

December 17, 2008

MBYLL Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Stu B., Tom S., Don D., Kevin M., Brian L., Bob T., Bob R., Gus B. & Chris R. Guests – Tom Atkins (Weston program), Jimmy Tighe, Darrell Benson and Mike Williamson. (Chris feel free to share these minutes with our 3 Ref partners)

Kevin (thank you for researching this) presented a potential solution that MBYLL can sponsor regarding issues of safety and specifically AED & CPR. The group that is proposing offering their services to MBYLL towns is run by Robin and Ellen and they have proposed a package approach. The program and cost were contained in the handout Kevin created and distributed. The 2 women are willing to provide a “primer” meeting with towns to give them a feel for what they are buying. We will be looking into the possibility of a grant from US Lacrosse that could be applied to each town that signs up (the \$\$ are not known at this point). Kevin will put together a brief summary that can be posted in the news section on the website that will lead them to the details as he presented to the group. If anyone has any other ideas surrounding this topic please share them with the group before the January 12th board meeting. We will decide how to move forward on this at that meeting.

CORI – Gus did an excellent job of outlining the issues and how we will communicate them to the MBYLL towns. Don mentioned the attorney we hired will provide a white paper to us as well. Gus will put together a short blurb that describes our approach to this issue. He will also come up with the wording that will be put on the director sign-off page that confirms that each town has met the minimum State requirements.

Tom & Tom presented their thoughts on the “select” program their towns will be involved in for 2009. They put together an excellent piece on how they envision a program should be run. After a lively discussion, the group decided that MBYLL should recognize and deal with this issue and “support” programs that require participation in MBYLL as a pre-requisite of participation. A motion to create a sub-committee to explore exactly how and in what ways MBYLL would support this was put forth by Chris R. and 2nd by Gus B. and the vote was unanimous to accept the motion. This group will need to come up with a written approach to this issue before the 1/12/09 meeting. Assuming we sign off on this, someone will need to craft a message we can share with all the towns.

Website – Don’s hard work is paying off and the website is nearing completion. The instructions as to how to edit a town’s information, add fields and directions, etc. will go out to each of the towns e-mail addresses as listed in the contact section on the website and will go out Thursday (12/18). The game uploading and change process will be worked on by Don D., Jimmy Tighe and Darrell B. in the next 2 weeks.

NCAA tickets – there will be 250 (50 for each region) tickets that will be available for the 5 regional directors to make available to their towns with the stipulation that checks for tickets must be in Bob Rice’s hands by March 1st. Any unclaimed tickets at that point will be offered up to anyone on 1st come 1st served basis. The board members can put in dibbs on the remaining 50 tickets with an initial 5 maximum. March 1st is the date to receive checks for those as well. Seats are \$90 each and are section 131 (50 yard line) lower level rows 11-27.

Referee- There are 2 levels of youth refs – fully certified (3+ day program) and associate refs (one program through MBYLL). We agreed that just as with fully certified refs, the assoc. refs will need to attend recertification class once a year. This could be the one set up for all refs (EMLOA) or a separate one run by MBYLL (in conjunction with EMLOA). Chris Reynolds can work this out with Mike W. and Darrell B. We confirmed that 2 referee training clinics for coaches dates will be offered, one date confirmed is Feb. 26th (site TBD) and Chris will come up with one other date.

Coaches meetings – Brian L. will coordinate 2 PCA, 2 referee training for coaches meetings and 2 coaches clinics with drills etc. at various sites and dates. He needs definitive dates and places back from the various regions. The 2 clinics that are more traditional with drills etc. are expected to follow past formats and run by or with the Cannons.

If I have missed anything or stated something incorrectly, please get back to me by Monday. If I have not heard back from anyone at that time, I will have Don post the minutes on the website.

Thanks to all the board members for their time and hard work in keeping this the best youth sports program in the country.

Happy holidays and have a prosperous and healthy 2009!

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