

NSYLA Board Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2011

Attendees: Bob Flynn, Scott King, Don Axline, Ric Carreras, Danny Whitt, Macaulay Gillis, Rich Luongo, Mary Trimboli, Mark Hatton, Morgan Hall, Tom Purcell, Jim Hegarty, Chris Arcona

Motion made to upload to website the minutes from the last board meeting (seconded and passed)

Finances

Received ~\$30k in registration fees, bringing account balance to ~\$50k.

Balance will diminish over next few weeks, as coaches registration fees, etc are paid out.

Verizon donated \$750 on behalf of Marty Matys, through company's program to recognize employee volunteer efforts.

2012 Registration

U15 – 65 registrants (Roche, Axline, King to be head coaches)

U13 – 66 registered + 2 on waitlist (Larsen, Hatton, Flynn are head coaches)

U11- 64 (Hartman, Fossey, Arcona as potential head coaches)

U9 – 30 + 5 waitlist (propose forming 3 teams with Purcell, David, Connors and 4 assistants each)

232 total registrants, 64 of which will play their first season in 2012

Proposal was made to accept all kids on waitlist. Board members present unanimously agreed to do so.

40 coaches registered to date. A few still need to complete the process.

Select Team (U15 & U13)

MBYLL has sanctioned Select program

~70-80 teams will be created in the 125 towns of MBYLL

NSYLA will have one U13 team and one U15 team

Games take place Friday nights (6-7:30pm) starting April 15; 7 regular games with standings and playoffs

B. Flynn will e-mail information about Select program to parents of U13 and U15 players.

Registration opens Dec 1. Prerequisite is registration on NSYLA U13 or U15 team.

All players who register for Select program will be automatically placed on wait list. Player selection to be made after season starts. There is a \$100 fee to participate (due after selection).

Fields and Schedules for 2012 Season

Bob Flynn and Morgan Hall to discuss and pursue options (911 field, Fay school field, etc)

U15 early season sessions are scheduled at Forekicks

U13 and U11 will be at St. Mark's cage

Practice days and game order (oldest to youngest) was discussed – no changes proposed

First game is scheduled for April 1

US Lacrosse Youth Rules Change

US Lacrosse has adopted many practices of MBYLL for nationwide use.

NSYLA change for 2012: no contact outside 3yd radius of ground balls (change from 5yd radius).

U11 will continue to require one pass attempt on offensive side of field before shot is allowed. Ball carrier must be defended to support spirit of this rule.

Proposal at prior MBYLL meeting to play U11 games on short field was not adopted by MBYLL, but NSYLA U11 coaches might encounter short field when visiting opponents. Play on short field must be agreed upon by both coaches to be implemented.

Coaches Training

Tentatively scheduled for last weekend in February at Forekicks.

3 persons (Bates, Baker, Gillis) from NSYLA were nominated by Bob to become trainers

Multiple sessions will be offered.

Bob will send information to coaches pertaining to US Lacrosse Level 1 coaches training online (no charge to individual coaches)

Discussion took place around mandating Level 1 certification. NSYLA already has many (>50%) coaches certified. Board agreed to continue practice of encouraging certification (MBYLL, US Lacrosse Level 1, Positive Coaching Alliance courses) without mandating it. R. Luongo recommended concussion awareness program available through National Federation of High Schools.

B. Flynn will post links for training programs in Coaches area on NSYLA website.

Referees Training

8 participating in training (2 returning and 6 new)

2 returning plus top 2 from class will be accepted to AO program

Equipment

Input from coaches is being compiled by J. Hegarty. New useful items (sidewall strings, self-tapping screws) will be provided, in addition to first aid kit.

Need for mid-season ball replenishment was discussed.

Goalie sticks will be restrung prior to start of season (Gillis).

Minimum stick length for U9 is 37" (top of head to bottom of butt)

New uniforms must be ordered from Brine in Sudbury before Dec 30.

Tomahawks helmet order to be placed on Dec 9.

Spirit Wear

Program cotton T-shirt: 4 entries submitted by players. Design submission extended to Christmas (submission of rough artwork is okay).

“Shooting shirt” prototype developed. Design complements “crazy shorts”. Shirt will be available for purchase on website before Christmas.

Other new items: maroon/gold socks available, stick-on eye black

New Business

Information about lacrosse championships (Memorial Day weekend, Gillette stadium) will be distributed by Mr. Fossey.

Jamboree sign up is at end of May. Coaches will have option to register teams or not. It is likely that NSYLA will play on 2nd weekend, due to size of program and scheduling logistics. This means we have games on June 16th or 17th.

Meeting attendees discussed need to manage game schedule late in the season to maintain player interest and motivation in the 2 weeks leading up to Jamboree. We had complaints about many cancellations.

Trilogy Camp:

Proposal received from Trilogy to hold clinics over 5hr period at St Mark’s cage on Tuesday, Jan 17 (teacher work day – no school in Northborough-Southborough district). Three professional players will lead 60 or 120 minute training sessions. Cost would be approximately \$45 per player. Program will be limited to first ~30 players to register (per age group).

Next board meeting: Wed, Jan 11, Northborough Library. B. Flynn will send meeting reminder.