EC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Open Session Wednesday, December 7, 2016 @ 7:00pm
Xavier College Preparatory
471 North 5th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

I. President Reginald Younger, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Attendance:
Jared Black
Karen Butler, Pinnacle
Heather Cole
Rachael D’Angelo
Katie Dirvonas, Kyrene MS
Tara Flaherty, Chaparral HS
Kelly Kubicki, Chaparral HS
Nancy Lowe, Desert Vista HS
Jen Nevatt, Xavier College Prep
Tanya Williams, Gilbert HS
Riley Winter
Reginald Younger, Jr

II. President Younger introduced the AZGLA Board. All were in attendance.

III. Open Members Forum – President Younger announced that Comment Cards will be available at future meetings for MALS and other who attend. By having the comment card, the issue can be addressed in the proper manner which will also include follow-up after the meeting.

IV. Approve Meeting Minutes
A. Meeting Minutes from November meeting were approved.

V. Topics for Discussion
A. 2016 Schedule JV & Varsity
   o The 2016 schedule has been completed and given to the Coaches. The Officials have also received it for scheduling. The goal is to have it posted to the website in the next couple weeks.
   o President Younger will be contacted Rancho & Tucson teams to confirm that they will be participating this year and that they have to minimum amount of players required by the Bylaws which is 12.

B. Coaches Openings:
   o Horizon & Gilbert are both looking for an additional coach.
   o Desert Mountain is looking for a JV coach.

C. Treasurer’s Report – No Report Given. There has been no activity since November.

D. Southwest Roundup – Field are reserved at Tempe Sports Complex, February 18-19, 2017. The cost will be in the $300-$350 range for each team. There is also a Tournament in Santa Barbara that weekend. It should not affect any of our teams but will be posted on the website.
VI. New Business
   A. January 28, 2017 will be the date of the Mandatory Meeting for all Coaches, Scorekeepers & Team Managers. It will be held at Xavier College Prep, time to be determined.
   B. Coaches Council will report at January meeting.

VII. Old Business
   A. Discussion regarding Rules for JV teams. Since the addition of the Middle School League and since JV teams will not have 7th or 8th grade players, the Varsity rules will be used for JV which includes full-check.
   B. President Younger provided clarification to the Middle School Bylaw change. The change was approved at the August AZGLA meeting, however this change was not added to the website which has caused confusion. In addition to adding this change to the website, there will also be a link provided for the Youth League K-8.
   C. Bylaw Changes:
      a. There will be language and specific details about the proposed new playoff system will be voted on at the January 2017 meeting. It will include the use of home team fields, payment for fields and possible fundraising opportunities for the home team.
      b. There will be a proposed bylaw change to accommodate the new scoring system featuring the Green & Freedom games.
      c. Clarification needs to be made regarding the number of players needed to field a team. Currently the Bylaws require 12 players. A discussion was held regarding this issue. There are several things to consider for those teams with less than 12 players. Those teams could be invited to come and play other JV teams in a friendly scrimmage to give those players some game experience. This works in many cases and is agreeable to most teams however in some cases there is expense associated with doing this and some programs do not want to cover that expense for a scrimmage. On the other hand, it is the responsibility of the entire group to “grow the game” so many feel the team with less than the required amount of players should be given the opportunity to play. There will be more discussion at the January meeting after President Younger speaks with the programs involved.
      d. Uniforms – The exception to Bylaws for the 2017 was sent to the officials and they have agreed to not penalize teams this year if their uniforms are not in compliance. New US Lacrosse rules will go into effect in 2018 and then all programs must abide by the new rules.

VIII. Next Meeting scheduled date January 11, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

IX. Adjournment @ 7:24pm

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)