



Arizona Girls Lacrosse Association

**Board of Directors Meeting
October 24th, 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
 - A. Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Adrienne Wager.
 - B. Nick Cosmany, Board President will not be at the meeting and requested that Adrienne run the meeting. The By-laws state that delegation of meeting responsibilities is to be communicated via email to the Board of Directors. The violation of this process was discussed with the member present and no one objected to continuing with the meeting under the direction of the 1st VP, Adrienne Wagner.

2. By-law changes Adrienne Wagner

The meeting members agreed to record the results of the vote; not the specific number in favor and against.

 - A. Change #2 – modify scheduling process to allow use automated tools in place of scheduling meeting.
 - i. Change will support process for 2012 scheduling.
 - ii. Change #2 - Approved
 - B. Change #1 – Merge Varsity D1 & D2 divisions.

Discussion – Note, comments are in no specific order and, unless otherwise specified, are unsubstantiated.

 - i. Pro - the league is not growing, it is shrinking. Per Andrew Kay, there were 2 more teams when the divisions were split
 - ii. Con - Merging divisions – may not be fair to lesser skilled teams or to more skilled teams. Lesser skilled teams may become discouraged and girls may lose interest; which could further reducing the number
 - iii. Con - Tucson would not be comfortable playing D1 teams
 - iv. Con – separate divisions allow the D2 teams to succeed at their own level.
 - v. Con - AIA does not allow a school to have two varsity teams, where the teams would have to play each other. AIA programs structured as Freshman, JV, and Varsity. Similar to AGLA JV, D1, & D2 in that it provides three levels of teams.
 - vi. Con – Connecticut has 60+ teams in one division. AGLA has only 14 teams. That is not enough for 2 divisions.

Opposition – AIA Division 5A has 60+ teams; subdivided into 9 regions of 6 to 9 teams each.

- vii. Con – Boys went through similar process. After splitting into two divisions it took 4-5 years before the league started to grow. Zane Clark saw this first hand as a player.
 - viii. Need to equalize the divisions so teams play an equal number of games. Last year – D1 had 6 and D2 had 8 teams. EC has discussed and reviewed a couple alternatives to even divisions.
 - ix. Neutral – PCDS sees pros and cons for merging and remaining separate.
 - x. If the objective is to merge divisions to create one state champion, this can be accomplished in other ways.
 - xi. AIA has selected Sand Volleyball as the pilot; bowling and lacrosse are also on the table.
 - xii. Need to focus on building the program across the valley. Where is this discussion helping? Efforts should be placed on assisting clubs that are not growing and assisting new clubs build their program. We talk about growing the league; let's do something about it.
 - xiii. Change #1 – Not Approved
- C. Division alignment
- i. Goal – even out divisions.
 - ii. Options – North/South geographic split and D1/D2 division with modifications to even out number of teams.
 - iii. The majority of attendees favored option A: retain a D1/D2 split, moving DV, NDP, and MP to D1, and moving Xavier and Gilbert to D2.
 - iv. EC to take this under advisement.
- D. Boundaries
- i. EC is investigating creation of hard boundaries, similar to the boy's league.
 - ii. Recommendation will include rules regarding grandfathering existing players.
 - iii. Additional information to be provided at November meeting.
- E. Code of Conduct
- i. AGLA meetings should foster open communication in a friendly environment.
 - ii. EC is creating a code of conduct.
 - iii. Code will be attached to the meeting sign in. When signing in for the meeting, you will acknowledge and agree to the terms outlined in the Code.
 - iv. This process may begin in November. The Code of Conduct will be provided via email prior to the meeting.
- F. Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm

Proposed Change #1 - BOD Vote: Not Approved.

Submitter Name: Andrew Kay

Team: Gilbert

Date: 8/24/11

Change to Existing By-Law:

Current By-Law Wording:

5. Championship Format

The Semi-Final playoffs will be the top four teams from each division, regardless of the number of teams within the division. The winners from the Semi-Finals (two winners from each division) compete for the Finals for their division. There will be two State Champions within the league.

8. New Team Requirements

In order to establish an orderly expansion of new Teams within the AGLA, the following requirements are in place. New Teams must:

- Have at least one full time Head Coach (or two Co-Head Coaches)
- Have a field for its use for both practices and games
- Show adequate financial support (as may be indicated by parents or supporters)
- Have an adequate number of players (at least 12) already committed to playing and paying dues
- Accept the fact that the AGLA must feel confident that it can support the new Team with regard to referees, length of season, etc.

The Board of Directors shall have the final authority to accept or reject new Team applications.

Any new team joining the league will play a JV schedule their first year. The second season, the new team will have a choice of moving to Varsity or remaining JV. All new teams must move to Varsity, Division II, after playing two complete seasons.

Any registered club may field a second varsity or junior varsity team, providing there is a designated head coach and a designated team roster that is unique to each team (coaching staff, practice times, etc., may be shared with existing teams). A second varsity team may be added provided the club continues to field a JV team. The second team must first play a JV schedule, and in their second season, would have a choice of moving to Varsity, Division II.

15 G. The varsity division will consist of two divisions based on team skill levels and will be called Division I and Division II. Each team in a division will play every other team in its division twice, both home and away games. Divisions will change yearly according to the prior year standings, with the top team in Division II moving to Division I, and the bottom team in Division I moving to Division II. The teams that are required to change divisions may petition the Executive Committee to stay in their current division, and any team may petition the Executive Committee to change divisions for the upcoming season. The Executive Committee will announce the meeting date, time and location as well as the requested format for information requested for the petition process. In addition to the division games, each team will have the opportunity to schedule a maximum of two inter-division games once the regular season game schedule has been finalized. The inter-division games are optional. The inter-division games will be determined by blind draw. These games will have no bearing on the final division standings and will not be included in the final record of the team.

15 H. All Teams, in each division, will play the same number of AGLA divisional games. Additional pre-season games may be scheduled informally between two Teams, after the scheduling meeting.

17. All Star Selection Process

An All Star Selection Committee shall be formed with the President residing. The committee will identify two Head Coaches. Head Coaches may bring their Assistant Coaches.

- Goalies to be chosen by statistics, with two goalies per team, the top four goalies would make the All Star Team.
- The remainder of the team be chosen by coaches at the end of the season and broken down as follows:

-Top two teams in each division will have 6 players in the All Star Game.

-Middle two teams in each division will have 4 players in the All Star Game.

-The remainder of the teams in each division will have 2 players in the All Star Game.

-Goalie selection will count towards the number of players in the All Star Game.

- Example: Team A finishes in 1st Place in their division and their goalie makes the All Star game statistically. The Coach of Team A gets to choose 5 more players for the All Star Game, for a total of six (6) from Team A.

Proposed By-Law Changes/Wording:

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The Quarter-Final playoffs will be teams ranked #3-6 with teams ranked #1&2 receiving a by. The winners from the Quarter-Finals will play in a Semi-Final against teams ranked #1&2. Winners of the Semi-Finals will compete in the Finals for the Championship.

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Coach of Team A gets to choose 5 more players for the All Star Game, for a total of six (6) from Team A.

Reasoning behind the By-Law Change:

The league is not large enough to sustain two divisions, nor is it diverse enough skill wise.

EC recommendation: Not Approve.

BOD Vote: Not Approved.

Proposed Change #2 - BOD Vote: Approved.

Submitter Name: Adrienne Grenchik Wagner

Team: Mountain Pointe

Date: 17 OCT 2011

Change to Existing By-Law

Current By-Law Wording:

15. Season Scheduling

As determined by the President, a season scheduling meeting shall be held preceding the upcoming regular season. Necessary attendance will be determined by the President. All Teams are required to submit their personal, academic, and social calendars prior to this meeting. Scheduling will be completed by blind draw. Once a team name is drawn, the scheduling proceeds from the lowest ranked team to the highest ranked team in each division. The inter-division scheduling will be completed once both division schedules are complete.

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As determined by the President, season scheduling shall be completed preceding the upcoming regular season. All Teams are required to submit their personal, academic, and social calendars to the scheduler by the declared date. Scheduling will be completed by an automated system. Inter-division scheduling will be the responsibility of the participating teams.

Reasoning behind the By-Law Change:

To reflect the changes in scheduling methodology.

EC recommendation: Approve.

BOD Vote: Approved.

Attendees:

Last name	First name	Position *	Voting MAL	Team
Gallegher	Kerrilynn	Coach / MAL	Y	Chaparral JV
Hart	Char	Team Manager	Y	Desert Mountain
Connell	David	Treasurer	Y	Exec Comm & DV MAL
Diercks	Sara	Secretary		Exec Committee
Wagner	Adrienne	1st VP		Exec Committee
Walker	John	2nd VP		Exec Committee
Kay	Andrew	Coach	alt	Gilbert
Kroll	Beverlee	Team Pres.	Y	Gilbert
Hawk	Greg	Coach		Horizon
Walker	Gwen	MAL - alternate	alt	Horizon
Sokol	Vicki	MAL	Y	Horizon D2
Laub	Stefani	Coach	Y	Horizon Varsity
Amaro	Isauro	Team Mgr / MAL	Y	Mountain Pointe
Baker	Jim	Head Coach	alt	Mountain Pointe
Nolan	Shannon	MAL	Y	PCDS
Podolak	Dave	Coach	alt	Pinnacle
Chamberlin	Rod	Coach	Y	Pinnacle JV
Van Rhijn	Cindy	MAL	Y	Tucson Storm
Callen	Bean	Coach	alt	Xavier
Bebout	Caitlin	Coach / MAL	Y	Xavier Varsity
Clark	Zane			
Rogal	Leslie	Official		