



Meeting Date: June 5, 2013

Location: Granite Reef Senior Center

1. **Roll Call/Welcome** (John Walker, President) Meeting called to order 7:06pm

a) Sign-In and Introductions

2. **Reading Approval of May Meeting Minutes** - May meeting minutes approved

3. **Report of Elected Officers**

a) Financial Report (Dave Connell, Treasurer)

b) 90 girls fewer this year resulted in a negative gain of \$2,000.

c) Balance currently stands at \$17,000

d) For next year fees may need to increase or league will have to find more girls

e) Do more research on what grade levels the girls are in who participated this year and over all examine the data collected via the website registration

4. **Report of Standing Committees**

a) AZ Chapter of USL Update All America Updates

First Team All-American:

Holly Berns - Marcos de Niza (Corona del Sol)

Areta Bunes - Xavier College Preparatory

Honorable Mention All-American:

Aly Smith - Pinnacle

Jackie Pitts Award:

Sara Phister - Mountain Pointe

All-Academic:

Meriam Avades - Pinnacle

Alex Chamberlin - Pinnacle

Anica Frey - Pinnacle

Sara Phister - Mountain Pointe

Lauren McDonald - Mountain Pointe

Jessica Zhu - Mountain Pointe

Jessica Roberts - Horizon

Shay Grega - Horizon

Taylor German - Horizon

Emily Lewis - Horizon

Tori Hawk - Horizon

Holly Berns - Marcos de Niza (Corona del Sol)

Emily Beiser - Chaparral

Madeline Sarussi - Chaparral

Alyssa Goldberg - Desert Vista

5. Acknowledgement of State Champions

- a) **Hamilton Huskies for JV**
- b) **Pinnacle Pioneers for Varsity**

6. Nominations/Voting for Open EC Positions

- a) Current 1st VP would like to stay on EC as 1st VP rather than move to President role, there have been other individuals who have stepped forward for open positions.

Open Discussion on topic:

EC can advise BOD to vote on the topics below sans quorum in order to keep the league moving. BOD approved to vote on open EC positions as it is in the best interest of the league. EC has discussed making the 2nd VP position a two year "Growth and Development" position. Could the league look into possibly bringing on a person to help run the league (outside of the board) and pay them for their services. The commitments of the EC should be two year terms, this promotes a line of mentoring and healthy maturation of EC members, the 3 year term is very long.

- i) 1st VP Current Nomination(s): Kristen Kelly, Shannon Nolan
(1) **Kristen Kelly**
- ii) 2nd VP Current Nomination(s): Rod Chamberlin
(1) **Rod Chamberlin will be the 2nd VP**
- iii) Treasurer Current Nomination(s): **Sara Diercks, Secretary 2010/2012**
- iv) President Nominations: John Walker
(1) **John Walker**

7. Post Season Discussion

a) Scheduling

Chap:

- Lots of changes that were well managed.
- Spreading out games between teams rather than playing back to back the same team
- Pizza Party style scheduling meeting

Gilbert:

- Having scheduling meeting earlier in the season

Hamilton:

- The number of games this season was much more appropriate compared to the 2012 season

Horizon:

- Have a computer generated schedule by August with spring breaks already blacked out and have a schedule meeting in September. A hybrid approach

NDP:

- If we go back to the "Pizza system" there should be a fair way to decide the order teams get to schedule their games. The last time we did this the higher ranked teams got first crack at their scheduling leaving the lowest ranked and already struggling teams with the hardest job to schedule games. Thus, the worst schedules. Lowest ranked/ new/ struggling teams should be not be at a disadvantage in this process.
- Continue to fall as closely in line with AIA as possible.

Pinnacle:

- If there is a Pizza Party a new By Law will have to be written for how team will select teams.
- Have a club from the south side of town host a similar "Friday Night Lights".
- Clubs should have a limit on black out dates.
- Get schedule out to clubs by October.

b) Play-Offs/All Stars

Chap:

- Great to have JV play-offs this year.
- Having the All Star game being North vs South.

- Setting a precedent for behavior at the State Finals game

Desert Vista:

- Great having All Star game on same night as boys.
- Could board consider a different gift for All Star game, instead of the pinny maybe something more creative (or even a new jersey)

Gilbert

Hamilton:

- Have State game more central.
- Turf was very hot for JV game, maybe consider having early game on grass.

Horizon:

NDP:

- More advanced notice for All Star game

Pinn:

- Play-offs/finals location that is more in the middle.
- Consider charging admission for games in the post season.
- Have score table official for play offs.
- All Star selection process for the coaches will be posted on the website. Schedule Championship game on different night than the boys (if possible).
- Note AP testing dates when scheduling

c) Growth and Development

Chap:

- Status Plan for the Growth and Development.

Desert Vista:

- Middle school boys do all their games on a jamboree type setting on Saturdays.
- Get planning now for the middle school program. Has to be worked on in advanced and have advertisements. There must be enough momentum to sign up and commit.

Gilbert:

- Adding a position to the EC that is solely responsible for Growth and Development

Hamilton:

Horizon:

- Middle School league should be in the fall (September).

NDP:

Pinn:

Officials:

- d) Volunteer Management Position** (Position to ensure that programs are represented fairly in the support, running, and growth of the league) Create a job task for volunteers so that it gets done. This person needs to have time.

Chap:

- Create defined scope for this position

e) SWR

Chap:

- New location, have it this year! Make it a great kick off event

Desert Vista:

Gilbert:

Hamilton:

- Have it later in February

Horizon:

- Look into different dates

Pinn:

- Have more out of state teams, which means we would need to get a better facility.
- Have people get this up and running ASAP.

f) WEBSITE

Chap:

- Use it MORE for communication

Desert Vista:

- Lots of info is in there. Each team should provide better description for fields.

Gilbert:

- Very effective website. Difficulty logging in to post stats.

g) REGISTRATION

Chap:

- Better guidance and early communication regarding registration process

Desert Vista:

- Lots of glitches in the system that caused problems.
- Troubleshooting guide for most common problems.
- Make the waivers imbedded electronically for player to sign.
- Ability to print reports rather than having all papers on site at games.

Hamilton:

- League should create easy tutorial on how to do it and send out link

Pinn:

- Add Registration for all coaches.

h) OFFICIALS

Chap:

Desert Mt:

- A few games had Safety concerns

Desert Vista:

- Appreciated officials who went to side lines to talk to parents about the girls game

Horizon:

- Appreciated that the girls were able to play more this season. Congrats to the officials!
- Lack of consistency and lack of knowledge of rules during games.

Pinn:

- Lack of consistency on JV level re: Modified Checking

i) COACHES

- Hard and fast discipline for poor coaching sideline behavior.
- Umpires let some things slip this year (as they tried to focus on the girls)
- Feedback back to coaches about their game reports they file
- Use Mandatory coach's meeting to address behavior
- Limit the number of coaches on sideline to 1 head and 2 assistants
- More coaches on sideline is better to help mentor new coaches – especially JV staying for varsity game.
- US Lacrosse coaching certification should be promoted by teams
- Five coaches yelling from a sideline is overwhelming

- Guidelines for coaches that should be hard and fast, if not followed the coaches should be penalized. Feedback for game reports
- Discuss coaching conduct at coaches meeting
- Limit number of coaches on sideline to 1 head coach and 2 assistants.