

Brookfield Lacrosse Club

Club Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2009

Attendees: Kevin Madden, Jerry Biolsi, Kim Donnelly, Rick Hess, Michelle Madden, Jim Fisher, Joe Redd, John Brennan, Alice McKenney Baluzy, Mark Gerber, Jim Eagan, Dave Honetford, Anthony DiBenedetto, Charlie and Joanne Smart, Harry and Maureen Maddox

Meeting started at 8:30 PM.

General

Kevin proposed skipping the monthly meeting for April, May and June due to everyone's involvement in the season during that time. Club meeting will occur monthly generally on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from July through March. A special meeting will be scheduled during the March – June time frame if necessary. All in attendance agreed.

Indoor Practice Time

Kevin confirmed that New Milford Sports Complex had closed and was no longer an option. Jerry had researched all facilities in the area for availability. It was generally agreed that as much indoor time as possible during the January – March time frame was very beneficial to the kids to get them prepared for the spring season. Trumbull on Wednesday night was ruled out as being too late on a school night. After much discussion it was decided Newtown Tuesday (6-7 PM) and Saturday (9 AM – 1 PM) would be booked ASAP. However, this is available for the month of March only. Kevin is also waiting to hear back from North County.

As far as January and February, Jerry will check availability at Canterbury and Jim Eagan will check availability at Wisconier. Kevin asked the coaches present to poll their players to see if there is enough interest to warrant booking Trumbull for Friday 7-8 PM. Trumbull requires a minimum 10-week commitment.

It was decided BLC would need to charge this year for indoor time. A flat \$50 fee per player was decided would be fair.

2010 Coaches/Teams

Kevin reported he has sent an email to all coaches from this past season to ask them if they planned to coach again next season. The response has been limited at this point.

Current projections for next season are as follows:

Boys:

Little Bantams	10 players	1 team
Bantams	18 players	1 team
Lightning	29 players	2 teams
Juniors	33 players	2 teams
Seniors	31 players	2 teams

Girls:

Kindergarten Clinic		1 team
1 st & 2 nd grade	11 players	1 team
3 rd & 4 th grade	18 players	1 team
5 th & 6 th grade	18 players	1 team
7 th grade	15 players	1 team
8 th grade	23 players	1-2 teams

Kevin will send out an email with the current status of coaches who are committed to coach next year.

It was decided that the Club would do Fall Ball again this year. This will be in October and November on Saturday afternoon at Brookfield High School.

Kevin asked the coaches present to return their coaches bags so we can get an inventory of what we need to purchase for next year.

It was decided that there will be tryouts for the fall team(s) playing in Brewster (November – March). Last year was by invitation and some members complained their kids did not get a chance. This is for Junior and Senior boys only.

Kevin stated he wants to continue using WestConn coaches (Jay & Jen) and the High School coaches once announced. Also official USA Lacrosse coaching training is available in early January and the Club is encouraging coaches to sign up. Additional details around training will be announced once details are available.

Needs for 2010

We will need to purchase additional jerseys this year as no jerseys were returned for the \$25 deposit. It is anticipated almost all returning players will use the same jersey as they used this past season. This may be an issue if a player moves up a level and another player on that team has the same number. These situations will be worked out on a case-by-case basis. An order needs to be submitted by November for a March delivery.

Kevin asked the coaches present to inventory what they have and report by the September meeting.

Kevin stated BLC went through about 6 cases of lacrosse ball this past season. At \$350/case this is a considerable expense for one season. Many balls were lost at the tournament and at the LAX days. The Club will not line the end lines with balls in the future.

Kevin wants to explore the idea of putting a chain link fence at the end of the field to stop the ball from going into the woods. Kevin will explore the cost and report back.

Hiring experienced coaches was discussed but not decided on. If the Club decided to pay a coach, it would require a contract to be signed, as there was one coach that did not show up when expected.

Kevin stated the grill at Cadigan needs to be replaced. It was decided that since the football club let's BLC use the snack bar without charge that we should buy the new grill.

There will be field storage facilities at Cadigan and these will be used to store our goals and backup nets as well as cones, medical kits and AED's.

2010 Registration

Kevin suggested keeping the fees the same for the upcoming season. After discussion it was following was decided:

Open registration would begin in September and last through October. Member could use this early registration, which will be offered, at 2009 fee levels:

Little Bantam	\$25
Bantams	\$65
Lightning	\$95
Juniors & Seniors	\$135

Members who registered by the end of September would get to participate in Fall Ball for free (only returning members can participate in Fall Ball due to insurance purposes).

Registration after October 31st will be at the 2010 fee level:

Little Bantam	\$25
Bantams	\$90
Lightning	\$120
Juniors & Seniors	\$160

Registration after November 30th will be charged a \$25 late fee.

Deposits for new jersey will remain at \$25.

Fundraising

Kevin proposed having a tournament for both the boys and the girls. If the Brookfield High School fields are available the schedule will be as follows:

Boy's Junior Saturday, March 27th

Boy's Senior Sunday, March 28th

Girl's Sunday, April 11th Junior & Senior's

Kevin will reserve the fields ASAP.

Team entry fee is \$250.

Consensus was we should have the comedy night again as this was again a significant source of revenue for the Club. It was decided that at registration each family would be required to purchase one ticket for \$60 as their fundraising fee.

The meeting ended at 10:00 PM.