



Arizona Girls Lacrosse Association

**Board of Directors Meeting
December 1st, 2010 @ 7pm
Granite Reef Senior Center
1700 N. Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85257
(just north of McDowell between Hayden and the 101)**

Minutes

1. Roll Call Greg Ritter
 - Sign-In and Introductions
2. Reading / Approval of 11-3-2010 Meeting Minutes Sara Diercks
3. Financial Report Drew Wagner
4. Old Business Drew Wagner
 - A. SWR
 - i. No volunteers attended the November meeting. Need additional participants.
 - ii. Each team needs to provide a minimum of one volunteer to assist in a couple planning meetings and weekend activities.
 - iii. Current volunteers: Drew Wagner, Carol Harder (Horizon), Cathy Keyser (Chaparral), and Isauro Amaro (Mtn Pointe).
 - iv. Need one representative from each team. EC to determine next meeting date and send email requesting volunteers.
 - v. Student board – met last weekend. Minimal attendees due to LadyRox tournament. Discussed Friday night Jamboree prior to Southwest Roundup. Next meeting scheduled for Saturday, 12/11/10.
5. New Business Drew Wagner
 - A. League Dues, Paperwork Greg Ritter
 - i. Dues will remain unchanged this year.
 - B. January / February activities Greg Ritter
 - i. Discussed dates for upcoming January & February activities. i.e. JV Scheduling meeting, Scorekeepers training, Coaches meeting. Dates could be pushed back a couple weeks, as season is starting a couple weeks later than last year.
 - ii. Mandatory coaches meeting – proposed 2/12.
 - a. What are options? Some coaches not available 2/12 due to Santa Barbara tournament. Needs to be after USL Conference.
 - b. EC to determine if it is mandatory that a head coach attend. If not a head coach, it must be someone actively involved in the practices and day to day activities of the club.
 - c. Discussed offering 2 sessions. Andrew Kay recommended the EC determine 2 dates.

If two meetings, request RSVPs to confirm there is representation at both meetings.

- d. Can non-coaches attend? (i.e. some parents may be interested)
- iii. Scorekeeping meeting
 - a. Need volunteer to assist Jim & Lisa in this activity. Next month will look for volunteers.
 - b. Format similar to prior years. Two hour session. 1st hour – basics; 2nd hour – changes. Experienced scorekeepers would only need to attend 2nd hour.
- C. AZ Chapter of USL Update Laraine Pizzi
 - i. Marie Baca and Laraine Pizzi represented USL.
 - ii. FBI –
 - a. Thanks for everyone's participation.
 - b. Far exceeded expectations. Turnout was very good
 - c. Level one coaching clinic attended by over one hundred people.
 - iii. Level 2 clinic –
 - a. Committed for 1/29/11
 - b. Must have attended Level One clinic and be a USL member.
 - c. Cost \$85.
 - d. Register by Jan 1, 2011.
 - iv. Western Region LAX fest.
 - a. U11, U13, & U15 Boys and girls tournament.
 - b. Site for U15 regional qualification.
 - c. May 13 – 15, 2011 at Reach 11.
 - d. Conflicts with AGLA finals and securing of fields. Marie to contact tournament coordinator to request fields at Reach 11 for AGLA semi-finals and finals. Need 3 fields, Tues 5/10 and 1 field Friday 5/14; 5 – 10pm
 - e. Many teams traveling to this event. Could be east or west coast teams.
 - v. USL will continue to try to be more proactive with disseminating information. Calendar of events to be created.

6. Open Discussion

All

- A. State game
 - i. Reach 11 is not available. Marie Baca requested field reserved for Western Region tournament.
 - ii. SCC is an option – cost may be \$800!
 - iii. DiamondBack spring training field fell through. Fields not available until after state game.
- B. All Star game
 - i. Need to determine date.
 - ii. Weekend after State final is 5/20, 5/21 or 5/22.
 - iii. Concern regarding the close proximity to graduation. Most graduations 5/24, 5/25, 5/26. Night game is preferred by most due to heat.
 - iv. Recommend and agreed to date – Friday night, 5/24.
 - v. Need to find field.
- C. Refs – A lot of stuff going on.
 - i. New official's clinic 2/4.
- D. Modified rules

- i. Middle school players required to play modified rules.
 - ii. Refs suggested JV teams be presented option of playing modified rules (no full checking). If one coach wants modified rules – game will be played with modified rules.
 - iii. Modified rules allow the beginning player to work on the basic fundamentals of the game - passing, catching, footwork, proper positioning, and marking - before they are introduced to the more advanced skill of stick checking.
 - iv. Since Arizona does not have a Middle school program, modified rules would be valuable for AGLA JV players.
 - v. LadyRox – some games were played with modified rules. Inconsistency between games created confusion for coaches and players.
 - vi. May be better to make this a league decision, not a game time decision. Would create consistency for the players, coaches, and referees.
 - vii. EC –to make a decision
- E. Head Gear
- i. Rumor has it, USL is investigating and head gear may be required within 2 years.
 - ii. Research and development in process, i.e. types of helmets – could be soft helmet, will not be men’s helmet.
 - iii. May be optional next year.
 - iv. Safety is a top priority.
 - v. New York and Massachusetts recalled initial mandate on helmets. For 2011 helmets are optional.
- F. Tucson – has 8th grade girls practicing with team.
- i. Can they play with varsity?
 - ii. Could be an issue, as there will not be modified rules.
 - iii. Tucson can petition for younger players to play at Varsity level.
- G. Xavier & Corona would like to scrimmage. Any issues with this?
- i. Has been done in the past.
 - ii. Does anyone have an issue with this? NO. If so, please notify board.
- H. Scheduling - Those present agreed the automated scheduling process worked well. Jim Lindsey shared that the scheduling software had several limitations and was not very flexible, and that the AGLA may want to consider purchasing different software. R&R 15 should be reworded to accommodate automated scheduling.
- I. November Practices need to be made public.
- i. Many teams had practices without disclosing. None had more than 2 practices per week. For the teams that held practices, non-posting of the information was an oversight, not intentional. The Board shares in the responsibility as the board did not remind the teams that practice information must be posted on the website. Going forward, each team will be responsible for notifying the board of practices. (R&R 15.A)
 - ii. It was agreed that this is disappointing. There should be a penalty associated with by-law violations. Some teams do not have the option to practice pre-season. Posting practices would allow players from these clubs an opportunity to practice. Andrew Kay asked if anyone else concerned and why do we have rules if they are not enforced.
 - iii. Boy’s league addresses these types of issues via a disciplinary committee.

- iv. Executive committee – needs to be more proactive. EC will send email admonishing those teams that did not post practices.
 - v. Tryout period - teams may have a 5 day tryout period that are coach led. By-laws are unclear.
Agreement – tryout period is a max of 5 days.
 - vi. Going forward – teams practicing beginning Nov, must send email to EC/Jim Lindsey providing date, time and location of practices.
 - J. Dick’s Sporting Goods –Sharon Lombard (Gilbert) contacted Dick’s Sporting Goods to request a place to promote the Gilbert Girl’s Lacrosse. Sharon got much more than she requested. Auggie, who oversees the community base programs for Dick’s, offered to put up a table and hold registration night. Plus, he offered \$350 cash or gift cards, plus bunch of stuff for the coach. The only caveat – promote Dick’s. Greg Ritter had an initial discussion with Auggie and is planning a follow-up meeting to develop a long term plan to promote AZGLA. Some ideas include SWR and start-up programs.
Thanks Sharon!!!
 - K. Estrella to have a JV team this season. Laraine to contact Estrella.
 - L. AZ Tax Credit money – are any teams using this?
Yes. Corona & Gilbert are using this.
Pinnacle has had problems. Money is frozen.
DV – Trying to work with Tempe Union SD. Cannot be used for any on-field activities.
 - M. Scheduling
 - i. Tucson is having a difficult time scheduling all games, because of the increased number of D2 teams. Many of the already scheduled games may need to be forfeited. Can there be some consolation for missed games? EC to discuss options, i.e. game average.
 - ii. PCDS – Many teams have not heard from PCDS to schedule games. Brice following up with Bethany and Bob, the athletic letters.
 - iii. Updated schedule – was distributed.
 - iv. Need to finalize game times & locations - by December 15th.
 - N. Fields
 - i. PVUSD – Horizon reported that PVUSD notified them today (12/1) that Lacrosse will not be allowed to be played on their fields.
 - O. Sideline managers – Not required to be US Lacrosse members
 - P. Emily Miller – starting a middle school program in Chandler and Ahwatukee.
4 teams – 3rd – 5th grade and 6th – 8th. www.wildfirelax.com
7. Closing Remarks Greg Ritter
8. Adjourn Meeting
Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45pm.

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at 7pm

Attendees

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| x | Baca | Marie | President, AZUSL | | | pbaca@aol.com |
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| x | Berns | Sara | Parent/MAL | Y | Corona Del Sol | berns@extremezone.com |
| x | Chamberlin | Rod | Coach / MAL | Y | Pinnacle JV | rodchamberlin@cox.net |
| x | Connell | David | Parent | | Desert Vista | connelldr@cox.net |
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| x | Diercks | Sara | Secretary / Parent | Y | Pinnacle | josaab@hotmail.com |
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| x | Kay | Andrew | Coach | alt | Gilbert | andrewkaylax@gmail.com |
| x | Laub | Stefani | Coach | Y | Horizon Varsity | lacrosse_32@msn.com |
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