



EC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Open Session Wednesday, September 6, 2017 @ 7:00pm
Xavier College Preparatory
471 North 5th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

I. 1st Vice President Kelly Kubicki called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Attendance:

Heather Cole, Secretary	Kelly Kubicki, 1 st VP
Rachael D'Angelo, President	Rona Layne, Xavier College Prep
Caitlin Bebout, Hamilton HS	Randy Loy, Pinnacle HS
Karen Butler, Pinnacle	Nancy Lowe, Desert Vista HS
Heather Cole, Secretary	Jen Nevatt, Xavier College Prep
Katie Dirvonas, Corona HS	Scott Pollard, Desert Vista HS
Susan Duffield, Horizon HS	Lisa Schiffer, Notre Dame Prep
Tara Flaherty, Chapparral HS	Claudia Young, Notre Dame Prep
Jane Hammond, Corona HS	Reginald Younger, Jr, 2 nd VP
Shanti Hinsberg, Hamilton HS	

II. **Introductions & Remarks** – 1st Vice President Kubicki asked if anyone had any comments or opening remarks. 2nd Vice President Reggie Younger announced that Notre Dame Prep is looking for a coach.

III. **Open MALS Forum** – There were no comments from the MALS attending the meeting. MALS were asked to turn in their black-out dates for the season. Most of the programs, with the exception of the Catholic schools, will be on Spring Break the same week this year, March 12 – 16, 2017.

IV. **Approve Meeting Minutes**

A. Open Meeting Minutes June 2017

B. Open Meeting Minutes August 2017 - *Revisions* – Caitlin Bebout, Hamilton HS, Randy Loy, Pinnacle HS, Trisha Juba, Pinnacle HS were all in attendance at the August 2, 2017 meeting.

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes from the June 7, 2017 and August 9, 2017 (with revisions) meeting was made by Nancy Lowe and seconded by Karen Butler.
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval.
- **Resolved:** Approved as stated above.

President Rachael D'Angelo arrived at the meeting @ 7:12pm

V. **Treasurer's Report** – Eric Hitchcock was not in attendance. A more in depth report will be given at the October meeting.

VI. Topics for Discussion

A. AIA Rules for Year Round Play/By-laws – Voting will take place in October after MALS have been sufficiently notified. A discussion was held regarding possibly limiting the amount of times the programs can practice with coaches during the fall. Some of the MALS feel that teams may take advantage of the additional time allowed for practice which would impact play during the regular season.

B. 2018 Schedule

- 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. If you have not turned in your Black-Out Dates and your Spring Break Schedule, please get them to the Board as soon as possible.
- Team practice start Jan 22nd
- SW Round Up – February 17-18, 2017 @ Tempe Sports Complex
- 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 have been 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.

- Scheduling – Black Out Dates Turned In
- Awards- Tanya Williams, Gilbert HS, No Report Given
- SWR – Heather Cole, Desert Vista, February 17-18, 2018 Fields Confirmed at Tempe Sports Complex.
- WNT – Kelly Kubicki, Chaparral HS, No Report Given
- Grievances Committee -
- Coaches Committee – Needs Coordinator

D. New Website – Reggie is continuing to work on the new website. A discussion was held regarding online payments and at this time the Board is asking for programs to continue to make dues payments via check. Online and credit card payments have associated fees that the Association would need to absorb. If you have team or event photos you would like added to the website, please send them to Reggie.

E. Team Dues – It has been proposed that the dues structure be changed from a per player fee to a set team fee. Laura Dockery, Booster President, Hamilton HS addressed the group with her concerns regarding the new dues structure. Her concerns are as follows:

Hamilton HS a relatively new club and although extremely passionate and busy growing our pipeline of girls, they have the typical issues of a “forming” organization, including building a sustaining budget. The increase proposed for 2018 will threaten their program and they will likely need to consider leaving the league and impacting not only the existing players (including college bound) and their families, but all of the 6th-8th grade girls that have worked so hard in camps, clinics, and club ball to eventually become part of the Hamilton Husky Girls LAX community. In addition, the idea of increasing fees and reducing the number of game officials is unsettling to our board. They understand that AGLA is ensuring that every team plays each other twice during the season but logically, the ROI doesn't equate. They understand the association has a > \$25k surplus as of recent reporting and they were especially interested to understand the movement to build this operating budget so rapidly. What will the funds be used for? What is the reason behind the actual % increase? Are other clubs balking at the expense AND does this potentially eliminate new organizations from joining the league?

President D'Angelo addressed her concerns and those of others in attendance. For budgeting purposes AGLA will be moving to a program based dues systems. The exact amount of the dues have not been confirmed at this point. The Association runs throughout the year and waiting for programs to pay their dues based on players each spring is no longer feasible. While the Association will be putting a limit of 2 officials per game this year, it should be noted that several teams during the 2017 season had 3 officials at each of their games while others had 2. It is the goal of the Board to have equal representation at all games. In addition, this season each team will play 4 additional games during the regular season. The additional of these games will increase the costs that the Association must consider when determining the dues for each program. There is also a large reduction in the budget as the Middle School program is no longer a part of AGLA.

An operating budget will be presented at the October meeting and more discussions will take place at that time. Currently there is \$21,200 in the AGLA account.

- F. **Friday Night Lights** – AZGLA will be hosting a Friday Night Lights game during the Spring Season. 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.

VII. Next Meeting scheduled date Wednesday October 4th 7:00 PM

VIII. Adjournment @ 8:07pm.

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)