Attendees and Roles

- Brian King – President (facilitator)
- Kate Splitek – Secretary
- Chad Leatherman – Treasurer
- Russ Coley – VP Boys
- Rob Carlon
- Daniel Pabst
- Lindsay VLC
- Ashley Lochner (Lodi)
- Jack Peterson (Verona)
- Tyler Stuntebeck
- Justin (Oregon)
- Charli Anderson (Waunakee)
- Alex Kramer

Call to Order – Brian King

Meeting Minute Acceptance – Brian King

September Minutes approved

Treasurer Update - Chad Leatherman

Budget Update:

- Est balance Jan 1, 2027, $28,555—up from projection in June.
- 2027 projected revenue: $15,450 (team dues, Dicks Sporting Goods, All Star Game revenue)
- Expenditures planned- $10,350 (All Star game uniforms, officials and production, Assigner and scheduler fees, annual meeting costs, website hosting)
- 2027 Est balance $33,655.83

Boys VP Update - Russ Cooley

8U rules

Russ completed survey of 8U coaches over summer

- continue use of hard balls,
- continuing conducting faceoff
- continuation of no offsides
- 4 ten-minute quarters to be consistent with older age divisions

8U Officiating Challenges

- Coaches are currently coaching, running subs, and refereeing game

- Coaches noted both difficulty in managing all jobs as well as inconsistency for rules among coaches
- Challenges identified: official shortages, 8U and 10U boys are on same day
- Discussed in person coaching sessions this winter to encourage more consistent rules across coaches with training focused on body contact, riding, stick checking and safety standards

Long sticks 10U:

- Approved long pole10U games.
- Not able to find shortened D poles. Discussed purchasing and cutting down regular or goalie shaft
- 2 D poles per team (at most) no LSM following USA LAX rules
- Board to determine whether costs fully covered by BLA or shared with clubs

Girls VP Update - Cassidy Dabs

- No update

Secretary Update - Kate Splitek

- No update

Marketing Update –

- Director of Marketing Position Available
- Need for someone internet savvy, job description to be sent out.
- Charli Anderson expressed interest

Sportsmanship Update – Nicholas Lambert

- No update

Electronic Referee Payment

- Referees are currently paid using a combination of cash, checks
- Approximately $36,000 in ref payments annually
- Currently use Arbiter- we do have the ability to utilize electronic payments to referees
- Questions included:
  - Who authorizes payments?
  - Whether a central BLA account should be used.
  - Whether each club should maintain separate accounts.
  - 1099 requirements.
  - Whether Arbiter supports necessary tax reporting processes.

- Feedback from clubs was overwhelmingly positive:
- Participants preferred reducing manual cash and check handling.
- Several supported centralized executions by BLA.
- Return with a more detailed implementation plan before the season.

Club Development- Ashley Lochner from Lodi

- Ashley has previous experience coaching varsity girls at Highschool level and was active in girls LAX in Waunakee in previous years.
- Running free weekly practices and free clinics.
- Currently looking at teams for boys: 8U and 10U and girls: 8U
- Board established, organizational entity established, space through the city, working on getting grants for funding.
- Discussed waving team fees for Lodi this year and looking at WLF funding opportunities.
- Future conversation of Lodi/Sauk Coop and

Walk on Items

- Discussed 8U game management and need for officiating support due to coaching workload and need for consistency of rules across clubs
- Ideas discussed
    - Recruiting younger high school players for officiating
    - Using coaches for non-participating teams as volunteer game officials
    - Providing more formal coach training
- To be discussed at next meeting

Meeting Close - Brian King