

MBGLL Board Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2015 8p

Position	Name	Attendance
President	OPEN	X
Executive Director	Christine Habermann	√
Treasurer	Steve McGlynn	√
Clerk/Secretary	Paul Bartlett	√
North Division Director	Julie Stoelzel	X
MetroNorth Division Director	Greg Moody	√
MetroWest North Division Director	John Moorthead	√
MetroWest South Division Director	OPEN	X
South Division Director	Ian Davies	√
Sportsmanship & Compliance Director	Bob Smith	√
Scheduling Director	Kim Perry	X
Select League Director	OPEN	X
Training Director	OPEN	X
Member At Large	Bob Hayman	X
Member At Large	Alan Robbins	√

X = absent, √ = attending

Meeting started at 8pm, we had back ground noise and made a decision to hang up and call back in. Everyone called back in and meeting started promptly at 8:06pm

Past Business

1. Where do you see our organization in 10 years?
 - a. As a recreational program with a more robust Select program
 - b. There are a lot of new high school programs sprouting up so there are probably youth programs that should pop up
 - c. Perhaps do something less formal in the fall – pick-up leagues, tournaments, etc.
 - d. Select tournaments

Christine started with offering to add anything to this. No additions at this time

New Business

2. Welcome Paul Bartlett

Christine welcomed New Clerk/secretary

3. How to increase member engagement

MetroWest South Division Director had to step down for personal reasons. We are currently looking for a new Director to fill this position. Christine may have one person interested in this position.

We are currently experiencing issues with League Athletics and people not being assigned to appropriate teams. In some cases, the site is showing folks are assigned and are not receiving emails form the league.

Christine explained the importance for the League Directors communicating with members and towns.

Facebook was brought up as a great way of communicating with members and towns. A few people are reluctant to sign up for Facebook due to personal reasons. Paul addressed that Facebook can just be used for conducting business for the league.

4. What are your goals for the year for MBGLL?
 - a. What impact do you want to have on the league?

Steve, wants to continue to support the league in his best efforts

John, helping to grow the high school's programs in his area Metrowest North Division

Ian: Barnstable is looking to come back and he is working closely with them. He is trying to target high schools in his area. working with US Lacrosse about talking with parents about the sport and the program, so they have an understanding about the program.

Paul- Growing relationships with the high school programs.

5. MBGLL Select Program growth plan

Select program growth is going slow, there was a lot of discussion on this topic. It was addressed that we are competing with the growing number of Club teams. We discussed the importance of focusing on the growth of the rec side of the program and the Select will follow suite. We need to target towns who have a boys' program and no girls program. We discussed maybe dropping the Select program. However, it was agreed that this issue will be tabled until the end of the season.

6. Managing Volunteer positions

Positions are getting filled, just need to stay on top of help that is needed. We are looking for help with parking for the Convention. We agreed that most people will help out last minute.

We really need the compliance Directors to get the information entered into League Athletics. We are really lacking in that department.

- a. What do you want to help manage

If there is anything you can assist with please reach out to Christine.

7. National Convention January 22-24, 2016, Baltimore

- a. Who wants to attend

Julie, Christine, Steve and Ian are interested in going. Greg is interested in going as well and will be in touch with Christine.

Start booking you trip and get your information in so you can be reimbursed. We are planning on getting together for lunches and tentatively for a social. More information will be given as we get closer.

- i. Must have worked on the board for at least one season
- ii. Register by Nov. 30 to get a reduced rate
- b. MBGLL will reimburse for airfare, hotel, registration, food, etc.
 - i. Airfares right now are cheap - \$150-\$200 rt

8. Division Meetings Recap

Metrowest North- Framingham has left MBGLL to go to founders. It appeared there was an issue with travel to games. Teams leaving are providing feedback are saying that

they are looking to play against teams that the High schools are playing. (we discussed looking into this)

North Division- Followed the division meeting format.

South - will be meeting tomorrow night 11/3 and maybe discussing a Jamboree

9. Sportsmanship and Compliance review
10. New England Convention Update

We are expecting about 500 people, convention is growing very strong. However we need to focus on getting more interest from our coaches. There is a lot of information for them.

Registration will open at 8am. First Seminar will begin at 9am seminars will go till about 1am.

We will have at Girls Q&A and US Lacrosse Level 2.

Talked about the possibility of holding a scheduling meeting in the afternoon.

Christine will be putting together a spread sheet with agenda.

We may have to supply food this year, which we did not have to do last year.

- a. March 6
 - b. Location: Medford High School (Thanks Steve)
 - c. Groups Involved: MBGLL, MBYLL, EMGLCA, Men's Umpire Association
 - d. All board members should plan to attend and help out
 - i. MBGLL will pay your attendance fee
11. Upcoming Board Meetings
 - a. Dec. 7, Jan. 4 (in person), Feb. 1, Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 2, May 30 (dinner)

If anyone has any suggestions for locations of in person meetings for Dec 7th or Jan 4th please reach out to Christine with your suggestions

- b. 8p start time except for Jan. 4 & dinner, which start at 6:30p
12. Other topics

No other topics to report at this time. Meeting ended at 9:03P.M