



WMYLC General Membership Meeting

November 7, 2023

Minutes

Attendance Board Members: Adam Heller, Chrissy Heller, Teri Brull, Shannon Smith, Kayce Varney and Ron Hudson

Organization Representatives: Bethesda Lacrosse Club, Boonsboro, Brunswick, Carroll Manor, Catoctin, Damascus, Freedom, FSK, HAYLA, Jefferson County Lacrosse, Martinsburg, Middletown, Olney, Smithsburg, South Carroll, Spires, St. Johns, Walkersville, and Urbana

Began 8:05pm

- Board Positions Update (Adam)
 - Need Boys Coordinator IMMEDIATELY, Girls Coordinator (shadow) and Education Coordinator (shadow)
 - Teri Brull resigned effective immediately
 - Kayce Varney resigned effective immediately
 - New position - Fundraising Coordinator IMMEDIATELY
 - If interested in any of the VACANT positions (Boys Coordinator, Girls Coordinator, Education Coordinator and Fundraising Coordinator) Please reach out to Adam/Chrissy ASAP
 - Most importantly, if the Boys and Girls Coordinator vacancies are not filled, WMYLC is at great risk of no Spring 2024 season.
- 2023-2024 WMYLC Calendar Review
 - Reviewed calendar
 - Brought to attention that Divisions ½ (boys and girls) will only play 6 games vs. 8 games
 - Brian (GVAA) concerned about a rain game then down to 5 games
 - Do have a make-up weekend planned for make-ups (May 11/12)
 - To be further discussed at the Boys/Girls Competitions & Rules Committee Meetings
- Education/Training – USA Lacrosse Update (Adam/Kayce)
 - Effective January 1, 2024, revised levels and revised memberships
 - Coaches Certifications revised by USA Lacrosse: <https://www.usalacrosse.com/coach-certification>
 - *"The new certification levels for coaches will be Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. Existing Level 1 certified coaches will transfer to the Silver level, Level 2 certified coaches will be transferred to the Gold level and Level 3 certified coaches will be transferred to the Platinum level."*
 - WMYLC is still requiring all Coaches for 3/4 and higher to be Silver Level
 - Keep a look out for training to be held late February at a central location
 - USA Lacrosse Membership restructure: <https://www.usalacrosse.com/news-media-blog/usa-lacrosse-revamps-membership-structure>
 - *"Beginning November 1, all players aged 22 and under will be grouped into a singular category, combining the existing 6U, youth and high school categories. There will be separate categories for players, coaches, and officials above the age of 22. Additionally, a new fan membership category is being established for those individuals that want to stay connected to USA Lacrosse news and information, but are not actively participating in on-field activities. We are also developing a Program Leader membership for implementation in early 2024."*

- “The current youth member category will see an increase from \$30 to \$35 and the adult member categories will be increased from \$55 to \$60.”
- Re-Branding Options (Adam) Continued Discussion
 - Proposed rebranding to be more reflective/representative of the organizations in the Conference
 - Several organizations have contacted WMYLC interested in joining WMYLC
 - PA and VA
 - 4 State or Regional branding
 - Discussion to be continued
 - Will (Brunswick) agreed that adding organizations from other states would be helpful to grow the sport
- Financial Update
 - Present 2023-2024 Budget – Spreadsheets attached
 - Organization Fee increased from \$350 to \$800 to cover expenses of the Conference
 - Team Fees
 - 2022-2023 Team Fees for reference:
 - Divisions 1/2 \$100/team
 - Division Girls 3/4 and Boys 3/4B \$300/team
 - Division Boys 3/4B \$600/team
 - Divisions Girls 5/6 & 7/8 and Boys 3/4B, 5/6 & 7/8 \$650/team
 - Divisions 1/2 \$500 each team, Divisions 3/4 and up \$1200
 - Team fee does include the Tournament
 - If a team decides not to participate in the tournament, that is their decision – no reduction in fee will be calculated
 - Team fees back from 2019-2020 season was \$510 for younger teams and \$1,020 for the older teams (spreadsheet attached for reference)
 - Officials: Cost per official is \$85, but going to try to negotiate it down
 - Cost is the same as last year – the cost that doesn’t help is single game charges
 - Divisions 1/2 both Girls and Boys will have 1 official
 - All other divisions will have 2 officials
 - Nicole (Urbana) – Will it be the same scheduler as last year? Yes/No. Joel did both boys and girls schedule but the boys was not usable and had to be redone. Girls schedule was used with slight modifications by Teri. This year, WMYLC will be collecting the schedule constraints and preparing the schedule In-House.
 - Tournament Discussion
 - Individual field sponsorships
 - Already have several vendors lined up to pay to sell – stringer, Play It Again, clothing, food trucks
 - Nicole (Urbana) proposed to pull the tournament to save money for the organizations.
 - This will be voted on as a Conference at the December meeting – Top of the agenda
 - Matt (Boonsboro) in favor of keeping the tournament – Rec kids don’t get these opportunities of a tournament environment
 - Will (Brunswick) and Brian (GVAA) also favor keeping the tournament
- Fundraising/Sponsorships
 - Looking for businesses within WMYLC willing to help

- Will (Brunswick) and Brian (Catoctin) will help with Sponsorships
- Exploring many different options: Grants, Golf Events, BINGOs, etc
 - Very interested in hosting a Golf Tournament
- Attached is the 2023-2024 WMYLC Sponsorship Packet
- Open Floor
 - We NEED volunteers – we cannot do this without your help
 - If interested in helping with any aspect, please reach out to Adam/Chrissy as soon as possible
 - Website is currently being remodeled – much simpler, reduced cost
- **Next Meeting is December 5**

Adjourn 9:03pm

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Girls Coordinator, Vacant

Boys Coordinator, VACANT

Fundraising Coordinator, VACANT

Attachments List:

- 2023-2024 WMYLC Calendar
- WMYLC 2020 Budget
- 2023-2024 WMYLC Reviewed Budget
- 2023-2024 WMYLC Basis for Cost Per Team Calculation
- 2023-2024 WMYLC Sponsorship Packet