth LAX night. No details yet. Potential players from Marquette for a Q&A before game, discounted tickets. Date late January-early February.

Girls VP- Cassidy Dabs

- Have not looked into TryLax events over summer.
- Edgewood/ Madison Club players have expressed interest in being resource for youth players

Secretary Update- Kate Splitek

- No Update

Marketing Update-

- Ava may step down from position on board. Will keep updated on potential opening.
- If clubs host TryLax this fall Badgerland would like to coordinate and push that out on social media.

Sportsmanship- Nick

- No updates

1.WLF

- A WLF presidential election occurred.
- Former president **Randy Cohen** was elected to serve again as president.
- Plan for WLF State Tournament for June 5-6 in WI Dells. Goal to improve communication and promotion.

2.Notch Product Demonstration

- Ref assignment solution.
- Working with WLF to see if we can make payments, assignment digital

3.Club Development

- Jason Kasten introduced himself as new Youth Director for DeForest
- Goals to improve player experience, expand tournament participation, support growth
  - Potential partnership with WLF to expand Norski tournament- creating a larger tournament experience
- Lodi has interest in establishing a club- will introduce Ashley at next meeting

4.Jr. Long Poles for 10U

- Multiple clubs reported successful use of junior long poles during summer and fall programs.
- Coaches and parents are increasingly requesting them.
- Programs playing Minnesota teams noted that Minnesota already uses the equipment, creating inconsistency between leagues.
- Board members generally agreed that the quality of play has improved enough to reconsider prior restrictions.
- Concerns were raised about:
  - Equipment costs
  - Whether purchase of optional equipment is an appropriate use of board funds
  - Maintaining consistency across clubs
- Several participants suggested a cost-sharing or bulk-purchase model like previous girls' goalie equipment initiatives.
- Coaching support and training for long-stick development was offered by an Oregon
- Russ and Rob to look into bulk pricing. To be discussed during upcoming meetings regarding Badgerland Rules.

5. 8U Support/Refs

- Ashley brought up concerns for improving the 8U experience.
- Inconsistent rules from game to game.
- Coaches functioning simultaneously as coaches, referees, and administrators.
- Difficulty managing substitutions and player participation.
- Concerns from both boys and girl's programs.
- Requests for more structured officiating and support.

6. Preliminary Schedule 2027. Draft will be sent out to clubs with meeting minutes

Feedback from clubs included:

Interest in extending the season longer.

- Interest in earlier starts where weather permits.
- Concerns regarding spring break conflicts.

- Registration and scheduling challenges if dates move earlier.
- Potential use of additional scrimmages or out-of-league opportunities.