

MBYLL Board of Director's Meeting
December 14, 2009

Attendance: Stu Brown, Paul Zaylor, Gus Bickford, Chris Lynch, Tom Spanenberg, Bob Trocchi, Chris Fagon, Ken Swenson, Kevin McDonald, Bob Rice

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM

1. Discussion on MBYLL Position Paper regarding Select League cooperation with MBYLL. It was agreed by the members that the position paper developed over the past couple of months was ready and complete.
 - a. Position paper will be posted on the MBYLL Website.
 - b. Paper to be posted as soon as possible (once website Domain has had its control switched back to MBYLL).

2. Discussion on trying to set up a meeting between MBYLL and Select leagues took place. The discussion centered on having an open dialog between MBYLL and the various select leagues currently formed.
 - a. A motion was offered by Kevin McDonald regarding select leagues, the motion read: "MBYLL will send an Invite out to select leagues inviting 3 representatives per league for discussion sharing among the leagues. The leagues to be invited are: TPL, MYSLL, Patriot League, TTL, FNL, BSSLL, NESLL. MBYLL will host the event." The motion passed 8-0.
 - b. The date of this meeting was set for January 25, 2010. Location Newton Marriott.

3. An update was given by Gus Bickford regarding the MBYLL website.
 - a. We are still waiting on Domain control to be turned over to us on the website. All paperwork required to perform this transfer has been submitted and we are currently waiting processing so the control can be turned over to MBYLL and provided to League Athletics.
 - b. The site is currently functioning in its test environment and is loaded with contact information of the towns.
 - c. Each regional director was instructed to communicate to their region's program directors that they need both the name of the field(s) and actual street address(es) so field directions can be uploaded onto the site for each town. The format for this should be in a excel spreadsheet with (1) Field Name in Column A; (2) Street Address in Column B
 - d. Once Live, Town Directors will be given a process for obtaining passwords so individual team contact information can be entered for their team on the website.
 - e. Gus will send out the active link to the current website to all Board Members. Regional Directors are instructed to go in and look at each regions current info for validation.

4. A Referee update was given by Stu Brown.

- a. It was determined that MBYLL wants to have every referee who is looking to work MBYLL games to register with MBYLL. This will create the assignment database which the Referee assigner can use to schedule referees. MBYLL will use the website for the referee registration. The newly formed MBYLL Referee Review Board will determine the what content a Referee must agree to for registration.
 - b. The benefit to MBYLL members with this process is now MBYLL will have as up to date as possible referee contact information for programs to communicate with their referees.
 - c. The benefit to the Referee's is once an official is assigned a game, a verification e-mail will go out to the referee informing them they have been assigned to a game. This will increase the communication loop between the referee assigner, referee, and town program.
 - d. The board decided to institute a Referee Feedback Loop for both positive and negative review information of MBYLL referees. It was determined that the MBYLL Referee Review Board would determine and facilitate what the feedback loop would entail. The Website would be the mechanism to execute this function.
 - e. The board discussed the age requirements for the Associate Official (AO) program at the U-15 level. There was confusion among the board members whether or not there needed to be a minimum of a 2 grade separation (10th grade or older) for AO's to work a U-15 game. Some thought as long as there was a lead Ref, any aged AO could work a U-15 game. Others believed there still needed to be a 2 grade separation. The discussion was tabled until Chris Reynolds could be present.
5. A discussion was led by Tom Spangenberg regarding the MBYLL Leadership and Commitment document developed by Tom. The document was created to assign tasks which benefit the MBYLL membership. Board Members were encouraged to take on a effort which would provide benefits in the areas of: Coaching Improvement, Charity Partnerships, Sportsmanship, Program Organizational Improvements, Referee's, etc. The following members assigned themselves the following roles for the upcoming 2010 season:
- a. Lax Plan.org: Compilation of lacrosse practice drills for coaches-Tom Spangenberg
 - b. Coaches Clinics: Tom Zaylor
 - c. In-Season Player Clinic options: Bob Trocchi
6. A discussion around the Boston Cannon's proposal took place. The discussion was centered around how best to split up the tickets the MBYLL uses as a benefit for regions to use with their programs as for the work done for Youth Lacrosse. The options were focused on how many sideline seats vs. Qdoba Sideline seats to purchase.
- a. A motion by Stu Brown was put forth which read, "MBYLL will accept the Boston Cannon's proposal for season tickets with the follow appropriation, 50 General Tickets, 20 Qdoba Sideline Seat Tickets, and 30

Qdoba Sideline Standing section seats.” The motion was seconded by Kevin McDonald. The motion passed 7-1

- b. Bob Trocchi noted his no vote was just on the increase of the spend and not opposed to the purchase. He just wanted to spend the same money as the season before.
7. Kevin McDonald led a discussion on the Starter Kits MBYLL has available through the Lacrosse Unlimited Jamboree Contract. Currently the league has 20 full player starter equipment packages available. It was determined that the Regional Directors communicate with their regions to let their program know that if they have player financial hardship cases concerning equipment, the league may have the ability to provide that family with a starter kit. The hardship cases will be determined on a regional basis and the league will provide what they can until the supply is exhausted.
8. Next Board Meeting was scheduled for January 11, 2010 at Tastings Bar & Bistro, Patriot Place (Unless a North Shore Venue can be secured by Bob Trocchi)
9. Bob Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Spanenberg. Motion passed 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 PM.