

Meeting Date: December 3, 2014

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting Location: Lufty Hall at Xavier High School (Insert address here)

Minutes

1. Roll Call- Sign-In and Introductions (Sheet) Mark Nichols
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm
2. Reading/Approval of November Meeting Minutes Mark Nichols
 - a. Minutes approved
3. President's Report Mark Nichols
 - a. Thanks to Jessica Livingston and extended family for keeping the Southwest Classic going this year and it turned into a successful event
 - i. Thank you to Xavier
 - ii. Increase the number of tournaments in the future to promote the game
 - b. Level 1 and Level 2 Training
 - i. Registration should be out next week through US Lacrosse
 1. Link will be included on AGLA website
 - ii. Expectations for coaches certification
 - iii. February 7th & February 8th at Para Park in Tempe
 - iv. Ginger Miles- US Lacrosse Representative for the West
 - v. Met with her- assisted with obtaining Level 1 and Level 2 training
 - vi. Check the fine print for all steps in order to get Level 1 and Level 2 certifications
 - vii. Both online courses are free
 - viii. Market the event to anyone who has coached in the past in order to foster lacrosse in AZ
 - c. First Sticks Grant in Ahwatukee
 - i. Build a Junior High Program in the East Valley
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Budget to developed
5. Old Business
 - a. Coach Openings
 - i. Inform when coaches have been hired so it can be removed from the website
 - b. Desert Heat Free Clinic December 13th in Scottsdale
 - c. Desert Heat Free Clinic December 20th in Gilbert
 - d. East Valley Free Clinic January 10th
 - e. East Valley Free Clinic January 17th
 - f.
 - g. January 31st 1-3 pm at Xavier- mandatory coach's meeting
6. New Business
 - a. SW Round-Up
 - i. Have the fields for Feb 21st-22nd in Avondale
 - ii. Updated pricing based on number of fields and how many days we have

1. In negotiations
- iii. Email invite ready to go- targeting six other states with worst case cost scenario
 1. Maximum price \$400 (goal to lower) with a minimum of four games
 2. Discount for programs bringing multiple teams
- iv. Food Trucks a possibility
 1. In discussion with City of Avondale
- v. Local Teams will be responsible for goals, water, etc.
 1. Electronic sign-up sheet will be launched (Sign-Up Genius)
- vi. May need to create electronic submission and sign-up through AGLA website
- b. Rules & Discipline
 - i. JV vs. Varsity Player- standard definition
 - ii. Standing grievance committee
 - iii. Present potential rule changes by January meeting
- c. Statistics
 - i. Focus of Stat Tracking
 1. Coach using it to game plan for specific teams based on performance
 2. Recruitment for players looking to play at the next level
 3. Post-season awards based on statistics
 - ii. Concerns
 1. Running up the score against weaker teams in order to pad statistics for recruitment and awards
 2. Accuracy of the statistics that are being tracked
 - a. Knowledge and definition of forced turnovers
 3. Teams demonstrating sportsmanship by not running up the score
 - iii. Goals
 1. Consistency across the league in terms of sportsmanship between teams
 2. De-emphasize statistics as a league
 3. Simplify the system- take less statistics to ensure accuracy
 4. Trained scorekeepers at all games- must have attended seminar in order to ensure consistency in knowledge and definitions
 5. Create competitive environment by creating divisions based on teams performance (play teams in the same competitive tier)
 6. Third party to track statistics (too expensive)
 7. January 31st- statistics and scorekeeping seminar
 - iv. Discussion
 1. Reach out to other states to see how they conduct this process
 2. Videos should be available through US Lacrosse
 3. Videos available online- calibration to ensure consistency
 4. Calibration mid-season to make sure we have defined each statistic
 5. Learning how to enter in AGLA online
 6. Shadowing program at SW Round-Up to learn scorekeeping
 7. 2nd Opportunity for additional training session mid-season
- d. Registration

- i. Empower each of the clubs and train them on the website in order to manage their own clubs on the web page
 - ii. January 31st- training session for each club to assist with registration
 - iii. Players cannot register themselves for liability reasons- parents must register the players- electronic consent form
 - iv. Create materials to make it elicit and efficient for player registration
 - v. Team Contact to communicate with directly to make more seamless registration process
 - vi. Open on February 2nd and close February 20th (goal dates)
 - vii. AGLA Alumni Game- recruit new coaches and expand program
 - e. Coaches
 - i. Level 1 and 2 Training (mentioned above)
 - 1. Pre-training online for free to be done in advance
 - 2. Contact information for all coaches required
 - 3. Coaches Registration for 2015- ready to be populated by each team
 - 4. Add Level 1 and 2 fields on the AGLA website to show certification
 - 5. 2015 – High recommended Level 1 Certification- requires a background check
 - 6. 2016- Mandatory Level 1 Certification (online)
 - 7. Everything you can access online becomes mandatory
 - 8. Player-Coaches- possibility to allow players to attend the meeting
 - 9. Promote it to ASU, UofA, PVCC, Gilbert CC, Chandler CC, GCU and other local places where it is possible to find coaches
 - f. Post-season
 - i. No report
 - g. Growth
 - i. Lax For Life Program- donation on December 13th
 - 1. Tent and table- map for locations of all teams
 - 2. DJ/MC during the event to make announcements
 - a. Need volunteers from teams to man the table during the day
 - ii. SW Round-Up
 - 1. Offer a free clinic
 - iii. Media publicity to promote the event
 - iv. Media blitz in January- Press Release to go into local newspapers
 - v. Cost of AZ Republic
 - vi. Adding individuals to the committee
 - 1. Hamilton, DV, Tucson currently represented
 - vii. East Valley Vortex- free clinics in January
 - viii. Contacts in the media, human interest piece
 - ix. Contest for teams to create videos for the girls on why they play lacrosse
 - 1. Twitter & Vine versions
 - h. Scheduling
 - i. Discussion
7. Adjourn- 8:05 pm

a. Motion Passed