

MBGLL Board Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2015 8p

Position	Name	Attendance
President	OPEN	
Executive Director	Christine Habermann	√
Treasurer	Steve McGlynn	X
Clerk/Secretary	OPEN	
North Division Director	Julie Stoelzel	√
MetroNorth Division Director	Gant Redmon	√
MetroWest North Division Director	John Moorthead	X
MetroWest South Division Director	Allison Mattson	√
South Division Director	Ian Davies	X
Rules/Umpires Director	OPEN	
Sportsmanship & Compliance Director	Bob Smith	X
Scheduling Director	Kim Perry	√
Select League Director	OPEN	
Training Director	OPEN	
Member At Large	Bob Hayman	X
Member At Large	Sean Linnane	√
Member At Large	Joe Chisholm	X
Member At Large	Alan Robbins	√

X = absent, √ = attending

Past Business

New Business

1. Happy Groundhog Day
2. Registration
 - a. Recreation League is Closed
 - i. Unintentional outcome – Teams would rather pay a late fee and join than enter a team and not have enough players to field it because they would then lose their \$160 registration fee.
 - ii. 366 teams registered (down because of the 3 towns we lost)

- b. MBGLL Select League Registration Open
 - i. Please talk this league up at your upcoming meetings
 - ii. 4 teams signed up so far
- c. Still Room for the Charlestown Playdate
 - i. 5 U13 teams signed up
 - ii. 7 U15 teams signed up
- 3. Pre-registration meetings
 - a. Please submit the results of your preregistration meeting to scheduling@mbgll.org ~~and wachlaxcoach@gmail.com~~. Only send pre-registration results to Kim at scheduling@mbgll.org.
 - b. People have been asking when the last date is to submit another team. Please tell them that we are starting to create the schedule the day after the pre-scheduling meeting. New team registrations are not guaranteed a schedule if they pay a late fee. So, they should get their final team registrations in asap. If they register after the schedule is created, we will try to accommodate them if someone drops out.
 - c. After the registered teams are updated with your changes, the scheduling team is going to create a draft of the schedule. Kim will try to manipulate the schedule so that advanced teams mostly only play other advanced and high intermediate teams and so that beginner teams only play beginner and low intermediate teams.
 - d. Rich is going to take the draft of the schedule to balance home and away games, try to block schedule and try to reduce driving distances.
 - e. Christine, Kim, and Rich are not planning to attend the pre-scheduling meetings unless you (division directors) request otherwise. Christine will be on call during the meeting if you have any questions. 978.407.5399.
 - f. Rich and/or Christine plan to attend the scheduling meetings.
 - i. Julie. Will you please make sure that we have internet access at your site? Rich will probably take over my computer for that meeting, as I don't think that he can make it to you meeting on time.
 - ii. [Ask if anyone wants to travel to the islands.](#)
 - iii. [Water and cookies at meetings – nothing larger. Most people are not eating at the meetings and we'd rather save the money for something else.](#)
- 4. Coaches' Convention Morning
 - i. March 1 at Governor's Academy
 - ii. Registration Open
 - 1. MBGLL program coaches receive a \$5 discount (MBGLLCONV15)
 - iii. 12 talks
 - iv. Please plan to attend/help – you don't need to register since you are helping
 - 1. Please let me know if you plan to attend so that I may organize you into positions
 - 2. Julie, Ian, Bob Smith are attending; Allison is a maybe.
 - a. [Anyone else?](#)

- v. Schedule is up on www.mbgll.org
- vi. Still getting a firm handle on possible expenses
 - 1. Will receive financial assistance from EMASS
 - 2. Have engaged two additional sponsors
- vii. A portion of the proceeds will go to MBGLL
 - 1. Split registrations revenue with H.S. and youth coaches this year
 - 2. In future years we may split proceeds with HS Coaches, EMASS, and EMWLUA, depending upon their involvement/sponsorship as we grow
- viii. [Please share the flyer and help promote this event](#)

5. Jamboree Update

- a. Searching for a MetroWest South site
 - i. Rice is available but they want to charge us \$5400 this year and \$6000 next year. Last year we paid \$4500. At Chelmsford we are paying \$3500. I have not gone back to them yet.
 - ii. Tabor Academy came in at the same price as Rice for 3 large and 3 small fields. I asked them to bring their rate down so that we could hold our jamboree there. They are reaching out to the CFO to see what he says. Does anyone know somebody at Tabor who could make a call?
 - iii. Does any program have a barrier backstop that we can use for Chelmsford? [No](#)
 - iv. [Alan and Julie will reach out to their contacts regarding give-aways](#)
 - 1. [Christine will send them the quantity \(5000\)](#)

6. Harvard Youth Day Update

- a. April 11 is confirmed
 - 1. We have 3 fields from 9-1p.
 - a. Means 6 teams per hour and 15 minutes
 - i. 9-10:15a
 - ii. 10:15-11:30a
 - iii. 11:30 – 12:30p
 - 2. PCA will start at 1p
 - 3. Men's game starts at noon in the stadium
 - 4. Women's game starts at 3p in the stadium
 - 5. Options for keeping players there all day
 - a. We could shorten the game time and have each team play two games
 - b. We could have teams play several half games and schedule multiple games
 - c. We could have 18 teams play one full-length game
 - d. We could start at 10:30a and have 12 teams play one game
 - 6. [Christine to put together a round-robin of games](#)
 - 7. [Board members should ask their towns if they have a U13 and/or a U15 team that wants to participate in the Harvard Youth Day](#)

7. Sponsorship

- a. Last year the board decided to investigate possible sponsorships
- b. Want to make sure that our girls have shopping options at the Jamboree
- c. Want to ensure that any sponsor we have partners with us for the sport and matches our mission and the integrity of the team.
- d. Dicks has approached me to sponsor our league
 - i. They are putting together a proposal (hopefully before our meeting)
- e. Difficulty connecting with STX again regarding their sponsorship
- f. Do we want to entertain a car sponsorship at our Jamboree?
 - i. [Christine will look into this](#)

8. US Lacrosse National Convention (Jan. 23-25)

- a. Julie, Christine, Ian, Bob attended
 - i. Some tips from the convention are already posted on our Facebook account
- b. What parameters should we have for sending board members to the convention?
 - i. Ex. On board for at least one year
 - ii. Ex. Planning to continue on board for at least one year
 - iii. Ex. Must lead at least one initiative throughout the year
 - iv. Ex. Post top tips they learned on Facebook to share with membership
 - v. Others?
 - vi. [Agreed](#)

9. Sportsmanship and Compliance Update - Bob

- a. Compliance will be tracked this year via compliance volunteers
- b. If you don't have a compliance volunteer (south division), you should recruit someone at your scheduling meeting or ask your deputy to help.

10. MBGLL Select

- a. What do you think about creating regional teams?
 - i. Possibly hire a coach for each division to get this program moving?
 - ii. Would allow players to participate in towns that don't have enough players to field their own team.
 - iii. We might have to wait until next year to implement this
 1. [Something to ask our members in the summer survey](#)
 2. [We can discuss this more as a board](#)

11. Part of our mission is to grow the sport of lacrosse – [next month's topic](#)

- a. I've seen an opportunity to reach out to smaller middle schools to see if they want to get a team started
- b. Would this be a good way to get more involved in the sport
- c. Suggestions as to how to reach out to them

12. Legal policy

- a. At the convention I listened to a talk about leagues trying to avoid getting sued
 - i. Right now we don't have a lot of policies on our web site (which I am working on)
 - ii. What do you think about handing out
 1. Player/Parent guide

2. Coaches' guide
3. These would share our mission and vision for our league
4. Would include a player card and a coach card for MBGLL
5. MBYLL has something like this (see attachments)
6. We could have the Special Task Force work on this
 - a. [Moving forward – asking special task force to help](#)

13. Player Clinics – [next month's topic](#)

- a. Some towns are having difficulty recruiting enough players, especially newer programs
- b. Suggestion to hold a couple of fall player meet and greet clinics throughout our league
- c. Insurance would cost approx. \$125 per clinic
- d. Perhaps we have a town host us and either we lead them or we hire someone to lead them with the town coaches volunteering, or we try to partner with a club or college to host them. We might get the local high school girls to help as well.
- e. These would be divisional and open to anyone in the division who would want to try out the game of lacrosse.
- f. We could give the players the contact information for their local program.
- g. If we know in advance, we can reach out to the towns that have girls attending and ask them to join the fun. That way the players can meet someone from their local programs.

14. Where do you see our organization in 10 years? [Next month's homework](#)

15. Facebook

- a. I'm trying to get more active on social media. Please like MBGLL's page, add posts, and share posts.
- b. [Facebook is a much easier place for Christine to post updates. Also, we know that it is only going to those who like our page and not everyone who has joined our mailing list on our web site \(vendors, officials, high school coaches, etc\).](#)
- c. [You can like the page by going to your Facebook home page and in the left column you'll see a place that says that you like or follow certain pages. Click there and search for Mass Bay Girls Lacrosse League.](#)

16. XLNT Brain Concussion Management is offering a couple of towns in our league a trial membership for their program. It includes baseline testing and an app to use at the field. Is anyone interested for their own program? If so, reach out to chad.watkins@xlntbrain.com and ask to test their product.

17. Upcoming Board Meetings

- a. Mar 2, Apr. 6, May 4, June 1 (dinner)
 - i. Accepting other suggestions for restaurant locations
 - ii. Seasons52.com (Burlington)
- b. 8p start time except for dinner on June 1, which starts at 6:30p

18. Other topics