



Arizona Girls Lacrosse Association

**Board of Directors Meeting
January 5th, 2011 @ 7pm
Granite Reef Senior Center
1700 N. Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85257
(just north of McDowell between Hayden and the 101)**

Agenda

1. Roll Call Greg Ritter
 - Sign-In and Introductions
2. Reading / Approval of 12-1-2010 Meeting Minutes Sara Diercks
3. Report of elected officers Drew Wagner
 - A. Financial Report
 - i. Budget based on 380 players. (Approx. 20 players less than last year.)
 - ii. \$5000 in the bank
4. Report of Standing Committees Emily Miller
 - A. Student Board
 - i. Goals – unify league; support existing programs; expand program
 - ii. Focus on one activity per month.
 - iii. Sabrina Caraffa and Abby Diercks presented upcoming activities.
 - iv. Polo shirts – student board would like to purchase polo shirts for the board members; to create professionalism for the board.
 - v. Captain’s lunch –Planned for Jan 29, 2011. Expected number of attendees: 50. Location – TBD.
Purpose is to create one cohesive group and work better together, getting the captains to interact, and emphasize getting information from the student board to the players. Concern expressed that some teams will not have Captains until mid-February.
 - vi. 2010 Captain’s lunch cost approximately \$200.
 - vii. Student board requested \$550 for Captain’s lunch and \$350 for shirts. Board approved funding of \$300; the amount as budgeted for 2011.
 - viii. Growth suggestions from Board:
 - a. Washington State requires clubs to give back by coaching at the middle school or lower levels. This may be a means to attract new players. (See article in latest edition of US Lacrosse magazine.)
 - b. Xavier – has discussed reaching out to Centennial High School to recruit players. School is just across the canal from Xavier.
 - c. Estrella– has investigated reaching out to charter schools to attract players.

B. SWR

Drew Wagner

- i. Securing fields has been a real struggle. Fields that were perceived to be secured were taken by soccer events.
- ii. As of today..... fields are confirmed.
- iii. Avondale – Friendship Park; McDowell and 115th Ave.
- iv. Sat – Sun; 2/26 – 2/27 – First game 8:30am
- v. Nascar event this same weekend. Plan for traffic!
- vi. Games – central clock; 25 minute halves. Referees requested more time between games.
- vii. Vendors – resulted in financial loss last year.
- viii. ASU and NAU will play during tournament. Planning lunchtime on Saturday.
- ix. Cost \$350/team (same as last year); includes lunch and 4 games (possibly more).
Note... decision was made after the meeting to reduce cost to \$300/team by eliminating the lunch.
- x. Registration information to be available soon.
- xi. Out of State teams – 3 committed.
- xii. Teams that cannot play on Sunday – will try to schedule all 4 games on Saturday.
- xiii. Next planning meeting – next week. Need more volunteers.
- xiv. Need cages – Rocky has place to store the cages.
- xv. 4 game fields plus 1 practice field
- xvi. Budget – allocated \$1025 field cost; Gatorade – compliments of Knight Transportation; Officials - \$55/game; EMTs \$480
Total cost - \$5315. Need 15 teams to break even.
- xvii. University of Phoenix cost – higher than Avondale. Fields alone about \$3800.
- xviii. Lunch – last year cost approx \$500. Budgeted \$1000 for this year.
- xix. Friday Jamboree.
Student board – planning activity. Will be centrally located. Looking at options, i.e. bowling, drive-in movie.
Adrienne Wagner recommended moving to a different weekend, due to early start time on Saturday. This was the general consensus of board members present.

C. AZ Chapter of USL Update

Laraine Pizzi

- i. Level 2 coaches clinic –
 - a. Who has registered? (More hands raised than expected!)
 - b. Registrants – 21 as of today. Need 35 by Friday, or USL may cancel the clinic. USL has invested a significant amount of time and money into the AZ Chapter. We need to support this effort for USL to continue to support Arizona programs. This is a great opportunity for all coaches.
 - c. Fee discounted 50% for the first 35 registrants. Only \$42.50. This is a great deal.
 - d. If any problems registering, send information directly to Marie Baca.
 - e. AGLA to send out email blast. ASAP
 - f. Was USL blast sent to all participants of FBI Level 1 clinic? No, it was sent to USL members only
- ii. Playoffs - Fields for playoffs secured. US Lacrosse will share fields reserved for WDIA event.

- iii. All Star game – Friday night, May20, Scottsdale Sports complex. Two fields available; will need only one. There will be 4 teams, playing 2 games back to back. Brice is finalizing the details.
 - 5. Old Business Greg Ritter
 - A. League Dues, Paperwork Greg Ritter
 - i. Fees - \$80/player – same as 2010 season
 - ii. Due – 2/4/11
 - iii. Rosters to be updated online by 2/4/11. Jim Lindsey has provided login information to each team.
 - B. January / February activities Greg Ritter
 - i. Coaches meeting – 2/12
 - ii. Coaches paperwork – due 2/12
 - iii. Roster entry – does it include parent email? Can it be added? Would be helpful for distributing information.
 - iv. Scorekeeper’s session – Thursday, 2/10.
Do we need to continue to offer this training? 5-6 teams may need the training. Could scorekeeper’s training be done in conjunction with SWR? This is a great suggestion. Will investigate.
 - C. EMTs will not be utilized for the 2011 season.
 - i. Player safety is still a primary concern. Decision is based on service provided and ability to provide similar service internally versus externally. In any emergency, 911 is the means to securing medical attention.
 - ii. Boy’s league has eliminated EMTs. And boy’s game is much rougher.
 - iii. Home team will be responsible for: working cell phone, ice pack, stocked medical kit, designated medical contact with CPR.
 - iv. Medical kit supply list to be provided by Exec Committee.
 - v. CPR training – Nick Cosmany researching options. Preferred timeframe – mid week. Estimated participants – one person per team (22).
 - vi. AGLA will waive the CPR training fee for one person per club.
 - D. JV rules – will normal or modified rules be used for 2011 season?
 - i. Modified rules – allow checking, but must be below shoulder, on stick side; stick to stick mirroring. Goal is to teach 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.
 - ii. Recommended by US Lacrosse for elementary through middle school
 - iii. Options discussed by AGLA
 - a. Modified rules for all JV games
 - b. Game-by-game decision
 - c. No modified rules
 - iv. JV coaches present at meeting are in favor of consistency across all games. Game-by-game decision creates additional challenges for the coaches.
 - v. This item will be voted on in the February meeting.
6. New Business Greg Ritter
 - A. Request for 8th graders to play Varsity.
 - i. Mountain Pointe, Gilbert, and Tucson have petitioned the Board for 8th graders to play Varsity.

- ii. Other teams may have similar situation – Desert Vista and Desert Mountain
- iii. Prior years – Board has approved an 8th grader to play at Chaparral.
- iv. Tucson – 18 players total, including 3-4 middle schoolers. Physical size of middle schoolers is not an issue. Some of the high school players are smallest on the team. No JV team.
- v. Gilbert – 5 middle schoolers would like to play; one has been eliminated based on size and prior athletic experience. Gilbert will not have a JV team in 2011. With four eight graders, 25 players on varsity team.
- vi. Are injuries a concern? Past injuries include: SWR concussion requiring ambulance transport. Gilbert – broken femur during practice (junior); shoulder injury (Mountain Pointe)
- vii. Vote – In favor of allowing 8th graders to play Varsity, to complete roster
In favor - 16; Opposed – 2
- viii. Above mentioned teams to provide list of 8th graders to play varsity.
- B. Player eligibility – email sent 12/31/10 was incorrect. The email stated the player must attend your school or attend a school (that does not have a lacrosse team) that is closest to your school. The correction is that if the athlete's school does not have a team, the girl is required to play for the team closest to their HOME that accepts other players. Each team is responsible for verifying that each player is eligible to play for their team.
- C. Forms required in binder at each game – USL Lacrosse membership, USL Code of conduct, Player registration. Executive Committee reserves right to audit binders at each game.
- D. Communication between teams – should be conducted by coaches and team managers; NOT players.
Communication from Student Board members should indicate they are representatives of the Student Board.
- E. Scheduling
 - i. Still waiting on some game times – Desert Mountain and one other
 - ii. JV scheduling – Wednesday, Jan 12th. 7pm, Granite Reef.
- 7. Open Discussion All
- 8. Adjourn Meeting
- A. Meeting adjourned 9pm

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 2, 2011, at 7pm

Initial Below	Last name	First name	Position *	Voting MAL	Team	Verify Email
X	Baker	Jim	Coach		Mountain Pointe	jimspoffice1@aol.com
X	Berns	Sara	Parent/MAL	Y	Corona Del Sol	berns@extremezone.com
X	Callen	Bean	Coach	alt	Xavier	bozonelax@yahoo.com
X	Chamberlin	Rod	Coach / MAL	Y	Pinnacle JV	rodchamberlin@cox.net
X	Cocchiola	Rocky	Coach		Estrella	rocky4loans@gmail.com
X	Connell	David	Parent	Y	Desert Vista	connelldr@cox.net
X	Cosmany	Nick	2nd VP	Y	Pinnacle	ncosmany@cox.net
X	Dernier	Ann	MAL	Y	Tucson Storm	dernier@mindspring.com
X	Diercks	Sara	Secretary / Parent	Y	Pinnacle	josaab@hotmail.com
X	Harder	Carol	Other	alt	Horizon	charder@rmrginc.com
X	Hart	Char	Team Manager		Desert Mountain	charlotte.hart@gmail.com
X	Layne	Ronna	Parent	Y	Xavier	laynerj@cox.net
X	Lindsey	Jim	Coach / WebMaster	Y	Pinnacle	jim.lindsey@mac.com
X	Livingston	Jessica	Coach/MAL	Y	Chaparral	jessica@azgl.com
X	Lombard	Sharon	Parent/MAL	Y	Gilbert	sharonankh@gmail.com
X	Miller	Emily	Other			miller.a.emily@gmail.com
X	Pizzi	Laraine	Immediate Past Pres / Coach	Y	Notre Dame Prep	fillyred@hotmail.com
X	Ritter	Greg	President	Y	Pinnacle	gregr@knightbrokerage.com
X	Samuel	Brice	1st VP	Y		brices@me.com
X	Sokol	Vicki		Y	Horizon D2	lsokol@aol.com
X	Wagner	Adrienne	MAL / Coach	Y	PCDS	angrenchik@gmail.com
X	Wagner	Drew	Treasurer	Y		drewwagner42@gmail.com
X	Warshawsky	Cathie	MAL	Y	Horizon JV	lecatwarsh@aol.com