

Kentucky Lacrosse Association

Board Meeting

February 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 at the Commonwealth Bank on Hubbard’s Lane.

In Attendance: Byron Miller, Ann Fleming, Chris Niblock, Loren Hincker, Lesley Kurtzahn, Wayne Coffey, Tim Thompson, Ryan Smith, John Peabody, Brandon Davis, Russ Davenport, Dean Walker, Jeremy Thompson, Jonathan Henry, and Jacob Knight

Absent: Steve Auden, Lisa Manning, Jeannine Schaefer, Bill Stewart, J.E. Bert Severns and Anne Sheridan.

Guests: Brummel Murphy-South Oldham, T.J. Burns-Northern Kentucky Warriors, Karen Etling-Northern Kentucky, Darryl Etling-Northern Kentucky

Byron Miller, President called the meeting to order.

Meeting Minutes:

1. 1/18/2011 – Motion by Wayne Coffey, seconded by John Peabody, approved
2. 1/25/2011 Motion by Ann Fleming, seconded by Dean Walker, approved

President’s Report: Byron Miller

It had been a very busy month and expressed his thanks to all Board members for their hard work and time spent in getting the 2011 season up and running. Special thanks to Ryan Smith and Jacob Knight for getting the middle school program organized and ready for the season.

Byron reviewed what was decided at the special meeting that was held on January 25, 2011. That the middle school league would continue with the breakdown of the grades 3&4, grades 5&6 and grades 7&8 and that the league would be school centered and the teams would be broken down as such.

Byron informed the Board that Bob Copeland’s team the Knights was still an issue. Mr. Copeland had compiled his team from multiple middle schools which went against the KLA’s school centered philosophy. Mr. Copeland had decided to not participate in the KLA league but will participate in the River City League as well as set up scrimmages with other Middle school teams and teams from other states.

Byron wanted to make sure that Mr. Copeland was aware that his players would not be able to play in post season play and would not experience a full season in a game environment.

Another concern with Mr. Copeland’s team was Insurance coverage. U.S. Lacrosse was contacted and they assured Byron that if the players were all U.S. Lacrosse members they would be fully covered.

KLA middle school league will proceed with their 2011 season and Wayne Coffey was to let the Board know if there were any problems regarding officials’ availability for the games.

Financial Report: Chris Niblock

Chris reported that this month the grant monies would be distributed and roughly $6,000 would be distributed from the KLA budget.

High School Girls officials have gone to a 3rd official at 8 selected Varsity games this year. KLA has agreed to subsidize for that 3rd official at a cost of $440.00.

Liaison Reports:

High School Boys: Jeremy Thompson

Rosters are being turned in and being posted and paperwork has been turned in.

Nothing new to report

Middle School Boys: Ryan Smith and Jacob Knight

Holy Trinity has picked up the 4 old KLA goals to weld and paint for use by the Middle School league. Nets would cost approximately $100 a piece. Byron Miller will confirm the cost for the nets with Holy Trinity.

Middle School sign-ups were held and 50-60 players signed up. Jacob and Ryan were to meet after the Board adjourned to consolidate everything and get the teams organized.

It was discussed that St. Margaret Mary may be in need of a coach. Also discussed was the availability of fields. The only conflict at this time was that some teams were not able to play on Wednesdays.

Youth Boys: Jonathan Henry

Teams are still being organized with a possibility of 10 teams in the league.

Hounz Lane has been secured for practices and games and Hays Kennedy field has been secured for practices.

Russ Davenport made the suggestion of a mini-coaches clinic in order to help those parents or individuals willing to help coach these teams. He will take the lead on this.

High School Girls: Nothing new to report

The issue of the Varsity Roster with no minimum amount of players was discussed with the understanding that KLA would monitor the situation as the rosters were made available.

Middle School Girls:

There is no KLA middle school team. There are a few girls who have expressed interest that do not have a school team, but so far not enough to field a KLA team. There is a St. Alberts student who has played for Kammerer, but may no longer be allowed under JCPS rule. It was discussed that they could contact Holy Trinity.

Website: All rosters need to be posted by March 1st and unfortunately, USLacrosse memberships appear to have to be manually verified for each player.

Ann needs the game schedule for the H.S. Boys. All forms need to be in by March 1st.

State Championship: Tim Thompson

Division 1 and Division 2 Championship will be on May 20th

Division 3 and a Middle School event will be on May 21st.

No responses have been received regarding bids for the State Championship.

Ann suggested a “Pass it Down” equipment donation program to get teams to bring in their old equipment. Several ideas were bounced around and any further ideas to be communicated to Ann who will post this on the website and look for a coordinator.

New Business:

Eastern High School – Dean Walker

 The issue was non-competitive games between upper and lower tier teams. Dean Walker had visited and viewed the Eastern Girls High school team a few times. This led to research in the area of non-competitive games. Eastern High School Girl’s teams have decided to play the regular Varsity and JV schedule for the 2011 season.

Dean Walker provided handout on the consequences of non-competitive games in the league. The handout informed that these “blow out” games can cause not only physical injury but also emotional injury to the players.

KLA will focus on this issue at the summer retreat in order to facilitate possible changes for the 2012 season.

Covington Catholic/ Northern Kentucky Club Team

This issue was again addressed as Cov. Cath School’s team had folded because they had only 15 players sign up for the team. The school decided that this was not enough players to field a team and decided not to have a Cov. Cath. Lacrosse team.

The issue was whether or not Cov. Cath. Players who were not released from their school could go and play on Northern Kentucky Club team – the Warriors.

Extensive discussion was held between the Board members.

Discussion was had regarding taking the 42 players on NK club team and splitting them into 2 club teams – A Cov. Cath. Team and another team with the remaining players from the Warriors.

One main issue was whether or not the school had “released “ the players or did this not matter if the school team had been folded and therefore the players had to join the NK Warrior team in order to play lacrosse.

There were 3 options available:

1. Leave the situation as is and the 42 kids can play
2. Look at the Roster and make a Cov. Cath. Club team
3. Allow them to play as the NK Warrior team but – a Club team cannot participate in the State Championships.

The discussion was then opened up to the three guests attending – TJ Burns, NK Warriors coach and Karen and Darryl Etling.

 Mr. Burns informed the Board that he had 42 players (includes the Cov. Cath. Players) on the Warriors team. He would divide these players into a JV and Varsity squad.

Extensive discussion continued ..

Ann Fleming made that motion that “The Covington Catholic students be allowed to play for the Northern Kentucky Warriors Club Team based on the dissolution of the Covington Catholic school team, and remain in Division II for the 2011 season.

The motion was seconded by Chris Niblock.

The motion was passed with 11 agreed and 4 opposed – Byron Miller, Jeremy Thompson, Loren Hincker and Ryan Smith.

Male High School Issue: Jeremy Thompson informed the Board that 1 program – Male High School had not sent a representative to the mandatory High School Boys Rules Clinic.

Jeremy made the motion that “Any program that does not attend the mandatory Rules Clinic will have to make up the Clinic on their time and be charged a reasonable fee of $60 and until such time all games will be forfeited until the Rules Clinic is accomplished.”

Ann Fleming seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Physical Education/Fast Break Program: Dean Walker

A handout was given to the Board prepared by Dean Walker on the Fast Break Program. Dean informed the Board that there has been a very positive response to the Fast Break Program. The program is looking at a 2012 target date. The Board needs to discuss several issues located at the bottom of the handout at a later date.

Dean had hoped to get a discount on the $50.00 manual books but was unsuccessful.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15, 2011