

MBYLL Board Meeting Minutes

August 2009

All board members were present.

The July 13th board meeting minutes were unanimously accepted.

NEXT MEETING September 21st AT Skip Jacks (or another spot if a board member would like to suggest).

The 1st item for discussion was regarding technology:

1. Chris Reynolds reported that League Athletics (LA) has confirmed the security details of the merchant account.
2. Town fees will be paid (not mandatory) through a separate merchant account MBYLL will set up. Fees will include any charges for the account and this will be invisible to the towns.
3. Each town will collect the player fees through their LA merchant account or through whatever mechanism they choose.
4. Chris R. made a motion and it was seconded by Tom S. to approve the contract with LA and allow Gus to have the authority to finalize all the details for final contract signing. Vote was unanimous to accept the motion
5. Gus will ask LA for a 1 page summary of the advantages of using this site both for towns and for the league.

Survey – Chris R. – showed the actual survey and suggestions were made to edit a few items. The survey link will be included in the MBYLL newsletter and is scheduled to be forwarded to regional directors this week to be distributed to all MBYLL constituents. Two weeks from the Friday (September 4th), Reg. Dirs. should send out one follow up e-mail to mention the survey will be closed out September 11th. The results of the survey will be shared in the next news letter scheduled for release in Oct./Nov 2009.

League Expenses: Bob R. presented the expenses looking at 2008 verses part of 2009. The 2009 jamboree will provide a positive cash flow of about \$35,000 (mostly due to the payments by Lacrosse Unlimited). Bob will have the accounting assistant he utilizes run the budget numbers so that a year to date comparison of the numbers can be viewed r using the parameters of 1/1/08-11/23/08 to 1/1/09 to 12/31/09. We will also view the numbers from September to end of August for better comparison of our fiscal year without actually changing the fiscal year as reported to the IRS.

There were no significant areas that expenses could be reduced for the next season but a discussion with the Boston Cannons as to how MBYLL can get more recognition for its support and moving more towards utilization of the Qdoba seats for our members is likely. A meeting with Mark Kastrud regarding a business plan to work with MBYLL will be requested. Te goal is also to figure out how we can help the cannons sell more tickets to MBYLL towns.

The cost we spend on scheduling (about \$12,000) could be reduced in the future depending on the progress of LA in their new scheduling function.

Chris R. proposed a motion seconded by Tom S. to keep the town fees at \$100 and raise the team fees from \$50 to \$100/team. Vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

MBYLL's role and or view of select (note there are a number of ways of describing the additional types of leagues) leagues:

There was an excellent discussion of the various issues. One common theme was to protect the fundamental philosophy of MBYLL for the Sunday games and the core of our constituency. Some of the key elements that were discussed included: moving to a grade based approach (8th grade, 7th grade, 6th grade, 5th grade teams); if a league agrees to respect the philosophy of MBYLL and mandate their player participate in MBYLL Sunday games with a minimum of 1 practice a week, then could MBYLL share some resources such as scheduling,

referees, etc.; create a "sister league" that would be outside MBYLL; the idea of making it easier for town directors to manage multiple leagues/games?

We ended the discussion agreeing that MBYLL should communicate how we view any leagues outside the purview of MBYLL. If we need to adjust how we interact with other leagues and or create a parallel league, then board members need to state in writing what should be done and why it needs to be implemented for next season. At the September 21st board meeting a final vote will be taken as to how we move forward and how the communication to the league should be worded.

If I have missed any items that should be included in the minutes please get back to me ASAP.