

MBYLL Board of Director's Meeting
January 11, 2010

Attendance: Stu Brown, Paul Zaylor, Tom Spangenberg, Bob Trocchi, Chris Fagon, Ken Swenson, Kevin McDonald, Bob Rice, Chris Reynolds, Kassie Epstein (Guest Presenter)

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM

1. Kassie Epstein from Gillette Stadium Lacrosse presented to the board about a "Youth Lacrosse Green Day" proposal scheduled for Sunday March 28, 2010. Kassie explained what the program entailed but also explained that programs could do as they see fit to help on the environment. The thrust around the event was to get the Youth Lacrosse community in Eastern Massachusetts to partake in a day to help with cleaning up of the environment. Towns could use the event to clean fields in their town, participate in recycling, work in conjunction with their home towns as a day of volunteering for the betterment of their local environment.
 - a. The Patriots and NCAA Lacrosse Championships will help put their promotional resources behind the event. Towns will be encouraged to submit ideas to Gillette Stadium Lacrosse for promotion both within their towns but also across the state to build momentum for the event.
 - b. The Day will also be promoted during the Feb 6th and 7th US Lacrosse Coaching clinics being held at Gillette Stadium.
 - c. The Board agreed to notify the town program directors through the regional directors of the MBYLL regions.
2. The December minutes were presented to the Board. Stu Brown made a motion for the December Minutes to be accepted as is, Chris Reynolds 2nd the motion. The motion passed 9-0
3. The MBYLL scheduling process was discussed.
 - a. The South Central and West Central Regions will use Ted Livingston as their scheduler for the 2010 season.
 - b. The Northeast, Northwest and South Shore Cape & Islands will use Paul Mazur as their scheduler for the 2010 season.
 - c. Starting times were discussed due to the addition of both the U-9 level and the introduction of a 2nd official at the U-15 level. Concerns were raised over what would be the best way to schedule games with the new logistics of Associate Officials for both U-9 games and U-15 games. Chris Reynolds was going to check with Mike Williamson around if it would be better scheduling AO's utilizing a structured schedule or Ad Hoc where towns had flexibility on when they wanted to schedule the U-9 games (first game of the day or last game of the day).
 - d. Motion by Stu Brown to recommend game starting times per level of 12:00 PM (U-9), 1:00 PM (U-15), 2:30 PM (U-13), 4:00 PM (U-11). Bob Rice 2nd the motion. The motion passed 9-0.

4. Youth Lacrosse Summit.
 - a. Stu Brown had sent out an invitation to all Youth Lacrosse Leagues representing Eastern Massachusetts. Invites were sent to Bay State Select Lacrosse League, Friday Night Lights, Mass Youth Select Lacrosse League, New England Select Lacrosse League, Patriot League, and Town Pride League in December. All leagues with the exception of Town Pride League accepted the invitation to participate in the Summit.
 - b. US Lacrosse accepted an invitation to present what is going on nationally at the Youth Level.
 - c. Attendees from the MBYLL Board will be Chris Reynolds as the Moderator, Tom Spangenberg, Kevin McDonald, Bob Trocchi

5. MBYLL Leadership Council
 - a. Board reviewed the Leadership Document and the areas of responsibility each board member would contribute to from last meeting.
 - b. It was agreed the major areas of focus for this season would be on the Coaching Clinics and In-Season Player Clinics.

6. Officials
 - a. A communication is being developed to be sent to the officials to let them know what is expected of the officials and what is to be emphasized at each age group.
 - b. All officials will be required to register with MBYLL through the MBYLL website to be eligible for game assignment.
 - c. EMOLA will have flexibility to assign officials not registered as a back up if there are not enough officials registered to handle games. This will be the exception.
 - d. Chris Reynolds will confirm with Mike Williamson that U-15 games will have at a minimum one Senior Official and one Associate Official for each U-15 game. If there is not enough AO's, a game can go on with only the one Sr. Official, but this will be the exception and not the rule.
 - e. Each Regional Director will communicate to their regional programs that MBYLL is requiring a minimum of one AO per two U-9 teams with the recommended practice being one AO for EACH U-9 team in their program.

7. Officials Fees
 - a. Senior Officials will receive \$67.50 per game.
 - b. Associate Officials will receive \$35 per game.
 - c. Mentored Officials will receive \$20 per game until certified as either an Associate or Sr. Official
 - d. U-9 games receive \$35 for AO. If town has an AO conflict for U-9, EMOLA will try to assign a different AO for the game. If a Sr. Official needs to be assigned to a U-9 game, then the Sr. Official would receive their normal \$67.50 for the U-9 game.

- e. MBYLL will allow, when no Sr. Official is available, an AO to work a U-11 game. In this instance the AO would receive \$67.50 for the U-11 game where no Sr. Official was available.
8. Coaches Clinics
- a. Each region is working on locations and dates for their coaches clinics. No dates for the MBYLL clinics have yet been set.
 - b. The US Lacrosse Coaching Clinics to be held at Gillette Stadium on Feb. 6th & 7th will count towards MBYLL Coaches Certification
9. MBYLL Website
- a. Bob Rice and Stu Brown reported that all paper work regarding the change in officers of MBYLL had been submitted and processed by the state of Massachusetts. This completion of the paper work allows for the transfer from the previous hosting company to League Athletics.
 - b. Tom Spangenberg proposed a motion to have each region have a representative to oversee the MBYLL website for content, issues, and suggestions. Stu Brown 2nd the motion. The motion passed 9-0
 - c. Tom Spangenberg volunteered to call League Athletics to see if they had a migration team we could use to facilitate the migration to their website in preparation of going live by the end of January.
10. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ken Swenson. Stu Brown 2nd the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 PM.

Respectively submitted by Bob Trocchi January 27, 2010