

Brookfield Lacrosse Club

Club Meeting Minutes – November 11, 2009

Attendees: Kevin Madden, Jerry Biolsi, Kim Donnelly, Rick Hess, Jim Eagan, Dave Honeyford, Joanne Smart, Danielle Gallop, Anythony DiBenedetto and John Clancy

Meeting started at 8:30.

Play It Again Sports Fundraiser

Kevin proposed accepting Bill Tinsley's offer for this fundraiser: Members turn in equipment from all sports to Play It Again Sports and get a tax deduction for the fair value of the equipment. Play It Again sells the equipment and BLC gets a percentage of the profit. The club does nothing, it goes year round and it's for all sports. All in attendance agreed.

Spring field schedule

A preliminary schedule was distributed. Discussion centered on whether Schmidt field will still be there in the spring (construction of new mall) and whether the back turf field at the high school will be available. Issue at high school is Chris McDougal will not commit regular time to BLC until he is sure all high school teams have completed their use of the field. This makes it very hard for the club to count on this field for regular usage.

Registration

Kevin reported 22 coaches have signed up so far. Currently both the boy's Senior and Junior Gold teams do not have a head coach.

Current registrations for next season are as follows:

Boys:

Little Bantams	9 players	
Bantams	12 players	9 indoor
Lightning	21 players	13 indoor
Juniors	25 players	13 indoor
Seniors	22 players	14 indoor

Girls:

Little Bantams	0 players	
Bantams	12 players	8 indoor
Juniors	13 players	3 indoor
Seniors	32 players	20 indoor

Kevin reported these numbers are ahead of last year at the same time but obviously is less than the total number of players who played last year (about 250).

Jim Eagan reported he will go to Wisconier, Huckleberry and Center schools this week and do his demonstrations on the game of lacrosse.

An incentive program for players to get their friends to sign up was discussed but not decided on.

Registration will close December 31 but will be left open for teams that need additional players at that time.

Equipment / Fields

Kevin discussed purchasing new team bags and it was decided that they are needed. The new bags will be labeled by team so we can determine who turns them in at the end of each season. Some bags have not been returned so the number of new bags needed is unknown. Coaches will be contacted. It was decided to only stock the bags with what is needed at away games – all other equipment will be stored in the shed.

There are no lacrosse balls left from last season. It was decided to use yellow balls in practice as these will be easier to locate. White balls are required for games.

A fence will not be installed at Cadigan as there are plans to expand the parking lot and move the fields back.

Cadigan field has been aerated. Kevin proposed and everyone agreed to slice seed the field (\$400/500) and apply top dressing (\$1500/2000) this fall. The football program is unwilling or unable to help fund this field maintenance so BLC will foot the bill. It was decided no maintenance would be done in the spring and summer of 2010.

Apparel update

Everything is up on the website, however the online store is not up yet – it should be next week. Kevin has purchased a small inventory of items.

It was decided coaches can choose either a shirt or a jacket. If they want both it will cost them \$25.

There are no girls' jerseys in stock and there have been a number of orders. The order for jerseys will need to be done by December 31 to receive by the start of the season.

Miscellaneous

Open house this Friday 6-8 in the Wisconier cafeteria. Chance for people to ask questions about the program or the sport of lacrosse.

A coach's clinic was discussed. 2 sessions of 1 – 1 1/2 hours was suggested. High school or senior players could be demonstrators. Action items were assigned.

Danielle gave an update on the girls program. 2 coaches have been hired: contracted for 3-4 nights / week plus some Saturdays and Sundays. Total 8-10 hours / week at a cost of \$2000 each. This works out to about \$125 / hour.

Kevin also wants to hire 2 coaches for the boys program that will float from team to team.

Tournaments were discussed. Kevin reported the fields have been reserved. Dates are as follows:

Boy's Senior Saturday, March 27th
 Boy's Junior Sunday, March 28th
 Girl's Sr & Jr Saturday, April 10th

The meeting ended at 10:30 PM.

BLC Member Meeting – ACTION ITEMS

<i>Action</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Due</i>
Call Bill Tinsley re: Fundraiser; send blast email to membership about the program	Kevin Madden	ASAP
Meet with Dennis DiPinto and Chris McDougal to try to get their commitment on field usage	Kevin Madden/Jerry Biolsi	Next meeting
Contact all head coaches from last year who have not signed up for this year re: if they will coach again	Boys: Kevin Madden; Girls: Danielle Gallop	Next meeting
Contact all head coaches re: if they have turned in their team bags	Boys: Kevin Madden; Girls: Danielle Gallop	Next meeting
Contact Jen Burrows and Jay Ouellet re: interest in and availability for running coaches clinic	Danielle Gallop	Next meeting
Contact New Milford Sports Arena re: availability in January for coaches clinic	Jerry Biolsi	Next meeting
Compile list re: things that must be done for the Boy's tournaments	Rick Hess/Kevin Madden	Next meeting