



## Arizona Girls Lacrosse Association

**Board of Directors Meeting  
June 6th, 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 John Walker
  - Sign-In and Introductions
  - A. Meeting called to order at 7:13pm by John Walker.
  - B. Congratulations to Jessica (Livingston) Barden on her recent marriage.
  - C. MAL changes for the 2013 season can be submitted by using form on the AGLA website. Complete list of MALs and change request form is available under the AGLA Board link.
  
2. Reading / Approval of 4-4-12 BOD Meeting Minutes Sara Diercks
  - A. May meeting was cancelled.
  - B. April minutes approved as written.
  - C. Clarification to February meeting minutes, Section 5.A.ix. The minutes state "Players meeting grade requirements can play difference of games in the opposite division." The discussion was regarding players moving between JV and Varsity. Players are not allowed to move between D1 and D2 varsity teams. Amended minutes will be posted to the website.
  
3. Report of elected officers Dave Connell
  - A. Financial Report
    - i. Income over expenses for 2012 season - \$7,900
    - ii. Revenue – \$36,600 (League Fees & SWR)
    - iii. WNT Donation - \$500
    - iv. Bank balance - \$19,000
    - v. SWR Revenue may have been a one-time occurrence. Similar revenue may not be guaranteed in future years.
    - vi. Need to determine budget for next season and consider reducing fees.
    - vii. Executive Committee to develop draft of strategic plan.
    - viii. Anyone with ideas or desire to be involved in the creation of the strategic plan – please contact the Executive Committee.
  
4. Report of Standing Committees
  - A. AZ Chapter of USL Update
  
5. Old Business K. Gallagher
  - A. WNT – tournament results

- i. Great experience; stayed in dorms; enjoyed the rain.
  - ii. Played 5 games. The girls showed tremendous improvement from the first to the last game.
  - iii. Girls connected and played very well together. Coaches were very impressed!
  
- 6. New Business
  - A. Season review
    - i. See 2012 Season In Review below.
    - ii. Primary concerns:
      - a. Scheduling – need committee to determine best method for next season.
      - b. Committees – revisit Kerrilynn’s document in July. Form committees in July or August.
  - B. Executive Committee nominations and voting (1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and Secretary)
    - i. General discussion
      - a. John Walker’s path to Presidency – John elected to 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for the 2011-2012 season; moved to 1<sup>st</sup> VP with Nick Cosmany’s resignation; moved to President when Adrienne Wagner resigned in late May. John will be president for the 2012-2013 season; the newly elected 1<sup>st</sup> VP will move to the President position the following year.
      - b. Need to consider changing the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position from three year to two year commitment with a focus on Director of Committees or Marketing, or something similar. Those in attendance liked this idea.
    - ii. EC Nominations and Voting
      - a. Rod Chamberlin – 1<sup>st</sup> VP
      - b. Shannon Nolan – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
      - c. Kerrilynn Gallagher – Secretary
      - d. Voting results - Nominees elected to the positions identified above.
      - e. Congratulations and thank you!!!!
    - iii. Webmaster
      - a. Shannon Nolan and Jenny Sica will share the webmaster responsibilities next year.
      - b. Thank you to Sara Berns for your patience and hard work to keep the website and schedule up to date.
  - C. By-law changes
    - i. See Proposed By-Law Changes below.
    - ii. Recommend having a Saturday planning session.
    - iii. Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 4pm. Location TBD.
    - iv. August Board meeting moved to August 15<sup>th</sup>.
  
- 7. Open Discussion
  - A. Need more volunteers.
  - B. Thanks for a stress free meeting!
  - C. AIA dates
    - i. Practice – start Feb 4th
    - ii. Games – start Feb 25th
    - iii. Post season – start May 6th
  
- 8. Adjourn Meeting
  - A. Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

***Next scheduled meeting: July 11th, 2012, 7pm***

Attendees:

<b>Last name</b>	<b>First name</b>	<b>Position *</b>	<b>Voting MAL</b>	<b>Team</b>
Adams	Vance	Team Mgr / MAL	Y	Mountain Pointe
Baker	Jim	Head Coach	N	Mountain Pointe
Barden	Jessica	Coach/MAL	Y	Chaparral
Berns	Sara	Webmaster	Y	Corona Del Sol
Chamberlin	Rod	Coach	Y	Pinnacle D2
Connell	David	Treasurer / MAL	Y	Exec Committee / Desert Vista
Diercks	Sara	Secretary		Exec Committee
Gallagher	Kerrilynn	Coach / MAL	Y	Chaparral JV
Grismore	Kathy	MAL	Y	Corona
Hart	Char	Team Manager	Y	Desert Mountain
Hawk	Greg	Coach	Y	Horizon
Kroll	Beverlee	Team Pres.	N	Gilbert
Nolan	Shannon	Coach/MAL	Y	PCDS
Rogal	Leslie	Official	Y	
Ruzek	Brianne	Coach	N	Pinnacle
Sica	Jenny	MAL	Y	Chaparral/DM
Titsch	Bob	MAL	Y	Pinnacle
Walker	Gwen	MAL - alternate	alt	Horizon
Walker	John	President		Exec Committee

## 2012 Season in Review

1. Friday night lights - awesome ... (Shannon Nolan & others)
  - A. Field availability biggest issue
  - B. Consider doing same on South Side
    - i. Pecos Park – contact City of Phoenix
    - ii. Need someone to coordinate
  - C. Is Saturday another option for this concept?
    - i. Pro's
      - a. Relieves pressure during the week
    - ii. Cons
      - a. Interferes with work commitments and SAT testing
2. Combine divisions to get more games (JV & Varsity) (Jessica Barden)
3. Align with AIA season (Kerrilynn Gallagher)
4. Scheduling
  - A. Hard to manage changes throughout season (Sara Berns)
    - i. Consider defining process.
    - ii. Consider using League Athletics. However, decentralizing change process may create problems.
    - iii. Were changes valid? Yes, for the most part.
    - iv. Were there more changes this year? Yes! Resulted from scheduling process.
  - B. Automated scheduling needs improvement (All)
    - i. No double headers – caused problems and increased expense with field lining etc.
    - ii. Back to back games (some teams had games two or three days in a row)
    - iii. Recommend doing JV scheduling after Varsity scheduling (regardless of using automated or manual process). Would allow for scheduling of back to back games.
    - iv. Black-out dates were not adhered to
    - v. Create committee to do scheduling. Rod Chamberlin, Greg Hawk, Gwen Walker offered to participate.
    - vi. 2011 scheduling – combined automated and manual process. This seemed to be better. Automated process was used to create a strawman, all games finalized in horse-trading style.
    - vii. Refs –
      - a. Impacted by no double headers.
        - 1) Refs were able to ref less games.
        - 2) Required more reffing crews on any given night
      - b. Friday night lights – maxed out the refs. Less fields would be better.
  - C. League Athletics website has a lot of features - may include feature to schedule games. (Shannon Nolan)
  - D. Include league related Black-out dates – BOD meetings (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month), Umpire meetings (1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month)
5. Committees
  - A. Put more emphasis on committees.
  - B. Discuss committees at July board meeting

6. Statistics
  - A. Stats not consistent across teams.
    - i. Training – create group
  - B. Consider creating a group of parents/refs to take stats. Independent third party would take stats. Stat keepers would have no vested interest in the game.
  - C. Consider eliminating stats (at league level). Other programs do not keep stats.
    - i. Stats used for EOY awards.
    - ii. Boys league tracks stats.
    - iii. College recruiters do not look at stats.
    - iv. Would put emphasis on team, rather than individual, play.
7. BOD meetings
  - A. Coaches should participate
  - B. Parent representatives are good, but bring different perspective than a coach.
8. Boundaries (Brianne Ruzek)
  - A. Put boundaries on website. So there is no misunderstanding of which team to play for.
9. New teams (Rod Chamberlin, via email)
  - A. New teams are assigned a “mentor” coach and/or team manager from another program to help them with paperwork, game day requirements, etc.

## **Proposed By-law changes**

### **2012 - 2013 Season**

1. Change of Game Date - AGLA Rules and Regulations – Section 14.
  - a. A Team requesting a change in a regular season game date is subject to forfeiture in the event that the opposing Team, EMT's or referees are not able to accommodate the requested change. In the event that both Teams are able to establish a new date and secure officials and EMT's, then no forfeit shall occur and the game shall be played on the new date. The new game date, time, and location must be communicated to the President, Secretary, Head Referee, EMT Coordinator, and Web site coordinator at least 24 hours prior to the game.
  - b. Proposed change: REMOVE reference to EMT's.
  - c. Proposed by John Walker, 4/12/12
2. AGLA season should parallel AIA calendar - Proposed by Kerilynn Gallagher, 4/12/12
3. Combine divisions – eliminate JV North/South separation. Divisions would be Varsity, JV, freshman/middle school. Proposed by Kerilynn Gallagher, 4/12/12
4. Eliminate Immediate Past President as voting member. Proposed by Sara Diercks, 4/12/12
5. Restrict coaches from engaging in practice, tournaments etc during off season when 80% of players are from one team. Purpose is to focus on girl's individual progression. Proposed by Shannon Nolan, 5/26/12.
6. New teams – add that new teams need to have 2 jerseys or a reversible jersey (Hamilton bought jerseys that are not reversible and only 1 color). Proposed by Rod Chamberlin, 3/12/11.

**2012 / 2013 AGLA Member At Large Designees**

**updated  
6/12/2012**

*Teams in yellow do not have full MAL representation on file*

	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Alternate*</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Chaparral Varsity	Jessica Barden		Jenny Sica	7/3/12
Chaparral JV	Kerrilynn Gallagher			
Corona Varsity	Sara Berns		Pete Castiglione	12/28/11
Corona JV	Kathy Grismore			
Desert Mountain	Char Hart		Nelson Rood	3/1/12
Desert Vista	Dave Connell			
Gilbert Varsity	Sharon Lombard		Andrew Kay	
Hamilton	Bret Costelow			
Horizon Varsity D1	Stefani Laub		Gwen Walker	
Horizon Varsity D2	Vicki Sokol			
Horizon JV	Greg Hawk	12/28/11		
Mountain Pointe	Vance Adams	3/28/12	Jim Baker	7/3/12
Mountain Pointe JV	Denny Wurtz	3/28/12		
Notre Dame	Joy Greenberg			
PCDS Varsity	Shannon Nolan		Bethany Lee	
PCDS JV	Madeleine Chapman	11/9/11		
Pinnacle Varsity D1	Bob Titsch		Dave Podolak	
Pinnacle Varsity D2	Rod Chamberlin			
Pinnacle JV	Bryant Johnson			
Tucson Storm	Cindy Van Rhijn		Ann Dernier	
Xavier	Caitlin Bebout		Bean Callen	
Xavier JV	Ronna Layne			
Umpire	Leslie Rogel	11/9/11	Tyna Murphy	

**Executive Committee Voting Members**

Immediate past president Greg Ritter

Effective date represents when the person became an MAL. If blank, the MAL has been in the position since 7/1/11 or earlier.

\*One alternate per club team, regardless of the number of teams within that club with MALs