

Novato Lacrosse Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Ghiringhelli

Present: John Taylor, President
Aurora Dillon, Treasurer
Jinah Conroy, Communications Director
Ryan Gilfillan, Boys Coaching Director
Melissa Capanna, Girls Coaching Director
Brandi Duffin, Uniform Manager
Matt Rodgers, Equipment Director

Absent: None

- I **Call to Order:** at 7:05pm by presiding officer John Taylor.
- II **Quorum:** All seven Board members present (four required).
- III **Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of previous board meeting reviewed and accepted.
- IV **President's Report**
 - A. Review of NCJLA Upcoming Dates
 - i) Team Registration Opens: 10/5/15
 - ii) Team Registration Closes: 12/6/15
 - iii) Team Rosters Due: TBD (sometime December 2015)
 - iv) NCJLA Scheduling Meeting: 12/12/15
 - v) Game Scheduling Begins: 12/13/15
 - vi) Game Scheduling Ends: Boys – 1/21/16; Girls – 1/25/16
 - vii) Season Begins: Boys – 2/27/16; Girls – 3/5/16
 - viii) Regular Season Ends: 5/7/16
 - B. Ryan will be attending the Novato field scheduling meeting on 1/20/16 at the Novato Teen Center. As of today, the only Novato fields available for lacrosse practice are located at Sinaloa Middle School (upper and lower); San Jose Middle School; and Field 3 at Hill Middle School. TBD whether the IVC fields will be available.
 - C. John discussed the NCJLA delegates meeting held in September.
 - D. Review of tentative NLC Event Dates:
 - i) Parents Night: 1/21/16
 - ii) Rally Night: 2/26/16
 - iii) LAXapalooza: 4/23/16
 - iv) Awards Night: 5/19/16

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V Treasurer's Report

Cash position reported: \$49,443.81

VI General Business:

A. Fall Ball

- (1) Guest coaches, volunteers (including high school players), equipment (e.g., cones, pinnies and the necessary number of balls) and overall plan for each Fall Ball session were reviewed.
- (2) Fall Ball enrollment is high.

B. Evaluations for Prospective "A" Teams

- (1) Boys assessments:
 - (a) Greg Rose running tryouts.
 - (b) Coaches have been invited to evaluate.
 - (c) There was discussion about whether there will be enough players to sustain two U11 Boys teams ("A" and "B") and if not, whether the tryouts for U11 Boys should be cancelled and assessments made as part of Fall Ball. John and Ryan to further explore options based on projected enrollment prior to November 15, 2015, which is the first assessment date.
- (2) Girls assessments:
 - (a) There will be three components to a player's final assessment score: (i) tryouts (which will be judged by independent evaluators); (ii) the player's U13 and U15 coach, as applicable, for the 2016 season who will also be evaluating at tryouts; and (iii) coach evaluations from last season.
 - (b) Depending on the final enrollment numbers, the U15 team may be comprised of both 7th and 8th graders.

C. Player Registration and Early Bird Pricing

- (1) Spring registration numbers are low.
- (2) Early bird discount of \$50.00 extended to November 25, 2015.
- (3) The Board discussed various reasons why enrollment numbers were low.
- (4) Ideas to encourage enrollment and to increase registration numbers were explored including holding two days of gym classes focused on lacrosse in the Novato public schools. Melissa agreed to ask Charles Fager whether he would be interested in running the lacrosse based gym classes.

D. Director of Coaching Updates

Both Coaching Directors discussed whether all projected teams currently have the appropriate coaching staff.

E. Uniforms

- (1) The NLC will subsidize the cost of uniforms to NEW players only. Ryan will update the NLC website so that new players can request their preferred uniform size.

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- (2) RETURNING players needing a substitute top or bottom uniform piece will be required to pay \$25/top or bottom.
 - (a) Exception: if a returning player returns a uniform piece because it is too small, then the NLC will provide a substitute in the requested larger size at no cost.
 - (i) Bins will be available to collect old uniforms at every Fall Ball.
 - (ii) Deadline to return old uniforms will be December 13, 2015, the last Fall Ball session.
- (3) Matt proposed guaranteeing uniform numbers at a price TBD. This idea was well received and the Board agreed to discuss it in more detail at future Board meetings.

F. Open Positions.

- i) The current open positions are:
 - (1) IT/Operations Director
 - (2) Team Manager Coordinator
 - (3) Scheduling Assistant for Boys
 - (4) Scheduling Assistant for Girls
- ii) Jinah to advertise these open positions to the general lacrosse membership if they are not filled within a reasonable amount of time.

G. Mascot

- (1) Mascot contest: research is needed to determine the most appropriate online survey tool that should be utilized for the mascot contest.
- (2) The Board discussed the guidelines and parameters of the mascot contest including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (a) Providing a specific list of recommended mascots on the survey v. open suggestions.
 - (b) Mandatory Requirements:
 - (i) Mascot must be gender neutral and applicable to both the boys and girls teams.
 - (ii) Mascot must not be identical to other SF Bay area mascots. The following mascots are ruled out: Wolves, Wolfpack, Grizzlies, Blue Jays, River Cats, Firehawks, Scorpions and Coyotes.

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VII Adjournment:

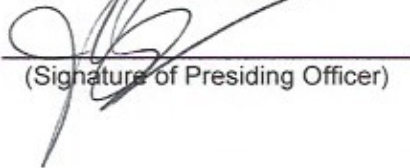
- A. There being no further business, President Taylor declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.
- B. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.
- C. The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jinah Conroy
Secretary

Adopted by the Board in the meeting

of Dec 2, 2015
(Date of Meeting)


(Signature of Presiding Officer)