



Arizona Girls Lacrosse Association

**Board of Directors Meeting
October 5th, 2011 @ 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 Nick Cosmany
 - Sign-In and Introductions

2. Reading / Approval of 9-7-11 Meeting Minutes Sara Diercks
 - A. **Minutes approved.**

3. Report of elected officers Dave Connell
 - A. Financial Report
 - i. **YTD financials available for review.**
 - ii. **Anyone with questions can contact Dave directly.**

4. Report of Standing Committees Laraine Pizzi
 - A. AZ Chapter of USL Update
 - i. **10/27–10/28 (Thurs-Friday)– Chapter to present at AZ Physical Education conference. Chapter participated last year and will have increased exposure at this year's conference.**
 - ii. **11/5 (Saturday)– Level 1 clinic to be offered in Phoenix area.**
 - iii. **12/3 (Saturday) TENTATIVE – Level 2 clinic and a few other clinics to be offered in Phoenix. Similar to 2010 Super weekend; just a smaller scale. AZ Chapter received grant money for Positive Coaching Awareness (PCA) training. This clinic will be offered as part of the 12/3 clinics. Email blast will be sent from USL once date is confirmed.**
 - B. SWR Adrienne Wagner
 - i. **Dates: 2/26 – 2/27**
 - ii. **Location tentative secured - Avondale west side sports complex (5 fields). Rocky assisting Adrienne with fields.**
 - iii. **Drawback - \$5/ car. It was requested that Adrienne investigate a flat fee option for parking.**

5. Old Business Nick Cosmany
 - A. By-Law changes – Discussion & voting on attached changes Nick Cosmany

Meeting quorum was achieved with 16 voting members present. It was agreed that the results of each vote would be recorded, but the actual number of votes would not be recorded. The results included one proxy vote; which also increased the number of votes needed to pass the by-law change.

Editorial comment – per 2011-2012 board meeting calendar, by-law changes were the

topic of discussion for July and August. The Sept and Oct Board meetings were designed to focus on committees. Let's focus on growing the league rather by-law changes.

- i. Change #1 – AGLA approval for tournament play outside Arizona
 - a. Per Andrew, this has been an issue in the past.
 - b. Historically, EC has never (that anyone can recall) denied a request. Intent of the by-law is to raise awareness of tournament opportunities.
 - c. Clarification of the change was requested. The discussion focused on the *timeframe* for which approval is required: intent is that only those tournaments during season (first practice to final playoff game) would require approval.
 - d. Vote – Change not approved.
- ii. Change #2 – Delay start of practice 2 weeks, to align with AIA
 - a. Arguments for:
 - 1) NDP requires teams to align with AIA. They do not have opportunity to begin practices early.
 - 2) Some girls who play a winter sport are unwilling to join lacrosse after season has started.
 - b. Arguments against:
 - 1) Some teams do not hold captains' or coaches practice in Nov & Dec; beginning practice the first week of January allows team to jump in right after winter break and prepare the girls for the season.
 - 2) Will still not be in full alignment with AIA. (Although comment was made that we are taking baby steps to get in alignment with AIA.)
 - 3) Will this change make lacrosse grow any faster?
 - c. AIA is considering making girls lacrosse a sanctioned sport.
 - d. Vote – Change not approved.
- iii. Change #3 – one vote per program
 - a. Arguments for:
 - 1) Creates equality
 - b. Arguments against:
 - 1) How does this differ from by-law change voted down last month?
 - 2) Proposed wording is unclear. The wording does not include the definition of 'program' and could be interpreted that each club is allowed one at-large representative.
 - c. Vote – Change not approved.
- iv. Change #4 – vote to vote
 - a. This by-law change was presented in September, but deferred due to overall effort to clean up by-laws. Rewrite effort is still underway; change re-presented for vote.
 - b. Arguments for:
 - 1) Many people felt the by-law, as worded, is unclear and did not allow for a fair review of the May 2011 issue for which an EC decision was requested to be overturned.
 - c. Vote – Change approved.

6. New Business

A. Open Executive Committee position – 2nd VP

Nick Cosmany

- i. Nominations – Greg Hawk & John Walker
- ii. Greg withdrew his nomination due to personal commitments.
- iii. John Walker – experience includes Little League coach for 7 years, Treasurer of Little League board for 2 years, various committee positions (running tournaments, organizing training, etc). New to lacrosse in the past year.

Involved in both boys and girls lacrosse program at Horizon. Working to form middle school program in the area.

B. 2012 Game Scheduling

Adrienne Wagner

- i. Automated process will be utilized this year. Software recommended by many teams.
- ii. Adrienne Wagner and Sara Berns to manage the process.
- iii. Game days – will be Monday - Saturday only.
- iv. Blackout and preferred dates – need to be provided to Adrienne by 10/15.
- v. Draft Schedule to be provided prior to the November Board meeting.
- vi. Game rescheduling to be handled by each individual team. There will not be a scheduling meeting. The November Board meeting will be a normal meeting beginning at 7pm.

7. Open Discussion

- A. Student Board - Sarah Amauro has offered to assist.
- B. Meeting respect – Please be considerate of others. Sometimes the discussions get more heated than necessary.
- C. Fields – Pinnacle, Horizon, Desert Mtn, and Chaparral working together and with boys teams to secure block of fields at Reach 11. Tyna indicated this may be favorable for officials.
Ahwatukee has a consortium for securing fields. Includes boys and girls teams.
- D. All Star Committee – requested volunteers for this committee. Char Hart and Shannon Nolan offered to assist. Sara Diercks will provide background information and schedule a discussion.
- E. EMTs – will not be provided for 2012 season. Bollinger (insurance provider for USL) does not require league to provide EMTs. Trainers and coaches are not covered by USL or Bollinger under Good Samaritan law; however, they are covered by Arizona Good Samaritan law. A parent is covered by Bollinger and Arizona Good Samaritan law.
- F. CPR and First Aid certification - EC recommends that all coaches be CPR and First Aid certified. EC is investigating two options: offering class through AZGLA or arranging for coaches to take class through external provider. More information to follow.
- G. USL membership includes Liability and Accident Medical Insurance to members while participating in covered lacrosse activities. Please remind parents and players of this benefit. More information can be found at <http://www.uslacrosse.org/TopNav/Membership/MembershipBenefits.aspx>
- H. Background checks – strongly recommended by EC.

8. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, November 2nd, 2011, 7pm

Attendees:

x	Gallegher	Kerrilynn	Coach / MAL	Y	Chaparral JV
x	Grismore	Kathy	MAL	Y	Corona
x	Berns	Sara	Webmaster	Y	Corona Del Sol
x	Hart	Char	Team Manager	Y	Desert Mountain
x	Connell	David	Treasurer/DV MAL	Y	Exec Committee
x	Cosmany	Nick	President		Exec Committee
x	Diercks	Sara	Secretary		Exec Committee
x	Wagner	Adrienne	2nd VP		Exec Committee
x	Kay	Andrew	Coach	alt	Gilbert
x	Kroll	Beverlee	Team Pres.	Y	Gilbert
x	Beeler	Mike	Coach	N	Horizon
x	Hawk	Greg	Coach	N	Horizon
x	Walker	Gwen	MAL - alternate	alt	Horizon
x	Sokol	Vicki	MAL	Y	Horizon D2
x	Laub	Stefani	Coach	Y	Horizon Varsity
x	Pizzi	Laraine	Coach		Notre Dame Prep
x	Chapman	Madeleine	Coach		PCDS
x	Nolan	Shannon	MAL	Y	PCDS
x	Johnston	Bryant	Coach	Y	Pinnacle
x	Ritter	Greg	Immediate Past Pres / Coach	Y	Pinnacle
x	Chamberlin	Rod	Coach	Y	Pinnacle JV
x	Callen	Bean	Coach	alt	Xavier
x	Bebout	Caitlin	Coach / MAL	Y	Xavier Varsity
xx	Livingston	Jessica	Coach/MAL	Y	Chaparral
xx	Sica	Jenny	Asst Coach	N	Chaparral
xx	Clark	Zane			
xx	Murphy	Tyna	Head Official	Y	Officials
Proxy	Titsch	Bob	MAL	Y	Pinnacle

x Present
 xx Present - arrived after by-law voting
 Proxy Proxy included in by-law
 vote

Proposed By-Law Changes - October 2011

Proposed Change #1 - Rules and Regulations #11

Change not approved.

Submitter: Andrew Kay, 8/24/11

Current By-Law Wording:

No AGLA Team which plans to represent AGLA in any tournaments outside the state of Arizona may do so without first receiving AGLA approval.

Proposed By-Law Wording:

No AGLA Team which plans to play in an out of state tournament while in season (start of the first practice to final championship game) may do so without first receiving AGLA approval

Reasoning behind the By-Law Change:

Clean up the wording and make it less ambiguous.

EC recommendation: The Executive Committee recommends this change.

Proposed Change #2 - Rules and Regulations #15, Section B

Change not approved.

Submitter: Andrew Kay, 8/24/11

Current By-Law Wording:

Teams will be allowed to practice a maximum of two (2) times per week beginning November 1st with coaches present. All practice times and places will be posted on the AGLA website and will be open to all US Lacrosse members. The primary focus of these practices is to work on stick skills and conditioning. Teams may hold tryouts in December, with practices monitored by the coaches, this tryout period may not last longer than 5 days. Full team practices may begin the first week in January.

Proposed By-Law Wording:

Teams will be allowed to practice a maximum of two (2) times per week beginning November 1st with coaches present. All practice times and places will be posted on the AGLA website and will be open to all US Lacrosse members. The primary focus of these practices is to work on stick skills and conditioning. Teams may hold tryouts in December, with practices monitored by the coaches, this tryout period may not last longer than 5 days. Full team practices may begin the third week in January.

Reasoning behind the By-Law Change:

Reflects recent changes to the start of games, brings us closer to AIA scheduling, practice doesn't start before AIA winter sports are finished.

EC recommendation: The Executive Committee abstains.

Proposed Change #3 - ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 1

Change not approved.

Submitter: Adrienne Wagner, 9/8/11

Current By-Law Wording:

The AGLA Board of Directors shall consist of five elected officers (see Article V), the Head AGLA Referee, and the immediate past president. In addition, the AGLA Board shall include one at-large representative from every team (Varsity and JV). As discussed in Article VI, because the total number of elected officials may vary, the number of available at-large positions will be modified accordingly. At-large representatives are required to be permanent residents of Arizona, and can include the past AGLA President, coaches, parents, school Athletic Directors, and / or other interested parties. During the first AGLA Board meeting of any season, if more than the maximum number of individuals (depending on the number of elected officers) express interest in at-large Board positions, the existing AGLA Board of Directors will vote to elect the at-large positions. At-large board positions are valid for a period of one year.

Proposed By-Law Wording:

The AGLA Board of Directors shall consist of five elected officers (see Article V), the Head AGLA Referee, and the immediate past president. In addition, the AGLA Board shall include one at-large representative from each program, not to exceed one varsity level representative and one junior varsity level representative. As discussed in Article VI, because the total number of elected officials may vary, the number of available at-large positions will be modified accordingly. At-large representatives are required to be permanent residents of Arizona, and can include the past AGLA President, coaches, parents, school Athletic Directors, and / or other interested parties. During the first AGLA Board meeting of any season, if more than the maximum number of individuals (depending on the number of elected officers) express interest in at-large Board positions, the existing AGLA Board of Directors will vote to elect the at-large positions. At-large board positions are valid for a period of one year.

Reasoning behind the By-Law Change:

To increase parity behind the programs in the league and to allow smaller programs to have an increased say in league matters. This allows for programs with varsity and junior varsity teams to have more than one representative in league affairs, while bringing the board of directors to a more manageable size.

EC recommendation: The Executive Committee abstains.

Proposed Change #4 - Article VII Section 7

Change approved.

Submitter: Rod Chamberlin, 8/8/11

NOTE – This change was deferred from the vote in the 9/7/11 meeting. The propose wording has been modified to improve clarity over the original proposal.

Current Wording:

An Executive Committee decision or action may not be challenged or otherwise overruled except by a 75% majority vote of the Board of Directors, exclusive of Executive Committee members, sitting in a properly constituted meeting. In the event that the decision or action is vacated by a 75% vote of the Board of Directors, the Board shall be entitled to vote on the issues so overruled and vacated. The Board of Directors shall conduct a vote to determine the issues previously determined by the Executive Committee. Only a 75% majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be effective to render a final decision on said issues. In the event that the Board of Directors is unable to have a 75% majority vote after two votes, then the initial decision or action of the Executive Committee shall be reinstated and be final.

Proposed Wording:

An Executive Committee decision or action may not be challenged or otherwise overruled except by a 75% majority vote of the Board of Directors, exclusive of Executive Committee members, sitting in a properly constituted meeting. In the event that the decision or action is vacated by a 75% vote of the Board of Directors, the Board shall be entitled to vote on the issues so overruled and vacated. The Board of Directors shall conduct a vote to determine the issues previously determined by the Executive Committee. Only a 75% majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be effective to render a final decision on said issues. In

the event that the Board of Directors is unable to have a 75% majority vote after both the initial vote to vacate and subsequent vote on the issues so overruled and vacated, then the initial decision or action of the Executive Committee shall be reinstated and be final.

Reasoning behind the By-Law Change: Existing wording of "two votes" caused confusion at the Special Meeting called the night before the 2011 Championship D1 game. Several people thought we could have a second vote to overrule the executive decision. I believe this clears up the confusion and properly states the intent of the Bylaw.

EC recommendation: The Executive Committee recommends this change.