

## Attendees

Brian King- BLA President

Russ Coley- BLA Boys VP, Middleton

Cassidy Dabs- BLA Girls VP

Kate Splitek- BLA Secretary

Ava Kenny- BLA Marketing

Amber Smith- Cap City

Tony- Sun Prairie

Jeff- Janesville

Tyler Stuntebeck- Verona

Matt Murray- Verona

Alex Kramer- NorskiLax/Verona

Travis C- Sun Prairie

Steve B- Waunakee

Tyson Cook- Monona Grove

Angie Puls-

Call to Order – Brian King

Meeting Minute Acceptance – Brian King

- Minutes accepted

Treasurer Update - Chad Leatherman

- Chad unable to attend.
- Budget reviewed- projected \$21K end of year balance
- May charge entrance fee to All Star game for adults to attend.
- Need follow up if Monona Grove is in team dues projection

## Boys VP Update - Russ Cooley

### Age Policy:

- Want to move to USA Lacrosse 15-month calendar. Allows for summer birthdays to play with grade level, rather than strictly by age.
- Allows for 8<sup>th</sup> graders, who may have been ineligible to play with high school and boys youth, to play with grade level
- Clubs can use judgement for exceptional cases including grade accelerated youth, physically advanced or smaller players.

## Girls VP Update - Cassidy Dabs

- Response from 6 clubs for 10 u goalie gear: Middleton, Janesville, Verona, Waunakee, Cap City, Oregon
- Survey of clubs did think they would have enough girls for 10, 12 and 14 u
- Will need numbers and estimates mid-February for coop planning

## Secretary Update - Kate Splitek

- No updates

## Marketing Update – Ava Kenny

- No updates
- Ava will pull the 2025 schedule from the website

## Sportsmanship Update – Nicholas Lambert

- Unable to attend

## Walk On Items

### 1. Gender Policy

- Member clubs ask us to review policy. Had not been updated since 2010, was strictly based on boys/girls playing on team for age level.
- BLA would like to update the policy to align with USA Lacrosse policy to allow athletes to play on team matching their gender identity.
- Comments: Amber- agrees. Raised issue of a girl playing on boys' team due to convenience, not a gender identification issue. Can policy be inclusive to these instances? Felt player/family should make that choice.
- Verona- recommended organizational decision in nuanced circumstances.
- The group agreed that nuanced cases (such as girls playing on boys' teams when no girls' team exists) should be handled at the club level, with BLA providing inclusive policy language and deferring to club judgment for one-off situations.

- Board will vote in February meeting
- 2. Updated Supplemental Bylaws
  - will send out broadly to get feedback from Badgerland Clubs
  - Many bylaws were no longer relevant, specifically when governed high school, which we no longer do
  - Goal is to approve by laws at February board meeting before next season
- 3. Review of Club Packet
  - Updates on spring schedule
  - If anything is incorrect, please email Brian.
  - Discussed changes to spring season including later date of Dells Tournament,
  - Discussed potential for games on memorial weekend as well- (if a club participates in all 3 tournaments, leaves 4 weekends of games). Overall, sentiment was to leave Memorial Day weekend without games.
  - Coaches call in March will emphasize sportsmanship and role of Badgerland
- 4. Walk on items
  - Sun Prairie- struggling to get a girls' team but may have 2 boys 6u teams- wondering how many clubs have 6u? Waunakee, Verona, possibly Middleton (co-ed)
  - Discussed if Monona Grove need formal petition or approval. Brian to double check what legally needs to happen.

Meeting Close - Brian King