

Agenda:

1. New lax programs in MT for 2014 spring season

Here is what the program outlook is right now:

HSB DIVISION AA:

- 1) Billings Skyview
- 2) Billings West
- 3) Bozeman
- 4) Butte
- 5) Missoula Big Sky
- 6) Missoula Hellgate
- 7) Missoula Sentinel
- 8) 10sticks LC \*by petition
- 9) Flathead LC \*by petition

HSB DIVISION Club:

- 1) Great Falls LC
- 2) Helena Huskies LC White
- 3) Helena Huskies LC Purple
- 4) Kalispell LC

HSB JV DIVISION:

- 1) Bozeman JV1
- 2) Bozeman JV2
- 3) Hellgate JV

HSG

- 1) Bozeman
- 2) Missoula
- 3) Great Falls
- 4) Flathead

U15G

- 1) Bozeman
- 2) Missoula
- 3) Helena
- 4) Billings
- 5) Flathead

U11G

- 1) Bozeman
- 2) Missoula
- 3) Helena
- 4) Billings

U15B

- 1) Bozeman

- 2) Missoula
- 3) Helena
- 4) Billings
- 5) Great Falls
- 6) Flathead
- 7) Kalispell
- 8) 10Sticks

U13B

- 1) Bozeman
- 2) Missoula
- 3) Helena
- 4) Billings
- 5) Flathead
- 6) Kalispell

U11B

- 1) Bozeman
- 2) Missoula
- 3) Helena
- 4) Billings
- 5) Flathead
- 6) Kalispell

U9B

- 1) Bozeman
- 2) Missoula
- 3) Helena
- 4) Billings

2. Board nominations

Mike Beltz, Tim Bechtold, and Matt Lawrance terms expire December 31.

Tim Bechtold agreed to be on the board for another term. No other nominations were submitted.

Tim Bechtold's term as president expires December 31. Blake Wahrlich will be president beginning January 1, 2014.

3. Coaching education/coaching issues

Coaching clinic will be March 22 in Helena.

Board agreed that in 2014 all teams at all levels should have a USL-certified coach. If a team does not have a USL-certified coach, that team will not be required to forfeit games, rather, that team must pay a \$10 surcharge for every game the team plays. Any funds collected from this surcharge will be devoted to financing coaching education clinics in the future. Board agreed that the surcharge will rise to \$20 per game in 2015.

4. Referee education/ref issues

Programs are encouraged to recruit persons to be lax refs and go through ref training this spring. As in 2013, training for 2014 will be via webinar, on-field training, and online testing. Board agreed to set a statewide payment schedule for refs, as follows:

	USL Current, Certified Official		Non-USL Certified	
	Two officials	One official	Two officials	One official
Youth				
U15/U13	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
U11/U9	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00
Varsity and JV	\$ 60.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00

The board agreed that, similar to 2013, there will be a \$10 per team travel expense surcharge to pay mileage for traveling refs. (That is, each HSB team will pay \$70 per game for reffing: \$60 to pay the refs, and \$10 to pay for travel.) Payments for HS refs will go through chapter. Payments for youth refs can be made directly.

5. Operations Manual

No further comments on operations manual, which will go into effect immediately. The final version is attached here in word and pdf format.

6. 2014 HS scheduling

Schedule is being developed by Blake Wahrlich and Kevin Flynn, and will be posted on the chapter website.

7. 2014 youth scheduling

April 5 open  
 April 12 Billings Trailhead Jamboree  
 April 19 Helena jamboree  
 April 26-27 Missoula Laxfest  
 May 3 Bozeman jamboree  
 May 10 Whitefish jamboree  
 May 17 State Tournament (Whitefish)  
 May 24 Memorial Day weekend-no games  
 May 31 open  
 June 7 open

Youth jamborees will be boys and girls at the same sites on the same dates.

8. 2014 state championships

2014 State championships will be in Whitefish. With increase in number of teams, competition may have to start on Friday in some divisions. Starting in 2015, HS championships will continue to be held on the weekend prior to Memorial Day weekend, while youth championships will be held the weekend after Memorial Day.

9. 2014 world championships in Denver

Montana Lacrosse will not attempt to assemble any teams to take part in the Worlds Festival.

10. Anything else

Blake Wahrlich will create a Montana Lacrosse League Athletics site to allow all of the state's programs to integrate their LA sites into the state site. Programs that do not use LA can provide Blake with information via excel or other spreadsheets.

Next meeting Thursday, Jan 2 12:00noon, unless Blake sets a different date and time.