

YLM ANNUAL MEETING

1/17/07

CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER, BLOOMINGTON, MN

Meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm by Tom Lauer, President.

1. Synopsis of YLM's first year, introductions of the Board, Roll call of member associations that were present.
2. Scott Hugdahl – Rules. The goal for this year will continue to be uniformity. Rules will be posted on the website for everyone to print off for coaches. YLM follows regulation US Lacrosse Rules with the Youth Addendum. In addition, YLM enforces lacrosse helmets (NOT hockey helmets) for all age levels, a 2-pass rule for 3-4th graders (the count starts over when the ball touches the ground, regardless of possession), and a ground ball scrum rule.
3. Rob Graf, UMD head coach, offered suggestions for the 3-4th grade program, including:
 - a. shortened field length (crossways on a regulation field)
 - b. 7 on 7 teams
 - c. no goalie

Discussion regarding field and coach availability ensued, with Tom Lauer recommending a committee be formed to look into the 3-4th grade issues at a later date.

4. Clarifications were asked for regarding checking and stick length. Checking will be defined clearly in rules document posted to the website. Stick length is within regulation ranges set forth by US Lacrosse.
5. Reminders were made for the MBSLA 7/8 and 9/10 scheduling meeting on January 20. Reminders were made for the MBSLA-sponsored coaching clinic on January 27.
6. Keith Knutson – Referee/Coach training. This year, YLM will require all referees be in 10th grade or older. They will have to complete Level 1 certification or re-certification (with the number of classroom/field hours TBD) and sign a Code of Conduct form. In addition, they should have a coach's recommendation. Coaches will be required to complete a 90-minute training session and sign a Code of Conduct form. Coaches will also be encouraged to audit a referee training session.
7. Jeff King indicated that the Level 1 certification program has been rewritten with extensive changes to classroom/field requirements. Sites and dates will be established to provide training to the YLM referees prior to the season. MBSLA

- will be offering re-certification on January 27, in conjunction with the coaches' clinic.
8. Associations will be responsible for checking on the certification of visiting referees and for hiring only certified referees for their home games.
 9. Tom Lauer – Scheduling. The Board recommended that the 2007 season be:
5/29-7/12 Regular season
7/16-7/19 District playoffs
7/21-7/22 State tournaments
Scheduling will be done by District Directors, so Associations will need to get their field availability/team information to the Directors by a date that will be determined later. Ray Moles was thanked for his hard work putting together the 2006 season for all districts.
 10. Scott Hugdahl – A/B Bracketing. During the YLM Board meeting in November, the board decided to recommend offering A/B bracketing in the league for the 2007 season. However, a great deal of discussion ensued regarding A/B bracketing. A number of organizations felt that A/B teams would offer the best opportunities for both the most talented players as well as the beginning players because of experience-targeted coaching/competition. An equal number of organizations felt that segregating players before high school would not necessarily help the more and less experienced players, and might cause too much traveling. Two votes were taken:
 - a. “YLM will offer A/B at the 5-6th grade level.” **The associations present unanimously agreed that A/B will NOT be offered at the 5-6th grade level.**
 - b. “YLM will offer A/B at the 7-8th grade level.” A roll call vote was taken. The result was 9 votes for the resolution and 8 votes against. **Therefore, YLM WILL offer A/B bracketing at the 7-8th grade level.** Associations will be responsible for determining how to divide teams, if they have more than one team at the 7-8th grade level. Associations with only one team at the 7-8th grade level can register in either the A or B bracket. Associations with more than one team at the 7-8th grade level can register their teams in any combination of A or B.
 11. Tom Lauer – Girls' Lacrosse. Heather Brick offered to be the Girl's Coordinator on the Board for YLM. She will form a committee to determine the best way to proceed in offering girls' lacrosse this summer.
 12. Elections. YLM is still looking for two people to fill open Board positions: Vice President of Operations (risk management/business documents, etc.) and Tournament Director. The following positions were filled at the meeting: Treasurer – Joe Jasper, Girls' Coordinator – Heather Brick. Jenni Lorsung will

continue as Secretary. Keith Knutson, Referee Coordinator, has indicated that he would like someone to gradually take over for him this year. All other Board positions remain the same.

13. The National Sports Center in Blaine is interested in offering a “lax weekend” tournament in the summer.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.