

Notes from the end of the season wrap up meeting June 27th.

Meeting was called to order at 7Pm.

Roll call was done.

Agenda was explained

MBGLL Who we are

Mission was explained

Benefits of the league:

Infrastructure, Continuing Education, Schedule, End-of-the-season- jamboree, Opportunities, support, New program Services, Mature Program Services.

Coaches' Training: Coaching trainings are very important. We need to get our coaches trained.

Sportsmanship & Compliance: 2 Lopsided games at U15 were reported, 1 game at the U15 level where the game was moved W/out notifying the opponent was reported. There was 1 game at the U11, 2 games at the U13, and 4 games at the U15 that were reported for Officiating. We had 1 game at the U13 Level and 1 game at the U15 level where a player received a red card. 1 game reported for issue with the coach reported by the official. 1game at the U13 Level was reported where a team withdrew at the last minute. 1 game for poor attitude /profanity was reported at the U 13 Level. 1 game where a coach received a red card at the U 11 level was reported. 1 game reported that a boy was playing at the U9 level. 1 town was reported to having a competing event with MBGLL.

Concussions – We had 3 concussions reported at the U15 Level. 1 for aggressive play, 2 for Accidental meet & greet.

Jamboree – Teams were all at one site this year with a total of 209 teams playing.

This was the start of some ideas for next year's Jamboree being discussed.

- The fields were too spread out.
- Maybe break the areas up by age group.
- Maybe have 3 sessions which would cut down on the fields needed and the village would work out better. Because of the 1-game gap and the spread of the fields, some teams never made it back to their tents.
- Some made the recommendation that maybe do 2 games in the morning session and 1 in the afternoon so that way there would be a 2 game break and allow for teams to head back to their tents and rest.
- Doing 3 sessions with the last one running till 7:30pm.

- The purpose of the Jamboree is to get all teams together at the end of the season.
- Someone made the suggestion that towns make it a 9 week schedule each season so that all teams will be at the jamboree.
- Someone make the suggestion that towns include the cost of the Jamboree into the registration fee at the beginning of the season.

Jamboree issues: The town of Chelmsford is hitting us very hard. They charged us for 2 more police details which was another \$2400.00. They may charge us next year for 2 fire personal, and trash pickup on top of the field costs. Due to heavy costs from Chelmsford, we may have to find another location next year.

Recreation schedule: Proposed a round robin to prevent from playing school vacation weeks or Easter Sunday.

We had option to start on April 9th took a vote was only 21%

Option to start on April 2nd took a vote was 79% online attendees and 100% of people in the room. Vote passed. 2017 season will start on April 2nd.

League Improvements: It is very important that we train our coaches. We discussed that in 2017 we need to send 1 coach from each town to the Local convention. This opened a discussion.

- **Maybe make Level 2 mandatory for U13 & U15 coaches.**
- **Ipswich brought up that if we make the convention mandatory, it is going to be a burden for the board member of some towns.**
- **Other small towns stated that this will make it tough for towns to get coaches if we make the convention mandatory.**
- **Possibly make this a continuing education requirement for every 2 years as a coach.**

League Improvements: Some towns had more teams than we could schedule at home on a Sunday afternoon. The solution will be that towns will submit one field for every 5 teams that they have registered or expect to not have an evenly balanced schedule with home and away games.

Scheduling pools are not understood. Solution will be scheduling pools will be approved at the pre-scheduling meeting.

Some towns say that due to lack of coaches, they need back-to-back games. Solution will be MBGLL will schedule games with enough time for the coaches to travel to a different game site.

Some towns are entering 4 black-out dates with means they are forcing a block schedule, which isn't fair to other towns. Solution: Towns will only be able to enter a MAX. of 2 black-out dates and expect to play away if the field is not available when scheduled.

Game change request forms worked well in the they gave the division directors the needed information to make changes. However, people were handing in with too little notice and town directors were not notified.

Solution going forward will be that Game change request forms must be approved and submitted by the town administrator a min. of 1 week in advance of the change. Exceptions will be for field closures.

Some people volunteered to help the league but we were not able to get them set up and trained adequately.

Sign up for some positions will start tonight and over the summer months.

Rules – Re-evaluating- We eliminated the No Coast-to –coast rule how did this go?

Some towns experienced issues with the elimination of the no coast-to-coast rule and the team stud taking the draw and going down and scoring goals.

It was addressed that not 1 game where it was the same interpretation between coaches and refs.

Request was made to put a question on survey about coaches seeing abuse of the no, no coast-to-coast.

We need to have the coaches submit compliance forms. This is the only way for us to know of abuse of sportsmanship.

US lacrosse make the suggestion of U9 going to 6V6. This opened discussion and we agreed to leave it at the 7v7 that it is now.

EMWLUA issues we want brought up.

- Stick issues and refs being tough on the stringing of shooter strings.
- Confusion on rules and lack of knowledge
- The not allowing of light contact from defense at the U15 level in the 8.
- Standardized callings
- Let the games flow.

Sneak Peak 2017: Working on a Metro Boston Division will be reaching out to the towns that will be pooled and discuss the changes.

MBGLL Select: Working on getting standings for the Select Program to sway kids and towns to play at the Select Level.

The Summer Survey is important for us to improve the league. Please make sure to send in survey - your input is important.

Please join our Facebook page and set notification.

Meeting was wrapped up at 8:59pm