



EC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Open Session Wednesday, April 5, 2017 @ 7:00pm  
Xavier College Preparatory  
471 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

I. President Reginald Younger, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Attendance:

Karen Butler, Pinnacle HS	Steve Koopal, Chaparral HS
N. Christensen, Pinnacle Parent	Kelly Kubicki, Chaparral HS
Heather Cole	Rona Layne, Xavier College Prep
Rachael D'Angelo	Nancy Lowe, Desert Vista HS
Susan Duffield, Horizon Parent	Scott Pollard, Desert vista HS
Terry Duffield, Horizon Parent	Mark Preul, Horizon
Tara Flaherty, Chaparral HS	Tanya Williams, Gilbert HS
Nancy Harley, Pinnacle HS	Reginald Younger, Jr

Quorum Established: 6 of 10 schools were represented: Chaparral, Desert Vista, Gilbert, Horizon, Pinnacle and Xavier

- II. President Younger announced that he is working on responses to several issues including a response to a lengthy letter regarding sideline behavior that he received, referee complaints and code of conduct for parents.
- III. Open Members Forum – MALS from several teams explained that they have been having issues with opposing team's scorekeepers. They have witnessed cheering & coaching from the box. MALS were asked to remind scorekeepers that they should remain silent and neutral during the games. There was also a discussion regarding sideline behavior of guests and parents. Field Marshalls should be easily identifiable and MUST introduce themselves to the Refs prior to the beginning of the game. Parents and Guests should be reminded that the Field Marshall has the authority to caution and in some cases may ask parents and guests to leave the premises if necessary.

A discussion was held regarding the Referees/Officials this season. There have been multiple complaints from many teams regarding excessive yellow cards, illegal sticks and overall bad calls and not a lot of explanation to the girls on why the calls are being made. There is a general consensus that the referees/officials feel as though they get to dictate to the league how things work. The AZGLA signs an annual contract that will be reviewed and revised next year. After much research it has been determined that the AZGLA pays our refs/officials over 60% more than anywhere else in the US. The stipulation that AZGLA will pay for any games that are changed will also be revisited. In addition, in the future there must be a way to rank each of the officials after each game and throughout the season. There is also a consensus that a representative from the officials group must be in attendance at the monthly AZGLA meeting each month to discuss these issues. AZGLA will pay \$16,000 for officiating during the 2017 season. Letters that have been received by President Younger have been forwarded to David

Woodson, Head Official, schedule changes should continue to be sent to Laraine, [fillyred@hotmail.com](mailto:fillyred@hotmail.com) *use email only for scheduling of refs.* President Younger will send out the current contract to the MAL for review.

IV. Approve Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes from the March 1, 2017 meeting was made by Nancy Lowe and seconded by Tara Flaherty.
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval.
- **Resolved:** Approved as stated above.

V. Topics for Discussion

- A. **Playoff Games Dates:** A discussion was held and it was decided that the **2017 Playoff games will be held on Tuesday, May 2 and Thursday, May 4 @ 7:15pm.** Teams ranked #1 & #2 will receive a bye in the first round. Teams #3 vs #6, Teams #4 vs #5. The higher ranking team will host the playoff game. The Championship Game will be held on **Saturday, May 6 @ 7:15pm.** President Younger is waiting to hear back from Xavier regarding the use of their fields and is checking into other options as well. The location will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.
- B. **2017-2018 Executive Board –** Positions that are open for Nomination this year are 1<sup>st</sup>, Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Treasurer. Rachel D'Angelo will move from 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President to President and Heather Cole will remain the Secretary. Nominations will be accepted until May 1 and elections will take place at the June 7 AZGLA meeting. Voting will take place electronically to ensure that a quorum is reached and all programs have participated. Newly elected officers will begin their term July 1. Nomination information will be sent to the MALS who then must forward the information to their teams and parents. It is the responsibility of the MAL to distribute the information. MALS must be assigned in advance and AZGLA must receive changes in writing 21 days prior to the vote.
- C. **Stats & Rosters –** All teams have provided and updated their rosters online. Please continue to enter stats after each game so that coaches may have this information available prior to the next game.
- D. **WNT –** Much discussion was held regarding the WNT. In March it was voted on and approved that Arizona would not be putting together a team this year. A lot of organizational work had taken place but there were issues with having an EIN# and insurance. Following the March meeting President Younger received several calls asking that the Board revisit the decision to not field a team from Arizona. President Younger decided it was in the best interest of the girls and Arizona girl's lacrosse to field a team and announced to the MALS that Tryout would take place as scheduled at Gilbert HS on Sunday, April 2. A team has been selected and announced and the roster will be posted on the AZGLA website. Coaches will be announced soon.

Following the selection of players it now appears as though not all of the teams, coaches, MALS and parents knew about the resurrected tryouts and they are not very happy. The committee members that put in the initial work on WNT are also not happy as they felt it all could have been handled in a better manner. It is their feeling that they were not given the support they needed to make this a successful year. Grant monies and corporate sponsorships

are no longer available at this late date. The girls will need to pay their own way to the Tournament this year as there is not enough time for fundraising.

E. Treasurer's Report – No Report Given

F. Middle School League (What does it look like in 2018) – Not Addressed

VI. New Business:

A. Standing Committees Proposals and Volunteers – As the AZGLA moves into the next year there needs to be discussion and formation of several committees that will meet regularly and report to the EC and at monthly AZGLA meetings. These committees would include but not be limited to Complaints & Grievances, Events (SW Roundup), WNT, Communications/Website.

In addition, teams must be required to have their Coaches and MALS attend the monthly AZGLA meetings. Bylaws will be revisited to include consequences for continued non-attendance.

B. Vote on New Website – Not Addressed

C. Scorekeeper Etiquette – Discussed during MAL Open Forum

D. Sideline Etiquette – Discussed during MAL Open Forum

VII. Old Business:

A. Bylaws – Ronna Layne has again 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. Topics that need to be addressed immediately would be scheduling & rescheduling of games, domicile, Executive Board Make-up (should coaches be on Executive Committee), conduct and responsibility of officials 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.

VIII. Next Meeting scheduled date May 1, 2017 @ 7:00 PM. As a reminder, there will not be a meeting in July.

IX. Adjournment @ 8:32pm

**The AGLA Consists of the Following Lacrosse Teams: Chaparral (V, JV) Desert Mountain (V, JV), Desert Vista (V, JV) Gilbert (V, JV) Hamilton (V, JV) Horizon (V) Notre Dame Preparatory (V, JV) Pinnacle (V, JV) Xavier College Preparatory (V, JV) Kyrene (JV).**