



Arizona Girls Lacrosse Association

Meeting Date: November 6th at 7pm
Meeting Location: Granite Reef Senior Center (1700 N. Granite Reef Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257)

Minutes

1. Roll Call - Sign-In and Introductions Shannon Nolan
 - A. Motion to continue with a meeting in the absence of a quorum passed.
2. Reading / Approval of September Meeting Minutes Shannon Nolan
 - A. Meeting minutes approved as submitted.
3. Report of elected officers Shannon Nolan
 - A. Financial Report
 - i. In Sara's absence EC reported no additional costs incurred from last meeting.
 - ii. EC was asked who determines the overall Budget and player fees. Rod expressed that the EC determines that with feedback from the Board. Board member asked to see a copy of our Budget.
4. Report of Standing Committees Rod Chamberlin
 - A. AZ Chapter of USL Update
 - i. EC reported that there was no presence from any parent, player, coach, or Board member at the "Grow the Game" event. Board responses included: Cost excessive, nothing for the girls, coincided with many local events.
 - ii. Several concerns were brought up about the usefulness or goals of the AZ Chapter.
 - B. Committee Updates All
 - a. Public Relations
 - i. Nothing new to report from committee?
 - ii. Some teams are writing game reports after each game during the season. Shannon urged those teams to submit write-ups to the AGLA Webmaster and they will be posted on the AGLA website. We hope this will motivate all teams to provide these which will bring added interest to the League, their respective clubs, and provide more life to the website during the season.
 - iii. Desert Vista reported reaching out to a reporter and having an article written in the Community section of the AZ Republic. Although some information was cut from final article it was well received by all. Pinnacle found a couple of community "Newsletters" (Desert Ridge & Grey Hawk) looking for articles to insert in their publication at no cost. Again, very well received. These opportunities are available if teams research community publications and reach out.
 - b. Growth and Development (including middle school league)
 - i. Responses from the email sent October 12th were very limited and no real commitments were received indicating an organization would (or could) field a team.
 - ii. Shannon proposed an idea for a "Game of the Week" where each week a game/location is selected to provide a Mini-Clinic for youth players. Board thought this was a great idea and offered to help provide coaches/players as necessary.
 - iii. Ann Miller provided information on an event called LAX FOR LIFE December 7th. Organizers are willing to provide us with space for a booth, possibly a field to scrimmage or use for Youth clinics. Board was unanimously in favor of supporting this event. Ann Miller will provide information and EC will assist in procuring necessary equipment, coaches, experienced players etc. to help promote LAX FOR LIFE.

- c. Post Season
 - i. Committee hasn't met yet. Many new policies were put in place last year as the league transitioned from D1 & D2 varsity teams to a single division. Committee will review to see if any changes are recommended.
 - ii. Dates are tentatively set. Venue TBD; Playoffs-Week of May 5th ; All-Star Game-May 16th
- d. Southwest Round-Up
 - i. Current date for SWR is Feb. 8th and a Chairperson for the committee is still needed.
 - ii. Committee volunteers need to know if the League has a budget for the event. Is the League looking at this as a fundraising opportunity or simply a "break even" event designed to provide teams an opportunity for pre-season tune-up?
 - iii. All attendees were disappointed at the lack of SWR last year. It was acknowledged that the previous sentiment that SWR was not desirable since the teams would be playing each other shortly following the tournament does NOT reflect the current feelings. Most attendees were less concerned with the quality of the location and more concerned with an event every team is able to participate and experience.
 - iv. Suggestion was made to reach out and include the Arizona college teams; ASU, UofA, NAU, Grand Canyon University, and possibly even the Arizona Storm.
- e. Scheduling
 - ii. Scheduling meeting went well and all but one team was represented. (Gilbert absent).
 - iii. All game changes have been made and teams are required to review the schedule on the Website ASAP to verify. Teams may still negotiate with each other for alternate times and EC provided the parameters when doing so.
 - iv. Rod informed teams that Reach 11 provided a date for Friday Night Lights not previously included (March 21st) and we may need to be creative and move some games on March 20th and March 22nd in order for this to work.

5. Old Business

John Walker

A. Clinics – middle school/youth

- i. See notes in Growth & Development Committee.

6. New Business/Open Discussion

- A. Briefly discussed the Transfer Bylaw passed the EC. Some Board members didn't understand why the EC voted in lieu of the Board MALs. It was explained that we did not have the required quorum at previous meetings necessary for the Board to vote. EC also explained that it listened to comments the past (2) months and made the decision to vote on the Bylaw. We discussed the Bylaw allowing the EC to vote on issues when a quorum wasn't present and informed the Board that had we not voted on the amendment it would have been delayed at least another month as we were absent a quorum for this evening's meeting.

7. Adjourn meeting

- A. Meeting adjourned @ 8:59pm.

Next scheduled meeting: December 4th , 2013, 7pm