



EC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Open Session Wednesday, October 5, 2016 @ 7:00pm
Xavier College Preparatory
471 North 5th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

- I. President Reginald Younger, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Attendance:

Caitlin Bebout, Hamilton HS	Kelly Kubicki, Chaparral HS
Karen Butler, Pinnacle HS	Ronna Layne, Xavier College Preparatory
Rod Chamberlain	Nancy Lowe, Desert Vista HS
Nicole Christensen, Pinnacle HS, WNT	Jen Nevalt, Xavier College Preparatory
Heather Cole, Desert Vista HS	Scott Pollard, Hamilton HS
Rachel D'Angelo	Tanya Williams, Gilbert HS
Katie Dirvonas, Kyrene MS	Riley Winter, Pinnacle HS
Tara Flaherty, Chaparral HS	Reginald Younger, Jr

- II. Open Members Forum – Several issues were discussed during the Open Member Forum.

It was requested that there be a comprehensive organization chart put together that covers all of the teams, organizations, clubs, etc. that make up Women's Lacrosse in Arizona. It should include teams, clubs, coaches associations and schools and should indicate which organizations are in charge of which teams, etc. It must include who runs each of the tournaments throughout the state.

Another idea discussed was the return of Committees to do much of the work of the AZGLA. It was suggested that perhaps the Committees could meet prior to the monthly board meeting and then report their activities during the meeting. Suggested Committees might be: Events, Finance, Coaches, WNT, Officials, Playoffs, Awards, Grievance.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the players and school/team boundaries. It was reported that girls are playing on teams while not attending that particular school. It is felt by many that there needs to be consequences and accountability for the girls and their coaches who in many cases know that the rules are being broken. An idea was to have this issue brought to the attention of the players, parents and coaches detailing the consequences of these actions. The consequences need to be announced and must be significant in nature. The Grievance Committee would look at each situation and make their ruling. Adding addresses and more information about the players to the website may help negate this problem.

Playoffs – it was suggested that the timeframe be extended so that those teams receiving a bye in the first round will no longer have an advantage. It would give the teams playing in that first round time in between games. Last season those teams had 3 games in one week. The coaches' committee is looking in to this as well as the idea that perhaps home fields are used during the playoffs. If this is the case decisions must be made quickly so the fields can be reserved. President Younger suggested the championship game be played at one field hopefully at on the ASU main campus. This will save monies during the playoffs.

- III. Approve Meeting Minutes

A. Open Meeting Minutes September (delayed)

- IV. Topics for Discussion

A. JV Teams Varsity Teams - in 2015 Phoenix Country Day School and the Tucson team petitioned to have their teams remain Junior Varsity due to extenuating circumstances and the loss of many of their players. Their petitions were granted for the 2015-2016 season only. President Younger will let the two teams know that they will be expected to play as Varsity teams in the 2016-2017 season as those petitions were just for one (1) year.

B. Webmaster – President Younger will be the webmaster for the immediate future and will have the website updated within the next few days.

- C. Coaches Council – Please forward any and all coaches names to Heather Eakins. It appears as though her distribution lists do not include everyone. ALL coaches are to be invited to ALL meetings.

There are several schools that are currently looking for additional coaches or without coaches. Desert Mountain is looking for 2, Gilbert JV, Horizon needs 2 and Desert Vista may need 1 for a 2nd JV team. Please let President Younger know your needs and it will be added to the website. At this point Horizon has no coaches for this year and nearby schools are working with them to keep their program up and running.

- D. Team MAL'S and Voting Reminders – Each school has One (1) MAL for each rostered team. Please make sure your MAL's are informed of the meetings. It is highly suggested that they attend the monthly meeting as their votes are very important. Attendance will be taken and those teams not regularly attending will be notified.
- E. Bi-Law Revision & Updates – The EC will make recommendations and get them distributed to the membership for review at least 1 week prior to the monthly meeting. This will allow for time to discuss with teams and/or coaches/players prior to voting at the monthly meeting.
- F. Arizona Lacrosse Middle School League – Middle School girls are only allowed to play on one team and for a limited amount of times each week. It will be up to the Middle School players to decide whether they will play on a JV team or in the Middle School League.

V. New Business

- A. Gilbert Free Clinic – October 22, 2016
Southwest Classic – November 5th & 6th, 2016 @ Tempe Sports Complex
WNT Free Clinic – December 3, 2016 @ Gilbert High School – 6:30pm – 8:00pm
7v7 Women's Festival – December 3, 2016 @ Gilbert High School – 8:00pm - Midnight
- B. Treasurers Report – No report given, however, recommendation to increase to \$100/player may be discussed in November. WNT suggested that perhaps a certain dollar amount or percentage of dues be given to the WNT instead of a flat donation. For example \$5/player
- C. DI Coaches Clinic
 - a. Level 1 – October 15th @ Pecos Park – 9:00am – 4:00pm
 - b. Level 2 – October 16th @ Pecos Park – 9:00am – 4:00pm

VI. Next Meeting scheduled date November 2 @ 7:00 PM

VII. Adjournment @ 7:59pm

The AGLA Consists of the Following Lacrosse Teams: Chaparral (V, JV) Desert Mountain (V), Desert Vista (V, JV) Gilbert (V, JV) Hamilton (V) Horizon (V) Notre Dame Preparatory (V, JV) Pinnacle (V, JV Blue & White) Xavier College Preparatory (V, JV) Kyrene (JV) Rancho Solano (JV) Tucson (JV) Phoenix Country Day (JV)