

# Minutes for November 09 board meeting

Attendees: Stu Brown, Chris Reynolds, Bob Trocchi, Tom Spangenberg, Kevin McDonald, Bob Rice and the new regional director for the NE, Ken Swenson (Welcome) – missing Gus Bickford and Paul Zaylor.

- Motion to accept October minutes by Chris R. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin M. – accepted unanimous
- Motion to ratify the comp comm. rule changes by Ken S. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris R. - accepted unanimous
- Chris R. will take the document that the board approved (written by Paul Z.) regarding the leagues stance on other leagues, etc. and condense it down so we can post on the website in a “easy to read” format.
- Chris and Tom will collaborate to come up with wording around how we might treat towns that are only putting one team at an age level out multiple teams at that level. The board will approve and release.
- Website – Gus is working with Don D. to get the domain switched over to the new website. Additional content work will be completed in the next few weeks. Ken Swenson needs to be switched for Bob Trocchi’s spot as NE director and Bob T. (fix the spelling of his last name too) needs to be put in the secretary slot (more on that later). There should be a spot on the website where anyone can complain/comment on referees, coaches, the league, etc. We need to get a communication ready in the next few weeks that will announce the launch of the new site and describes all that will be accomplished on that site. Gus if you need help on this, please let us know.
- Referees: Chris discussed fees for the ref coordinators @ \$400 per (5 total) and for Mike Williamson, the official AO coordinator, a payment of \$650 for 2009 and \$2,600 for 2010 season. Chris will come up with a description of what Mike’s responsibilities will be running the AO program.

It was agreed to that any referee who wanted to ref MBYLL games, will need to sign up on the MBYLL website (or possibly respond to an e-mail) so we have confirmation that they understand & agree to ref as per MBYLL rules and philosophy. Tom S. will work with Gus to figure this out. Potentially, there will be a drop down menu of the “certified” refs on the scheduling site and only those refs can be added for the schedule – this could be a bit tricky.

As per the decision by the Comp. Comm., the composition of the referee review board will consist of 1 rep from each region as appointed by that region, the 5 ref coordinators (EMLOA refs) and Chris Reynolds.

- We spoke about some of the reasons that various towns have decided to completely pull out of MBYLL. Keeping in mind that we have more new towns or towns rejoining, then we leaving MBYLL. We all agreed that we need to take notice of the things we can change that make MBYLL a better place for towns to enjoy lacrosse and yet do not change the things that make up our core philosophy. We need to help all towns deal with the best possible way to provide whatever level or amount of lacrosse that they feel is best for their program.

**ACTION FOR ALL BOARD MEMBERS:** Using Tom Spangenberg’s “leadership & Commitment..” document (attached) as a starting point, each board member MUST come to the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with a priority list of what key areas MBYLL needs to focus on the improve what we provide our member towns and players. Feel free to come up with separate initiatives as well. The goal is to have each board member take ownership of at least one initiative (feel free to recruit people to do the actual work) at the December board meeting. Coach’s clinics could have more then one board member.

Ultimately, we will be asking each regional director to solicit at least one solid idea, drill, tip, etc. from each town so we can compile and share with the league.

- Motion to appoint Bob T. to secretary by Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris R. - accepted unanimous

- **Unless I hear otherwise from anyone on the board, I will confirm with Paul Mazur that he will be scheduling 4 regions (including U9 games) and we will pay him the same amount (in essence a pay cut based on the added U9 games). Get back to ASAP if you have a comment**

It is critical that all board members show up for the board meetings.

The next board meeting will be at Skip Jacks (Gillette) on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. It is strongly suggested that each regional director bring one guest from their region. This will be a good meeting to introduce other folks to what we are working on and enjoy the festivities of the holidays with the board. Future board members need to be cultivated. I (Stu B.) will be stepping down as president at the end of the 2010 season and will remain on the board for a year. Bob Rice has mentioned his desire to eventually leave as treasurer and others have hinted their need to move on.

Have a great Thanksgiving all and see you in December.  
If I have missed anything please let me know.

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