Board Meeting- May 11, 2017

This meeting is to discuss the history and future of DLA. Mark Soeth gave an overview of the history of DLA and why he and others feel it is time for it to be a part of the high school program. The board will vote on this at the end of the discussion.

In 2004 the high school and the newly formed DLA set up a memorandum of understanding (MOU). This document was the beginning of the Davis Lacrosse Association. In basic terms, it stated that DLA is a lacrosse organization serving boys and girls from age seven all the way through high school.  DLA is a non-profit organization focused solely on promoting and developing lacrosse in our community. The plan was for the program to eventually grow and become part of the high school. The program has grown and it is time for boys lacrosse to be on par with the other high school varsity sports.

This is the information given to the board from Mark Soeth.

To summarize our discussion with Jeff Lorenson:

He feels, and we agree, that we have reached the point where boys lax should be on equal footing with all of the other DHS Varsity sports

That means that going forward, the school will pick up some expenses that have been funded by the team/parents in the past (most notable are the referee fees, but there will be smaller items as well)

There may be a downside for the coaches, as we have subsidized coaching stipends in the past that may be disallowed in the future (Nick is aware of this)

We also agreed that the equipment and fund balances maintained by the team will revert to DHS at the end of this season

DHS will own the equipment that we have paid for (uniforms, goals, backstops, shed, etc) and be responsible for storage in the new shed

Funds in the bank will go into a "DHS Boy's Lacrosse" account at the school

Funds currently earmarked for capital purchases will only be used for that purpose (new backstop nets will likely be the next major purchase)

Other "general funds" will be held at DHS and used only for "the benefit of the Boy's Lacrosse program" over time

Possible uses of these general funds include partial funding of new field turf when necessary (likely in the next couple of years)

The head coach will be responsible for setting the team budget prior to each season (in reality we will still have a Treasurer that prepares this for Nick)

The head coach, in conjunction with the AD, will determine the requested family contribution level for funding the teams

We anticipate requesting contributions in line with a philosophy of program sustainability -- meaning that expenses requiring outside funding will determine the level of contribution requested, net of fundraising (this is essentially how we do it now)

To the extent there are no long term needs, the general fund balance may be used to reduce the contribution requests, but this would be done over a span of years (i.e. we don't plan to "subsidize" the contribution request in the short run to a level that would require raising contributions again in future years)

The AD has final sign-off on the budget, contribution level and expense requests

We are electing to keep an amount of approximately $1000 in the DHS account under DLA, for the purpose of handling miscellaneous expenses during our season that are administratively more difficult for DHS (as an example, DHS prefers to use PO's and not write reimbursement checks to parents -- these types of expenses typically arise with regard to events like Senior Night or the end of season banquet)

Fundraising can/will proceed as in the past (or could be increased)

We will use DHS for team apparel (for both players and parents) -- so all DHS teams will have a consistent look (use of logos, colors, etc.)

We plan to make the transition at the conclusion of this season (once all accounts have been settled)

DHS will prepare a letter officially terminating the MOU that has been in place since 2007

DLA will no longer need to approve the DHS team budget, however we would like to keep the miscellaneous funds (the $1000 account) under DLA to avoid the need for a new tax ID. DLA would maintain the right to review the balance in the account and audit the expenses that pass through the account

This means a much lower level of fiduciary responsibility for the DLA Board members with respect to the DHS account

I would still recommend having a liaison between the DHS boosters and DLA to facilitate communication and coordination between HS and youth activities

\*\*\* Five out of five board members voted to pass this transfer of Boys Lacrosse to the High School under the supervision of Jeff Lorenson.

**Fundraiser:**

There will be a fundraiser on June 25 at Sudworks. It would fund the boys and girls side of the HS lacrosse. The boys and girls would each get equal amounts of the money.

This fundraiser would be a family event (adults and players, children).

Dina suggested that some lacrosse equipment and a bounce back could be brought to the event.

**Upcoming DLA events:**

**SPRING CLINIC - SUNDAY, JUNE 4th from  9am to 11am**

Registration is $30 and includes a lacrosse stick for your player to take home and practice.

\*\* After the clinic there will be a boys vs girls lacrosse (U14) game. Everyone will be using the girls sticks.

**SUMMER CAMPS - MONDAY, JUNE 26th - THURSDAY, JUNE 29th from 5:30pm to 8 pm**

Beginning, intermediate and new players can come out and improve their skills this summer with Coach Isidor and Coach Moseanko.  Camps will be held in Davis.