Arizona Girls Lacrosse Association

Board of Directors Meeting
February 2nd, 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
   - Sign-In and Introductions
   Greg Ritter
2. Reading / Approval of 1-5-2011 Meeting Minutes
   Sara Diercks
3. Report of elected officers
   A. Financial Report
      Drew Wagner
   B. Game Reports
      Brice Samuel
      i. Board met with officials, 2/1/11.
      ii. Will be similar to last season, with minor modifications.
      iii. Reports to be completed within 24 hours of game. (Last season timing was 48 hours)
      iv. Teams will self-report player suspended based on red/yellow cards. Violators will be penalized.
         Player cannot be present at the suspended game.
4. Report of Standing Committees
   A. Student Board
      Emily Miller
      i. Captains dinner – 2/12-4:30 to 6pm. Granite Reef Senior Center.
      iii. Fund Raising idea packet – creating and providing
      iv. SWR t-shirts – would like to create/sell t-shirts at SWR. Need to make sure this can be done at the public park.
      v. Gilbert Tigers former player, Liza Koske, took her life last week. Services Friday at LDS church, Elliott and Lindsey on Friday. Organization Lax for Life is looking into
   B. SWR
      Drew Wagner
      i. Report from Adrianne.
      ii. Need EMT. If you have anyone, contact Adrianne. Sat 8-6 and Sun 8-2pm.
      iii. ASU vs Sonoma State – Sat at noon
      iv. Estrella – will not have enough players. Would like to offer players to other teams.
      vi. Running clock
      vii. Are games league or non-league?
         a. Nothing will be recorded; however this does not excuse teams from playing safe and fair (this is not a frat party!)
b. Timeframes are not regulation, and games are pre-season.
c. Red/yellow cards will not apply to regular season.
d. Other non-league games (i.e. Bainbridge & Snohomish) – stats were not recorded last year.

C. AZ Chapter of USL Update

5. Old Business

A. League Dues, Paperwork, Mandatory meeting

i. Fees due Friday, 2/4/11, and rosters need to be loaded to the AZGLA website.

B. Scorekeeper training

i. Classroom, Thursday, 2/10, 7 – 9 pm, Granite Reef.
   a. 7pm  Lacrosse 101
   b. 8pm  Stat keeping, Q&A, changes from prior years

ii. Hands on, 2/26, 11:45am, SWR during ASU game

C. Modified rules

i. Junior high players – may not be able to play due to liability issues. Greg Ritter is contacting insurer, Bollinger, for clarification. Insurance is covered thru USL membership. This insurance is required by officials and fields. Officials are only covered if all players are members of USL. USL does not differentiate between sanctioned and non-sanctioned programs.

ii. Modified checking.
   a. Watched video from USL.
   b. Two major changes:
      1) No checking when stick above shoulder (head of stick).
      2) 3 second rule – maintaining good defensive position for 3 seconds will result in turnover.

   c. Shannon – played modified rules in Maryland. Players learned to back off in the transition.

   d. Intent is to increase safety. Will force new girls to learn good positioning.

   e. LadyRox officials may not have had training prior to the tournament weekend.

   f. Our JV programs are largely made up of 7th and 8th graders; who would play on a middle school program, if AZ had one.

   g. Play would be to the lowest level. If a D2 team includes an 8th grader, their games would be played modified rules.

   h. Official youth rules – pg 78, 83. Describes the criteria under which a middle schooler can play full checking. (i.e. all coaches Level 1 certified)

   i. Recommendation: JV – modified; D1 & D2 – full checking.
      Exception for this year would be for all D2 games to be full checking, even if there is a middle school player.

   j. Decision – need ruling from Bollinger regarding insurability first. Greg to follow-up with Bollinger.
      *** Special meeting to vote on modified vs. full checking will be scheduled for 2/12, 8:30am.

iii. Concussions/Safety Awareness
   a. Officials have final decision on whether player is ready to play. Officials will be trained in concussion awareness. (NFHS.com. This is the same training as
required by AIA.) Officials decision will be in effect through the game or until evaluated by a medical professional.

b. Coaches are encouraged to take this course. It is very informative, free, and takes only 20 minutes.

c. 2011 USL Rule book (page 100+). Suggested guidelines for management of concussions:
   1) Player should not go back into the game or play remainder of day.
   2) An athlete with a concussion should receive proper medical attention.

d. EMTs - decision to forgo EMTs due to lack of value may be reconsidered

e. CPR certification class – still pursuing, will probably be mid week

6. New Business
   A. New rules.... Greg Ritter
      i. Cards hold a stronger weight this year.
      ii. 2 yellows = 1 red.
      iii. One red results in 2 game suspension
      iv. Objective – improve safety of game.
      v. Suspended person, cannot be present at game
      vi. Coaches – responsible for entire bench.
      vii. On 3rd and each subsequent card – team will play shorthanded the remainder of the game - one player per card
      viii. Rules established by USLacrosse.

   B. All American & Academic All American - changes are forthcoming for 2011, including a watch list.

7. Open Discussion
   A. New Official’s training – Feb 4-5. Open to coaches and new officials. Friday night – classroom training downtown. Saturday at Cochise.
   B. Desert Mountain – field scheduling issues. Will request that some home games be played at the visitor field. Char to send email.
   C. Xavier & Chaparral – playing in Santa Barbara Shootout
   D. Pinnacle – playing at Best of the West
   E. Player eligibility – teams must validate all players meet residency requirements laid out in the by laws (12b). Each team is responsible for confirming the player attends their school or lives in closest proximity to the school.
   F. Sideline management – coaches responsible for managing the sidelines and could result in a yellow card.
       Need method to easily recognize the sideline manager. Bright orange safety vest was proposed. (less than favorably received!) Each team to determine how to make the sideline manager readily visible.

8. Adjourn Meeting

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