



Arizona Girls Lacrosse Association

Meeting Date: March 5th 2014, 7pm
Meeting Location: Xavier - Lutfy Hall, 7th St and Highland entrance

Minutes

1. Roll Call - Sign-In and Introductions Rod Chamberlin
 - A. Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.
 - B. Rod Chamberlin presiding in John's place. John is traveling for business. (See notification sent 3/5/14.)

2. Reading / Approval of February Meeting Minutes Sara Diercks
 - A. February meeting minutes approved as written.

3. Report of elected officers Sara Diercks
 - A. Financial Report
 - i. League dues received from all clubs except PCDS and NDP. All fees must be received by 3/12/14. Any teams with outstanding payment beginning 3/13/14 will forfeit or need to reschedule games until payment is received by AGLA treasurer.
 - ii. Officials' fees due 3/10/14.

4. Report of Standing Committees All
 - A. AZ Chapter of USL Update
 - B. Committee Updates Elaine Smith/Sara Diercks
 - a. Southwest Round-Up Elaine Smith/Sara Diercks
 - 1) 2014 update and feedback
 - (i) Overall, tournament was a success
 - (ii) Schedule should be available earlier
 - 2) 2015 planning
 - (i) Attendees agreed that we should move forward with reserving fields at Friendship Park for 2015. Will consider reserving more fields or multiple days, in hopes that advanced planning and marketing will result in a larger tournament next year.
 - (ii) Avoid ACT/SAT dates (1/24, 1/25, 2/7/15).
 - (iii) Add vendors/concessions.
 - b. Registration status Mark Nichols/Rod Chamberlin
 - 1) No outstanding issues.
 - 2) Next year – need to plan a training session for one representative per team. Goal is to eliminate the issues from this year. Biggest issue was players trying to register themselves, rather than parent registering and then registering the players.
 - 3) Per AIA schedule, 2015 tryouts can be 2nd week in February (approx.). Next year Xavier will follow the AIA schedule. This will complicate some things (scheduling,

registration, fees) but will simplify other things (tryouts overlapping with winter sports).

- 4) Recommend there be an AIA study session to review calendar and impact to our registration timeline and schedule.
- 5) Huge thank you to Mark Nichols. He got thrown into the fire with the registration issues and quickly learned the site and effectively helped all teams.
- 6) Adding players throughout the season is acceptable. Player must be rostered and payment is due prior to playing in a game.

c. Scheduling update

Rod Chamberlin

- 1) Next year – black out ACT/SAT dates.
- 2) Horizon will not have a JV team this year. JV schedule is down to 9 games per team. Scheduling committee is considering adding another game per team, or allowing each team to schedule scrimmages in place of the Horizon game. Officials for the scrimmage will be the responsibility of the teams.
- 3) The number of scheduling changes has been extraordinary. Need to focus on this next year to ensure that all teams understand the importance of this activity.
- 4) Rainouts – several games need to be rescheduled. Please try to get these scheduled early in the season. Later in the season officials and teams become very busy and have limited availability.

d. Post Season

Shannon Nolan

- 1) Post-season committee has submitted recommendation to the EC.
- 2) Division Standings
 - (i) Bylaws indicate division standings will be based on team win-loss records for regular season games.
 - (ii) Post-season committee recommended that the McLaughlin index be used.
 1. $(Wins * 2 + Ties) / (Games * 2)$
 2. Example: 11-0-1 record will be ahead of a team with 12-1 record.
 3. This is not a change to the bylaws; it is a clarification.
 - (iii) Meeting attendees agreed with this clarification
- 3) Tie breaker
 - (i) By laws indicate the tie breaker is determined as follows:
 1. Head to head results
 2. Goal differential in games played against each other
 3. Relative strength of wins (see example in bylaws)
 4. Coin Flip (if more than two teams, the teams will draw from a hat to determine the coin flip order)
 - (ii) Post-season committee recommended the following:
 1. Head to head results
 2. Goal differential in all games
 3. Coin Flip (if more than two teams, the teams will draw from a hat to determine the coin flip order)
 - (iii) Meeting attendees suggested and agreed with the following:
 1. Head to head results
 2. Goal differential in games played against each other
 3. Relative strength of wins (see example in bylaws)
 4. Goals against
- 4) Website is currently set up to calculate standings based on the Committees recommendation.
- 5) EC to review Post Season committee recommendation and provide feedback
- 6) Post season awards meeting – May 3rd, 1-3pm, XCP

- e. Playoff games
 - 1) Will be held at Grand Canyon University. GCU has been great to work with and the prices are reasonable.
 - 2) Seating for 300 people. Fans will be allowed to bring chairs.
 - 3) Championship games – Friday, May 9th.

- 5. Old Business
 - A. Registration status Mark Nichols/Rod Chamberlin
 - i. See above
 - B. Scheduling update Rod Chamberlin
 - i. See above
 - C. WNT John Walker
 - i. John Walker is the chairperson. Attendees of February Board meeting discussed and recommended tryouts be held on 4/5/14. Additional information received after the meeting has required committee to reconsider this date. Tentative date is now Friday, 3/28.

- 6. New Business/Open Discussion
 - A. Season update
 - i. 48 hour Roster rule – Per by-laws all players must be rostered 48 hours prior to playing in a game.
 - ii. 24 hour – Roster must be sent to opposing team 24 hours prior to game.
 - iii. JV players playing up should be listed on the Varsity roster with the position “JV player playing up”.
 - iv. Sideline manager – Lanyards have been distributed. Lanyards must worn at the games and the sideline manager needs to be identified to the officials. If no sideline manager, team will play down one player for first 2 minutes of second half.
 - v. Canceled games – please include officials (game specific officials and Lance) and EC on game cancelation notification.
 - vi. Stats – Currently coaches can see their team only. League Athletics supports two options: Public or Private (own team only).
General concensus from meeting attendees is that the stats should be public.
 - B. Open EC positions Rod Chamberlin
 - i. 1st VP position is open, as discussed at February meeting.
 - ii. Mark Nichols has expressed interest in this position. No other volunteers stepped forward.
 - iii. The attendees unanimously approved Mark as the 1st VP. Congratulations and Thank you, Mark! This appointment is effective immediately and extends through the presidency as identified in the by-laws.
 - C. Parent/volunteer recruitment All
 - i. This agenda item was requested by Mark Nichols, to brainstorm ways to get more involvement.
 - ii. Discussion postponed until April meeting
 - D. Stick stringing rules - Grace period thru 3/17/14. See picture at:
http://www.bfgirlslax.com/Resources/pdfs/Lacrosse_Shooting_String_Requirements.pdf.
**Note, after meeting, grace period was further extended to 3/31/14.
 - E. Goalie training – Matt Livingston will try to organize an informal training for goalies. Tori Hawk and Ali Smith have helped a few teams; the training has been very well received.

- 7. Adjourn meeting

A. Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Next scheduled meeting: April 2nd 2014, 7pm

Note: May meeting will be the second Wednesday of the month, May 14th.

Meeting Attendees:

X	Chamberlin	Rod	2nd VP	N	
X	Diercks	Sara	Secr/Treasurer	N	
X	Gallagher	Kerrilynn	Coach	Y	Chaparral JV
X	Kaiser	Jennifer	Parent	Y	Notre Dame Prep
X	Layne	Ronna	Parent	Y	Xavier
X	Livingston	Matthew	Parent	Y	Horizon
X	Miller	Rob	Parent	Y	Desert Vista
X	Nichols	Mark	Coach	Y	Hamilton
X	Schiff	Elana	Parent	Y	Desert Mountain
X	Smith	Elaine	Parent	Y	Pinnacle
X	Steele	Ryan	Team Mgr	Y	Tucson Storm
X	Turnbull	Whitney	Coach	Y	Gilbert
X	Williams	Tanya	Manager	Y	Gilbert
X	Woodard	Jon	Parent	Y	Chaparral