



EC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Open Session Wednesday, February 1, 2017 @ 7:00pm
Xavier College Preparatory
471 North 5th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

I. President Reginald Younger, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RONNA!

Attendance:

Karen Butler, Pinnacle HS
Heather Cole
Rachael D'Angelo
Tara Flaherty, Chaparral HS
Jane Hammond, Kyrene MS

Kali, Chaparral HS
Rona Layne, Xavier College Prep
Nancy Lowe, Desert Vista HS
Tanya Williams, Gilbert HS
Reginald Younger, Jr

II. President Younger announced that the 2017 Schedule had been uploaded to the AZGLA Website. ANY & ALL SCHEDULE CHANGES NEED TO BE TO PRESIDENT YOUNGER NO LATER THAN 5:00PM ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017.

III. Open Members Forum – MAL asked for clarification on the Rules for JV teams that include 8th graders. JV teams should use the U14 Rules as determined by US Lacrosse. The U14 rules include a section on Modified Checking which should be followed. These rules apply to anyone on the team regardless of their age or grade.

Treasurer's Report – President Younger gave the Treasurer's report in Riley's absence. He has asked the referees to quote him prices based on games played not minutes of games. In addition, if any teams would like to have referees attend a team practice to go over the new rules, they should speak with Laraine (fillyred@hotmail.com – use email only for scheduling of refs to meet w/ teams regarding new rules) as soon as possible so they can be confirmed and added to the referee schedules.

IV. Approve Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes from the January 11, 2017 meeting was made by Nancy Lowe and seconded by Karen Butler.
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval.
- **Resolved:** Approved as stated above.

V. Topics for Discussion

A. Southwest Roundup – Please use the following website when registering: wixsite.com/swroundup. The team from New Mexico has registered again this year. ASU Will be hosting a clinic during the tournament. Sign-Up Genius will be updated and teams should sign up. Items that will be needed include tables, scoreboards, horns, timers & clocks.

2 confirmed vendors will also be in attendance.

- B. Photos/Identification Cards/Players & Coaches – a discussion was held regarding ways in which a team can confirm that players attend or live closest to the school team they are playing on. There have been known issues in the past where players/coaches are not abiding by the AGLA Bylaws. One idea is to have each player submit a picture as well as transcript or official notice of enrollment at applicable high school to the website so that other teams can see that rosters are correct. Section 12 of the AGLA Rules & Regulations covers this issue in great detail. [AGLA Rules & Regulations](#) It is the responsibility of the Coaches and/or Team Managers to determine and verify that their team, players and program are in accordance with the rules provided in Sections 12. If there is a discrepancy or issue, one or more of the teams may file a grievance with the Executive Committee. [AGLA Bylaws Article XII Discipline](#).
- C. Final Schedule 2017/Registration – There has been some difficulty with the waiver portion of the registration. President Younger is working on this problem and it should be resolved soon.
- D. Rancho Solano is in need of a Coach. President Younger has spoken with the Athletic Director and has clarified the new rules regarding Middle School and JV teams.
- E. Kyrene Team – still in search of 4 players. They currently have 20 players. If they are able to reach their goal of 24 players, they will be able to receive full funding for the program. If they do not meet the 24 player criteria, they will still have their teams but will need to do fundraising to meet their financial obligations.
- F. Bylaws – Ronna Layne has volunteered to coordinate an extensive effort to update, revise and renew the AGLA Bylaws, Rules and Regulations. Although they have been revised over time on an issue by issue basis, no collective review has been completed. The bylaws contain specific direction on how issues like domicile, MALS, quorums all should be handled but they are not as comprehensive as they could be. In many instances there are balances in place that may need to be changed, for example, Championship games must be played on the Friday following the playoff games. That may be have appropriate at one time but now maybe not necessary. Topics that need to be addressed immediately would be scheduling, domicile and the responsibilities of each program which would include involvement at the monthly AGLA meetings. While the bylaws cover most of the issues they need to cover, they are lacking in areas of consequences and punishment for programs and individuals who do not adhere to them. Ronna is looking for a couple of hard working, dedicated people to work with her for the next few months to put together a comprehensive review and revision. If you are interested in working on this very important process, please let her know.

VI. New Business:

- A. Meeting Schedule for 2017 Season – Meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in Lufty Hall @ Xavier College Preparatory. ALL program Coaches and MALS are expected to be in attendance each month. As a reminder, programs are allowed 1 MAL per rostered team.
- B. Championship Game Site – There has been discussion in previous meeting regarding the location and cost of the Playoff and Championship games. President Younger is currently in contact with ASU and GCU to determine if their fields would be available

and if they could accommodate AGLA. Xavier Preparatory has notified Reggie that there may be an opportunity to use their fields at little or no charge to AGLA. President Younger clarified that the AGLA Bylaws do not include any restrictions regarding a neutral site for the games to be held. In order to discuss this issue further, the following motion was made:

- **Motion:** In accordance with Bylaw X, Section 3 (*if there is no quorum, at the discretion of the President, the attending members may vote to proceed without a quorum*), and in order to further discuss options for the Championship game including but not limited to a neutral game site and having the game be played on either a Friday or Saturday. A motion authorizing President Reggie Younger to make an official request to use the Xavier College Preparatory Championship Field for the 2017 Championship game was made by Rachel D'Angelo and seconded by Nancy Lowe.
- **Discussion:** Based on the cost and location issues of the Playoff and Championship games in 2016 there is a consensus among the MALS to move the games to a more centralized location. Any cost savings will benefit all AGLA programs and may provide for more money for additional programs, scholarships or other things that the programs may need. In addition, the bylaws refer to the Championship games being held on the Friday following the Playoff games. Being restricted to a Friday game makes it hard to find an acceptable location that is both centrally located and cost effective and this year in particular Championship Friday would be the day prior to SAT testing which could be a detriment to the players.
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval.
- **Resolved:** Approved as stated above.

VII. Old Business: WNT Try-Out are scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2017 @ Gilbert HS. The committee is still looking for coaches to volunteer. WNT Committee cannot move forward with travel plans or other details until it is determined which umbrella WNT falls under for insurance purposes. It is critical that there is a determination on this issue. Can WNT use 501(c)(3) status of US Lacrosse Arizona Chapter or AZGLA? President Younger will contact Ginger and Jared to gain understanding of the situation and will forward that information to the programs and MALS.

VIII. Next Meeting scheduled date March 1, 2017 @ 7:00 PM. As a reminder, there will not be meetings in the months of May or July.

IX. Adjournment @ 8:05pm

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)