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

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

Attendance:
Jared Black
Karen Butler, Pinnacle HS
Rachael D’Angelo
Susan Duffield, Horizon Parent
Terry Duffield, Horizon Parent
Tara Flaherty, Chaparral HS
Nancy Harley, Pinnacle HS
Kelly Kubicki, Chaparral HS
Rona Layne, Xavier College Prep
Nancy Lowe, Desert Vista HS
Scott Pollard, Desert Vista HS
Mark Preul, Horizon
Reginald Younger, Jr

II. President Younger offered Suggestions for next year’s board. If parents would like to speak about something whether it is accountability, yellow card issues etc. they must submit in writing with 20 days’ notice. They will have 3 minutes to speak and the topics cannot be confrontational. Hopefully get more parents/coaches involved to form committees to oversee issues such as refs, sideline problems etc.

III. Referees. AGLA needs to look over the contracts. This year AGLA is supposed to be paying the officials based on what level they are certified 1, 2 or 3. We need to see how we have been paying them if it was a flat fee or based on certification level. We need to look for more venues for playoffs, All Star etc. and look to outsourcing for referees especially at the championships. Many teams mentioned that certain players have been targeted from the beginning by the refs. We used to rate them after each game but did away with that last year. It would be a good idea to go back to it but hopefully in a way that it can remain anonymous so the officials don’t target those teams that filed grievances. Officials are not responding to grievances from coaches. They need to be held accountable and we should require proof of recertification and training. AGLA requested to send a board member to the coaches meeting but was denied. We should require a referee to attend all AGLA meetings to discuss any issues.

IV. Playoff Fields. Having field advantage helps to lower the costs for AGLA. Gilbert I believe is going under a little construction but I know all teams will be patient and respectful of any minor inconveniences.

V. Sideline Issues have been prominent this year with extra loud parents coaching from the sidelines which is against the rules as well as verbally attacking coaches as refs. We need to form a committee to come up with some sort of penalty structure to ensure a positive experience for everyone.

VI. It was brought up about roster changes. Rosters can be changed with 48 hours’ notice. Girls cannot play more than the maximum number of games.
VII. We did not have enough MALs at the meeting for a quorum for the last meeting nor this meeting. We need to figure out how to have each school represented. The minutes from last month will be posted in the next week or so. With 17 teams we only had 10 parents in attendance and not were all MAL.

VIII. Nominees for next year’s board with the ballots being sent out electronically in June for the new board to take effect in July 1. Voting will take place by Survey Monkey or similar. It will be set up that the email address is associated with the vote so it cannot be voted more than once or forwarded.

1st Vice President
Nominee: Kelly Kubicki

2nd Vice President
Nominees:
Reginald Younger Jr.
Lotus Kaplan

Treasurer:
Nominee:
Eric Hitchcock

The President is filled by Rachael D'Angelo
The Secretary is filled and retained by Heather Cole.

IX. AIA has made it official that sports can practice year round. We do not know how it will affect club sports yet. Start looking at alternate locations if your field may be in jeopardy. AIA has committed coaches to running clinics in the off season so based on how many sports use your fields you may not have a space to play or practice. It was mentioned that clubs may start changing their rules to conform to AIA rules.

X. Reggie will attend all playoff games in some capacity.

XI. All Star Game - Uniforms. Reggie is going to see if his person can whip out some jerseys for the game if not we will have the teams do either dark or light based on their current jersey. He will also look into awards or medals.

XII. We will not be using the AZGLA website next year. We will be using leagueapps.com. They specialize in lacrosse. The summer will be spent learning the program so it is ready for the season. We will receive info on it as it gets into place.

XIII. If anyone is around during the summer and would like to get a head start on committees Ronna is available. The more we can get done over the summer the less to do in the fall like WNT, SWR etc.

Adjournment: 7:52 PM
Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 7, 2017

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).