



**NSYLA Board of Directors Meeting - Minutes**  
**June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM @ Northborough Library**

**BoD's Present: Bob Flynn, Dave Roche, Scott King, Morgan Hall, Jim Hegarty, Chris Arcona, Don Axline, Eileen Cremin, Bruno Nardone, Mary Trimboli, Peter Larsen, Rich Luongo**

**BoD's Absent: John Doyle, Dave Pierce, Marty Healy, Michael Virgil**

**Guests: Fran Flynn, Rob Fossey, Jon Hartmann, Billy Hegarty, Michael Garand**

**Agenda**

- Introduction and welcome Bob Flynn
- Review and Approve Previous Meeting Notes Scott King
- Review and Discuss Survey Results from 2011 Season Bob Flynn

**Action Item(s):**

Black Team will send an email to that team. Numeric results will be posted along with some answers to comments which came up during the survey. Marty Healey will be lead writer.

Next season we need to encourage parents to respond to any board member when an issue arises so we can take action, versus waiting until the season is over. This is a task that the Team Parents can do as an action item as a mid-season checkup.

- Financial report John Doyle
  - Fee's for next season?
  - Uniforms
  - Current Balance is \$23,799
    - We add about \$1,000 each year to our rainy day fund. There will come a time soon when we get asked to contribute to a turf field.
  - Review Finance Statement and Budget
  - Should we add a bookkeeper?
    - Motion was made by Dave Roche and seconded by to hire a bookkeeper to use QuickBooks and provide the Board with a quarterly financial summary. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Fund Raising update Eileen Cremin
  - Cannons summary Stephanie Nardone
  - Spirit Wear update Fran Flynn



- Suggestion was made to produce one low cost t shirt so that everyone in the program could afford one. Fran will take that action. Eileen offered to get sponsors so that the shirts could be covered by a sponsorship and we could hand each kid a shirt at no charge. Alternatively we will produce one and sell it at cost.

- Volunteers

- Introduce Lead Volunteers

- Volunteer Coordinator – Open (Fran will ask Ceri Davey)
- MBYLL Rep - Morgan Hall
- Equipment Coordinator - Jim Hegarty
- Field Lining Coordinator - Fred Mueller
- Raffle/Pizza - Karen Briggs
  - Comment was made that we need more garbage cans and recycle containers at the pizza party. There were no recycle cans.
- Rosters – **Denise Johnson new**
- CORI Administrator (cannot be a coach) – Fred Mueller
- Registrar - Mary Trimboli or Scott King
- Referee Coordinator - Jim Hegarty (Marty Healey offered to help)
- Fundraising – Eileen Cremin
- Sponsorship Opportunities - Eileen Cremin/Mary Trimboli
- Cannons Night Coordinator – **Catherine Arcona new**
- Jamboree Help at MBYLL level - Open
- Spirit Wear – Francine Flynn
- NCAA Coordinator - **Rob Fossey**

- Review calendar for 2011 season

Dave Roche

- On-line registration plans set to open Nov 2nd
  - Discussed asking the boys and girls varsity players to read a book supplied by NSYLA to all the 2nd and 3rd grade classes. Rich Luongo will ask the players.
- Info Night needs to be scheduled at Northborough Library Nov 9th
- Need Volunteer to get notice in newspaper, blogs and flyers in schools
- Need Banner hanging and sign posting volunteers
- Registration deadline Nov 23rd
- December - decide on number of teams and waitlist decisions
  - Anticipated numbers of kids/teams

2012 Level	Players
U15	59
U13	71
U11	50



U9 5

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- Anticipated Coaches (see list)
- January – Teams and payment due to League
- Lax 101 (1 or 2 nights?) - when?

Peter Larsen

**Action Item(s):**

- MBYLL update Morgan Hall
  - Position on new MBSYLL teams
    - Mass Bay will include a select program in 2012 at U15 and U13. We need to discuss if we enter a team or not; how the team would be selected (tryouts or attendance based); extra costs/fees; game day field needs; how we select who gets to coach it; participation policies around attendance/uniforms;
      - **Morgan will update the Board after the September MBYLL Meeting**
  - Start date – review calendar
    - March 9th or 16th
      - If people are burnt out in June and are cancelling practices should we start the season later?
    - April 1st Games begin
    - June 16/17 Jamboree
      - **Scott King and Dave Roche suggested we ask for the second weekend so that we can plan for this early in the season. We would look to add a regular set of games during the first jamboree weekend against towns who also play on the later weekend so there is not a gap in the schedule. This was agreed to by all present as a course of action.**
  - Considerations re cancelling practices
  - MBYLL mass equipment purchase for spring to get bigger discounts
  - NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championships at Gillette Stadium in 2012
    - Need a coordinator or publicist?
      - **Rob Fossey volunteered to lead this.**

**Action Item(s):**

- Field Needs – Morgan Hall, Dave Pierce



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Anticipate we will need similar field times next season. Morgan to look into adding time on Saturday morning to not have to shorten practices.

- Equipment needs

Jim Hegarty

**Action Item(s):**

Jim asked everyone to email him needs and desires for equipment. Re-stringing the goalie sticks this off season will be done. First aid kits will be revamped based on specific requests.

- Extra Games (how many should we add? Tried too hard to make up rainouts, should we schedule fewer added games?)

Coaches

**Action Item(s):**

- Safety Issues, Needs and Training
  - AED's, Concussion First aid or CPR class?
  - Lightning
  - Add the Nutritionist who spoke at the High School

Peter Larsen

Jim Hegarty

**Action Item(s):**

- Coaching Education Update (include PCA)
  - Internal Training
  - Positive Coaching online training
  - Level 1 certification
  - MBYLL training preferences for next spring
  - Gameday procedures, cards, post game online feedback

Morgan Hall

**Action Item(s):**

- Maroon Helmet Sale

Peter Larsen

**Action Item(s):** Coach Larsen will call ComLax to do this again. Plan to announce it before registration opens.

- Process for interested Young Officials

Jim Hegarty

**Action Item(s):**



- **New Business**

**Action Item(s):**

Rob Fossey suggested that we could organize a one-day, mini-jamboree on 9/11 or at ARHS early in the season (just prior to the start of the regular season games) for the U11 and U9 kids.

- Understanding of Positional Play for New Players - With Multiple On-Field Coaches providing direction, the new players will learn positional play earlier in the season.
- Increased Player Stamina that will benefit them as the season continues. Getting kids to run isn't easy, but in the context of games they are far more likely to push themselves. Good way to shake off the winter blues.
- Gives NSYLA a chance to see new U11/U9 coaches in action and provide guidance to them.
- Gives some quick visibility to NSYLA in terms of team performance.
- As far as format goes it would depend on the numbers, but the shorter game format games at the MBYLL jamboree seemed to work very well. We could arrange things between ourselves and a few towns we have solid relationships with or towns with newer programs.

Northborough Applefest in September

Southborough Heritage Day in October

There was discussion about having a booth at both of these, with a radar gun for a shot contest. The cost for Applefest would be approx \$100, plus the staffing of it. We need a Coordinator of Special Events to make this happen with proper planning. It was also discussed as to the benefit of doing this, as it will likely end up with increased enrollment and we struggled when adding four teams this season.

Norway Games?

Nantucket or Vineyard Games? response was interested to schedule this

- Next meeting Sept 14, 2011 (Nominations)
- Adjourned @ 8:25