YOUTH LACROSSE OF MINNESOTA

December 16 2012 Board Meeting
5124 Gus Young Lane, Edina

MINUTES

Present: Charles Friedbauer, Terry Iverson, Jay Derkacz, Matthew Myers, Scott Hugdahl, Jacqui Bidgood, John Saccoman, Todd Blake, Matt Dempsey.

Absent: Deb Mau, Robert Barnheiser, Hugh Gilpatric, Lee Petersen, Patrick Donaghy.

Meeting Called to Order: 7.07pm.

(a) Roll Call - as above.

(b) Minutes of previous meeting approved. Motion to move to system of posting minutes for approval electronically via YLM Admin website - approved. Secretary agreed to post drafts in timely manner for approval by 2 weeks after each meeting date.

(c) Correspondence:-

1. Aron Lipkin of Homegrown has requested that YLM participate in a new LXM Pro-tour tournament by scheduling league games, to help them generate ticket revenue. Board agreed to promote tournament to membership, but not participate.
2. MLA has inquired if YLM might be interested in switching its web provider from League Athletics to NGIN. Board agreed no interest at this point in time.

(d) Committee Reports:- President indicated he would like to use committees more as provided in the By-laws. Each committee will have a board member as chair and will be seen as an opportunity to recruit volunteers from the membership which might lead to new board members and district directors. Attention will be given to balanced geographic representation when possible. Current committees are:

- Executive, Chair President YLM
- District Operations, Chair VP of Operations & should include scheduler
- Budget, Chair Treasurer
- Membership and Boundaries, Chair TBD
- Communications, Registration & Technology, Chair Webmaster.

Further, a new committee is formed, “YLM/MBSLA Merger Committee”. The following agreed to participate, Chuck Friedbauer (Chair), Matt Dempsey, Todd Blake, Terry Iversen, Jacqui Bidgood. The mission of this committee will be:-

- Collaborate with representatives of MBSLA
- Facilitate smooth transition
- Identify actions and needs
- Construct By-laws and Articles of Association for a non-profit organization.

Committee will formulate recommendations for approval with full YLM board and then meet to discuss with MBSLA.

(e) Treasurers Report:- Treasurer reported via President, $20,600 held at bank. Approximately $2,000 in payments outstanding to referees.

(f) Unfinished Business: Ninth grade participation in YLM league, see below.

(g) New Business: Matt Myers motioned to recognize Jenni Lorsung's tenure on the YLM board. Seconded by John Saccoman. Approved by All.

(h) Elections: The Districts are named N, S, E, W, NE, NW, SE, SW and each should have a District Director in position for a 2-year term. By-law article 3.2.06 permits Board to make appointments when no nominee has been offered and typically a standing DD would be asked to remain in place in this event. It was agreed that N, S, E, W would re-elect in 2013 and NE, SW, SE , NW will re-elect in 2014 and both groups will continue in an alternating two year pattern.

V-P of Operations should work closely with DD's to determine job description and policy, in particular when DD's should recuse themselves in a conflict of interest situation. Amongst others, responsibilities of DD's will include, setting up district tournaments, holding master scheduling information for their district, recruiting Sportsmanship Directors, pursuing associations to assign Chill Sideline managers on each team, compiling list of generic contact info for their associations (as in "Presidentxxxx@xxx.org for example), establish a 'go to' relationship with associations and in general be an active advocate and recruiter for new volunteer candidates for the YLM board and organization structure.

Board shall consider at future point if a V-P of Sportsmanship Directors be appointed to lead and develop these regional positions and potentially also include development of the Chill Side Line Manager program.

Matthew Myers motioned for the election of Jay Derkacz by the SW District to be ratified. Seconded by John Saccoman. Approved by all and passed.

(I) By-law and Rule Changes: There are no district changes but it was agreed that Webmaster will re-format team pages into District Divisions.

U-System and 9th Grade Participation - Board discussion lead to distilling down to two potential options to focus on before voting into policy,

Option 1. No 9th grade participation and YLM and its associations work diligently to facilitate a co-oping process to aid partly filled U15 teams get the numbers needed for fielding teams.

Option 2. A separate league where a very strict waiver system would enable limited 9th grade participation. This would be aimed only at remote and newer associations when co-oping has not been viable.

Private Teams Due to time constraints this issue was tabled and will be included at next board meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10.07pm.

Next Meeting TBD.