Arizona Girls Lacrosse Association

Board of Directors Meeting
April 4th, 2012 @ 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
   - Sign-In and Introductions
     A. Meeting called to order by Adrianne Wagner at 7:08pm. Nick Cosmany delegated meeting authority to Adrianne due to his absence at the meeting.
     B. New MALs – Vance Adams (MP), Denny Wurtz (MP), Nelson Rood (DM)

2. Reading / Approval of 3-7-12 BOD Meeting
   A. Minutes approved

3. Report of elected officers
   A. Financial Report
      i. $36,200 income $14,402 expense, excludes about $9000 additional umpire fees.

4. Report of Standing Committees
   A. AZ Chapter of USL Update
      i. All star game – combined format
         a. ALL president informed AZ Chapter that combined all star game will not be feasible this year due to team conflicts.
         b. AGLA All Star game scheduled for 5/18/12 at Scottsdale Sports Complex.
      ii. All American/All Academic
         a. Obtaining information regarding and from coaches proved to be a very difficult process. Active participation is crucial to provide the exposure and recognition the Arizona players deserve. Coaches – please be responsive to the requests.
         c. Laraine Pizzi to provide deadline information to the BOD. Just a reminder, this is a confidential process; only coaches are to have input to this process. Any outside influences could result in disqualification.
         d. This year, there can be 3 All Americans from Arizona.
Information provided by Laraine following the meeting:

1) The deadline for final All-American final nominations is May 15th and the deadline for All-Academic nominations is May 20th.

2) Nomination dates posted to USL website (Players; High School tab) after the national convention and usually before mid-February.

Tickets for 4/25/12 to be raffled by AZ Chapter. Pregame show will include lacrosse information. Raffle winner – Sara Diercks.

iv. Mega night at Reach 11 – Thursday 4/5/12. Rod Chamberlin reported that there will be 13 games, 8 boys teams, 12 girls teams.

B. Other
i. EMTs – League did not offer or agree to provide EMTs at any game in the 2012 season.

ii. May activities:
   a. Saturday, 5/5/12 – End of Year awards meeting. Granite Reef Senior Center, 1pm (location and time to be confirmed) (Derby day)
   b. Tues or Weds (5/8 or 5/9) – Playoffs. Details being finalized.
   c. Friday 5/11/12 – Championship games, Scottsdale Sports Complex.
   d. Friday 5/18/12 – All Star game, Scottsdale Sports Complex.

5. Old Business
A. Game reports
   i. Some coaches are providing information; others are not.
   ii. Game reports are to be sent to John Walker following every game.
   iii. Every coach is responsible for reporting the game stats for every game; even if there are no yellow cards.

B. WNT – update and vote for coaches
   i. Tryouts held 3/24/12
   ii. Attendance was low. 22 girls tried out. Historically there have been 40-60.
   iii. Revenue from tryouts used to offset travel expenses. Less people trying out generated less income.
   iv. Less people may have been a result of the miscommunication on email regarding All American status. Emails should only be coming from the Arizona coordinators, Kerrilyn Gallagher and Tyna Murphy. Need to ensure that everyone understands the impact.
   v. Last year, travel costs were $357 plus airfare. This included ALL expenses; there were no additional expenses the girls incurred over the weekend, except souvenirs.
   vi. Technically, JV players cannot try out. If there is an extenuating circumstance, the coach can petition to the WNT coordinators.
   vii. Next year – recommend that the tryout dates be communicated earlier and more frequently.
   viii. Selectors (volunteer positions) – Kerrilyn Gallagher, Shannon Nolan, Brianne Ruzek, Caitlyn Bebout, Laraine Pizzi, Bryant Johnston, Tyna Murphy, Greg Hawk, Nick Cosmany.
   ix. Thanks for your time and efforts!
   a. Can a parent or coach be a selector? Yes, as long as they do not speak on behalf of their child/players.

ix. Coach applicants
   a. Head coaches: Kerrilyn Gallagher, Shannon Nolan, Brianne Ruzek
   b. Asst coaches: Caitlyn Bebout, Bryant Johnston
c. The BOD voted and selected Kerrilyn Gallagher and Caitlyn Bebout as head and assistant coach of the 2012 Arizona team.

d. Congratulations to Kerrilyn and Caitlyn. Thanks for all who participated.

6. New Business
A. May BOD meeting
   i. Meeting to be moved to 5/9/12.

B. Executive Committee – Open positions
   i. The 2nd VP and Secretary positions will be open. The 2nd VP position is a 3 year term; Secretary is 2 years.
   ii. If interested, please contact Adrianne Wagner. Nominations and voting will occur in the June BOD meeting. Terms to be effective 7/1/12.

C. Statistics –
   i. Some teams have not entered any stats! Stats must be entered within 48 hours of the game.
   ii. Every player that dresses for the game should be marked as a game played.
   iii. For out of state games and scrimmages, only final score and cards will be entered as statistics.
   iv. Tucson games – should stats for non-Tucson girls loaned to Tucson be counted? Recommendation – don’t penalize any girls for being willing to play for Tucson. Board discussed and agreed to the following:
      * Stats are counted if the player is from the opposing team.
      * Stats are not counted if the player is from another program.
      Only 9th – 12th graders can play for Tucson because it is D2.

D. Playoff and Championship games – dates to be finalized soon. Tentative: Playoffs week of 5/7/12, Championship game 5/11/12.

E. By law proposals – to be added to June agenda. Recommend having a separate discussion to hammer out the details of the by-law, prior to the presenting the by-law to the board.
   i. AGLA season should parallel AIA calendar.
   ii. Combine divisions – eliminate JV North/South separation. Divisions would be Varsity, JV, freshman/middle school.
   iii. Eliminate Immediate Past President as voting member.

7. Open Discussion
A. Coaches – must be listed on web site
B. Email list – confirm DV (Frankie & Jodi) coaches are on the list. (This has been confirmed.)
C. New volunteers – how do we get some retirees or other non-working people engaged.
D. Sportsmanship – there have been several reports of poor sportsmanship: players, coaches, and sidelines. Foul language will not be tolerated. Players, coaches, referees deserve respect.
E. Sideline manager – should be someone with outgoing personality; someone not afraid to approach unruly fans. Next year need to promote this position.
   USL has a Sportsmanship Card available at http://www.uslacrosse.org/TopNav2Right/ProgramsGrants/SportsmanshipCard.aspx
   There is also a designated script to be used by the sideline manager.
F. There have been a lot of good ideas in prior meetings. Action should be taken on these ideas. For example, SWR planning needs to begin now. This will be added to the May agenda.
8. **Adjourn Meeting**

A. Meeting adjourned at 8:47am

*Next scheduled meeting: May 9th, 2012, 7pm*

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