



EC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Open Session Wednesday, August 2, 2017 @ 7:00pm
Xavier College Preparatory
471 North 5th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

I. President Rachael D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Attendance:

Heather Cole, Secretary	Kelly Kubicki, Chaparral HS, 1 st VP
Rachael D'Angelo, President	Rona Layne, Xavier College Prep
Caitlin, Corona HS	Nancy Lowe, Desert Vista HS
Eric Hitchcock, Treasurer	Scott Pollard, Desert Vista HS
Steve Koopal, Chaparral HS	Reginald Younger, Jr, 2 nd VP

II. **Introductions & Remarks** – President D'Angelo asked Rona to write something up for distribution regarding the AIA Rule update – Section 3 which currently addresses 7th & 8th graders.

The Executive Committee met prior to the Open Session and approved several new policies that will to effect immediately: It will now be the policy that Teams that have not paid their dues prior to the beginning of the season will forfeit each and every game until their dues are paid in full. It was mentioned that perhaps the teams might still play as to not affect the girls on the team and limit their playing time, however, do to liability and insurance requirements, dues must be paid prior to the girls stepping on the playing field.

III. **Open MALS Forum** – There were no comments from the MALS attending the meeting. President D'Angelo explained that for future meetings, MALS will continue to have the opportunity to bring issues before the Board for discussion during the monthly meetings. Non-MAL guests will need to fill out a comment card when they arrive at the meeting and present that card to the President. Based on the issue and time of meeting, the President will inform that guest whether or not their issues will be heard that day. The issue may need to be discussed with the Executive Committee rather than in open session. MALS should prepare their parents and guests of the new procedure.

IV. **Approve Meeting Minutes**

A. Open Meeting Minutes May 2017 – Not Available, Will Be Approved at September Mtg.

V. **Treasurer's Report** – Eric Hitchcock is the new Treasurer and has just taken over. He reported that while he has not had time to go through everything, there is currently \$21,841.66 in the bank account after all WNT expenses have been paid. A more in depth report will be given at the September meeting.

VI. Topics for Discussion

A. AIA Rules for Year Round Play/By-laws – September Vote

B. 2018 Schedule

- Clinics – It was suggested that during the off season clinics may be a fun way to get the girls out on the field and to introduce the game to others. Each Team is being asked to consider holding a clinic that would be open to all. It is a great way to build the programs throughout the valley. If you would like your team to host a clinic please contact President D'Angelo.
- Game Schedule – This year each team will play each other team twice during the season. There will be two games per week and the goal is to complete the season by the last week in April so there will be no conflicts with Finals and end of school year activities. MALs should get any Black-Out Dates and your Spring Break Schedule to the Board as soon as possible.
- Team practice start Jan 22nd
- Coaches & Score Keepers MANDATORY Meeting will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Each Program MUST HAVE a Coach and Score Keeper in attendance. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the Program starting 1 goal down in each game for the entire season, including the playoff games. Allowances will be given to any team/coach that participates in the Annual Conference.

C. Committees – The following committee are being formed and need volunteers. Please reach out to those listed below if you would like to help. It is the goal of the Board to have each Program volunteer on at least one committee.

- Schedule – President D'Angelo will organize this committee.
- Awards- Tanya Williams, Gilbert HS, will coordinate this committee
- SWR – Heather Cole, Desert Vista, will coordinate this committee
- WNT – Kelly Kubicki, Chaparral HS, will coordinate this committee
- Coaches and Grievance – Needs Coordinator

D. New Website – Reggie has been researching new website. League Apps is very user friendly, includes social media training and support. Previous history can also be downloaded from the old site. There is no contract, no renewal fees and no web hosting fees in those months with no activity. The website will also allow for online payment of team dues if necessary. There will be fees for use of the online payment process. The website will include links to the all team websites and pages. There will be a one-time set-up fee of \$495 and will take between 7-10 days to set up.

VII. New Business

- ### **A. Dues for upcoming season – It has been proposed that the dues structure be changed from a per player fee to a set team fee. There was also a discussion regarding lowering the team fee for those programs that begin with a JV team. The cost that has been proposed is \$2310/team which is \$110/player based on 22 players. It is proposed that new teams have a 50% reduced price the first year and then 25% the second year. After two years when the team moves from JV to Varsity, they would be responsible for the full amount. The Board**

will have a final number to discuss at the September meeting.

In order to attract new teams to our program, President D'Angelo, with the help of Rona will send letters to all HS Athletic Directors as well as to many of the Private Schools in the metro area. This letter will introduce them to AZGLA and our program in hopes that a relationship be formed between the schools and association.

- B. **Contract with Officials** – The contract with the officials will be negotiated this year. The AZGLA will request that no more than two officials be present at each game. There will also be a discussion on evaluating each official throughout the season and the cost of the contract. Paying for the officials is the largest expense in the AZGLA budget. These negotiations need to take place so that the Board can be assured that the proposed Team dues will cover these expenses. The contract will need to include a provision for AZGLA to attend Officials meetings as in turn a representative be present at our monthly meetings.
- C. **Social Media Marketing** – Facebook/Twitter/Instagram – There will be more focus this year on Social Media and promoting the game and our players. There was also a discussion regarding AZGLA providing film crews at Friday Night Lights and perhaps other games throughout the season. Parent would have the opportunity to purchase film clips of their players that could be used for college recruitment.
- D. **Player of the week for the website** - This year the coaches will select a Player of The Week which will rotate throughout the programs with no one player being selected more than one time.
- E. **Yellow Card Team Penalties** - In accordance with US Lacrosse Rules, Teams receiving more than 4 yellow cards in one game will play the remainder of the game, following the 4th YC, 1 man down.
- F. **Need updated MALs for each program** – Please have your program send something in writing in indicating who your MALs will be this year, even if they are the same as last year. Please email this to Heather Cole @ hjcsundevil@gmail.com no later than August 16 to be eligible to vote at the September 6th meeting.
- G. **Friday Night Lights** – AZGLA will be hosting a Friday Night Lights game this fall. The idea is to have all the teams come out for a night of fun and round robin play. AZGLA will cover the cost of the fields and officials. More details to follow.

VIII. Next Meeting scheduled date Wednesday September 6th 7:00 PM

IX. Adjournment @ 7:52pm.

The AGLA Consists of the Following Lacrosse Teams: Chaparral (V, JV), Corona (V), 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), Tucson (JV)