

# 09/12/13 Board Meeting

Thursday, September 05, 2013  
7:42 AM

## **Indiana Youth Lacrosse Association Monthly Meeting September 10, 2013 Agenda**

### **Attending:**

Chriss Cheatham, Danny Gray, Leslie Sherman, Rob Green, Courtney Viegler  
Jason Kolas/John Doss - Brownsburg  
Brenden Fitzgerald - Catholic Lacrosse League  
Fred Bengal - St Simon  
Martin Brown - NorthSide

### **Phone:**

Scott Kolb  
Terry Roberts - Noblesville  
Michael Hoffman - Jr Rebels (South Indy)

### **Upcoming meeting dates, times and location.**

This information can also be found on the IYLA website; [www.indianayouthlacrosse.org](http://www.indianayouthlacrosse.org)

### **Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month**

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 6:30pm  
Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 6:30pm  
Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 6:30pm  
Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 6:30pm  
Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 6:30pm

### **Location**

Foster Hall at Park Tudor  
7022 N. College Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

### **New Business**

- **Discussion:** Expense and benefits of the IYLA adapting the League Athletics format for the IYLA website. Costs involved; benefits to IYLA members; ease of use.
  - \$200 Start up
  - \$1320 per Season
  - Decentralizes the burden of updating program contact info (each club does their own) to improve communications league wide
  - Centralizes data collection of players, US Lax #, etc
  - Will be used for State Championship registration
  - Registration costs will increase \$50/team (not program) for IYLA Program members, which will include a number of other benefits - including the league website

**Vote** Sherman: IYLA to adapt League Athletics for the 2014 season.  
Second Cheatham.  
Vote carries with no objections.

- **Discussion:** Addition of two (2) new youth lacrosse clubs/organization requesting membership in the IYLA:
  - Brownsburg Youth Lacrosse
    - ▶ Targeting Brownsburg, Avon, Plainfield, Pittsboro, Danville, etc
    - ▶ Planning to hold a clinic open to any boys 3rd to 8th on Oct 6 @ 6pm
    - ▶ Looking for 78 coaches and girls coaches, all grades (community interest is active)

**Vote** Cheatham: Moves that BYL be accepted into IYLA  
Gray: Second  
Vote carries with no objections.

- Catholic Youth Lacrosse
  - ▶ Would be taking some kids from NorthSide - concerned for the NorthSide program
  - ▶ Will require exemption from the geographical limitations
  - ▶ Brenden was asked how the IYLA would know where their players are coming from - he responded that each church would validate parishioner association
  - ▶ Concern was that the geographical reach of this program could be too expansive - response was that the program would be happy to limit the geographical range to Indy only
  - ▶ There is concern about the possibility of abuse (disgruntled parents joining churches to escape other programs, recruiting for "elite teams", etc.) - response was that North Deanery will not have try-outs, they will serve all
  - ▶ There is concern about support for the girls affected by this too
  - ▶ There are other South Indy organizations interested in this approach too, and are watching this program
  - ▶ There is concern that the CYL is organizing in an area already saturated with LAX opportunities and this will not proliferate LAX growth
  - ▶ It was stated that the organization could survive with either a school based organization or a parishioner based organization

RMG: Motions that the issue be tabled until we reconsider the ER

### **INFORMATION PERTAINING TO PROPOSED BROWNSBURG YOUTH LACROSSE PROGRAM**

Information Provided by: Jason Kolas, BYL Coordinator

Brownsburg Youth Lacrosse (BYL) is a youth lacrosse organization that will begin play during the Spring 2014 Season. BYL will initially attempt field boys lacrosse teams at the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade levels – depending on registrations. We will focus on Hendricks County for our participant base, but children from other surrounding communities (see previously sent Boundary request) may also participate. At this point we do not have plans for any girls lacrosse teams, but if any coaches become known to us, we may add girls teams in the future (we have had many inquiries about opportunities for girls). Additionally, our long-term (2-3 year) plan is to develop a high school team based at Brownsburg High School.

We recently partnered with the Hendricks County Community Foundation. This partnership allows us to function under the umbrella of the HCCF's non-profit status. They essentially manage our sponsorship and registration funds and tax-related requirements until such a time as we have the financial and organizational capability to do so on our own.

We will be requiring all participants to perform one act of community service per season. We expect that to be something similar to helping setup/takedown/cleanup at a local farmers market, service day at the church where we may practice/play our games or a cleanup day at a local park. We see this as an opportunity to differentiate ourselves from other youth organizations as well as a chance for the boys to develop a sense of "team" amongst themselves and their community.

We are still in the process of trying to firm up playing space. We held a clinic in July at a local Brownsburg church and we have presented them with a proposal for use of their fields on a regular basis. Our other options are Brownsburg or Avon schools, but unfortunately, to formalize and agreement with either of them, they require all participants to be from within the respective school district. Since we are serving kids county-wide that may be a stumbling block. There are other churches in the area as well as Brownsburg Parks that we will investigate as well.

We will attempt to schedule a full slate of games – 10 for each team (5 Home/5 Away). Out of 60-70 children that have expressed some interest at this point only 6-8 have any playing experience at all (mostly from other clubs in the area or Hoosier Lacrosse) so our first year scheduling may focus on local teams that have "B" teams.

Registration fees will be in line with other clubs in the area for each age level.

Coaching at this point is covered for our 3/4 and 5/6 teams. We have two parents for 3/4 that played Club Lacrosse in college. I will coach 5/6 – first coaching experience was for Northside's two 5/6 teams last year. Additionally we have a former college club goalie who has offered to help as well as a high school sophomore from Brownsburg who played for Northside, but was unable to continue playing after 8<sup>th</sup> grade. But, if anyone knows of anyone that lives close to Hendricks County who would like to help we can certainly use it. And, right now the interest level at 7/8 is much less than the other two levels so I am not sure if we will have enough for a team, but we don't have coaching for that level yet either.

### **INFORMATION PERTAINING TO PROPOSED CATHOLIC YOUTH LACROSSE PROGRAM**

Information Provided by: Brenden Fitzgerald, Coordinator

Catholic Lacrosse Club of Indianapolis

3-8 boys. (Girls inactive unless Saints agree)

Player's parents must be a parishioner at any North Deanery parish that does not have an active lacrosse club. The North Deanery consists of St. Simon, St. Luke, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Lawrence, Christ the King, St. Joan of Arc, St. Pius X, St. Matthews. (St. Simon is not currently eligible since they already have a club.) We will be exempt from the geographic boundary rule set forth by IYLA. (We don't want to absorb kids from Northside that are not parishioners of one of the 9 churches.) If a child lives across from St. Luke, but isn't a parishioner, they would qualify to play for Northside. We are a church based program.

We will file as a 501 C 3 corporation.

We will apply to be a US Lacrosse approved club.

We will have US Lacrosse certified coaches. Dad's won't be coaches, and we won't rotate coaches between levels. (Our 7/8 coach will be paid)

We are currently in talks with Saints Lacrosse to absorb them into our program. (They are discussing among themselves) This will be our girls program. (We will not start a separate girls club if Saints do not want to merge.) If this happens, the Saints will have to dis-incorporate and come under our articles of incorporation.

Our current officers are David Phippen, Scott Kraege, Brenden Fitzgerald, and one open slot for a potential girls team representative.

Home Fields: Arsenal Park, 1400 E. 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN

- **Announcement:** US Lacrosse Level 1 & 2 Clinics: US Lacrosse will be conducting Level 1 & Level 2 Coaching Clinics in winter of 2014. Carmel will be hosting this event. Dates will be published when they are secured.
- **Announcement:** 2014 Annual/Scheduling Meeting date: Saturday, February 22, 2014  
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