

Glastonbury Lacrosse Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Key Outcomes

The group agreed to formalize the Glastonbury Lacrosse Club Board structure by establishing clearly defined roles and publicly listing board members and positions on the GLC Crossbar website.

The Board also agreed to begin transitioning the club from double-grade team groupings to a **single-grade model for grades K-6**. Grades 7 and 8 will remain combined for one additional transition year due to roster size, goalie availability, and player-development considerations.

The group also discussed fall outreach efforts and plans for a **Community Lacrosse Day in November** designed to introduce new players to lacrosse and encourage current players to bring friends.

Decisions Made

Board Structure

- Board positions and responsibilities will be formalized.
- Board members and their roles will be publicly listed on the GLC website.
- All members present agreed to be publicly identified in their respective roles.
- **Taylor** will not hold a formal board position but will continue supporting the club with:
 - Uniforms
 - Game scheduling
 - Special events and other operational needs

Grade-Level Team Structure

- GLC will transition to **single-grade teams for grades K-6**.
- **Grades 7 and 8 will remain combined for one additional year.**
- The decision to temporarily maintain the combined 7/8 structure was based on:
 - Current roster sizes
 - Goalie distribution
 - Differences in player experience and skill level
- The club will discontinue the general practice of players **playing up** into an older grade. Players will participate with their assigned grade under the new structure.

Mission Statement

The Board approved the revised GLC Mission Statement as presented.

The mission emphasizes:

- Providing lacrosse opportunities for boys and girls in Glastonbury
- Grade-level programming
- Access for players regardless of experience
- Removing financial barriers to participation
- Player development in a positive and supportive environment

Spring Registration

- Target date to open Spring registration: **November 1**
 - Evaluations/tryouts for applicable age groups should occur before registration closes whenever possible.
 - Evaluations will only be necessary in grades where enrollment could support **two teams within the same grade**.
 - This is expected to primarily apply to grades **5–8**.
 - The current evaluation/tryout structure for the combined 7th/8th grade group will remain in place for the transition year.
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Challenges and Considerations

7th/8th Grade Transition

The Board discussed several challenges that make immediately separating 7th and 8th grade teams difficult, including:

- Uneven goalie distribution between grades
- Significant differences in experience between year-round and seasonal players
- Approximately 25 players currently projected in 7th grade
- Potential roster-size issues if grades are separated too quickly

These factors supported the decision to grandfather the combined 7th/8th grade structure for one additional season.

Communication of Grade-Level Changes

The Board expects some community questions or resistance regarding the move to single-grade teams.

Communication to families should clearly explain:

- Why the change is being made
- How it supports player development
- How the transition will be implemented
- Why 7th/8th grade will temporarily remain combined

The goal is to communicate proactively rather than wait for questions or concerns after registration begins.

School Outreach

Previous attempts to distribute GLC information through the public schools were limited because of concerns about providing equal access to all outside organizations.

The Board will explore approaching the new superintendent with a proposal for a **single seasonal communication highlighting all Glastonbury youth sports organizations**, rather than requesting lacrosse-specific promotion.

Fall Outreach & Recruitment

Current fall enrollment was reported at approximately:

- **20 boys**
- **20 girls**

The group noted that registrations may increase once families have finalized schedules for their primary fall sports.

Planned Outreach Channels

GLC will use a variety of communication methods to increase awareness and participation, including:

- Text messages to families using phone numbers already on file
- Crossbar website homepage
- GLC social media
- Glastonbury Scoop
- Glastonbury community Facebook groups
- *Glastonbury Citizen*
- Flyers with QR codes at local pool clubs and other community locations

Partner Organizations

The Board discussed outreach through other youth sports organizations.

- GBA previously distributed information on GLC's behalf.
 - Hartwell previously declined an email blast but offered to share information through social media.
 - Baseball is considered less likely to distribute GLC information directly.
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Community Lacrosse Day

The Board agreed to plan a community recruitment event for the **November 20–22 weekend**.

Purpose

The event will:

- Introduce new boys and girls to lacrosse
- Encourage current players to bring friends
- Focus primarily on younger players
- Provide a fun, low-pressure opportunity to experience the sport

This event is not a tryout.

Proposed Format

- Boys and girls may participate simultaneously on separate fields or designated areas.
- Glastonbury High School lacrosse players will be invited to participate and help run activities.
- Lacrosse Unlimited will be invited to participate.
- A "Bring a Friend" component will be incorporated into the event.

Location

Preferred location: Oakwood Sports Center

The goal is to secure **two fields** if available. Indoor space will provide protection from November weather conditions.

Action Items

Responsible Person	Action Item
Megan	Contact Oakwood regarding availability during the November 20–22 weekend and determine whether two one-hour field blocks can be secured. Share available options with the Board.
Taylor	Once the Community Lacrosse Day date is confirmed, create the event flyer, social media graphic, and material for the <i>Glastonbury Citizen</i> .
Kristen / Elaine	Coordinate submission of the Community Lacrosse Day announcement or advertisement to the <i>Glastonbury Citizen</i> .
Eileen	Contact the Glastonbury High School lacrosse programs about having high school players participate in the Community Lacrosse Day.
Christopher	Draft a Board announcement/newsletter explaining upcoming club changes, particularly the transition to grade-level teams and the reasoning behind the change. Circulate the draft to the Board for review before the September 8 meeting.

Responsible Person	Action Item
Christopher	Circulate a proposed list of Board positions and titles for review before the September 8 meeting.
Megan	Continue serving as the point of contact with Parks & Recreation regarding relocation of the GLC storage shed and update the Board as information becomes available.

Next Board Meeting

Date: September 8

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Proposed Agenda

1. Community Lacrosse Day update
2. Review and approval of Board announcement/newsletter
3. Finalize Board roles and member assignments
4. Spring registration and evaluation planning
5. Additional fall outreach and recruitment updates