

PRESENT: Bill Lynch, Jason Rivera, Chris Thuman, Tim Jones, Chris Turpen, Don Tunucci, Bobby Cowell, Ben Jones, Lisa Smith, Ben Prepchuck, Matt Mcginnis, Steve DeBiase, Tanya Williams (Gilbert Girls), Christine Piazza (Ahwatukee Girls)

TEAMS NOT REPRESENTED: ALC, TITANS, BANDITS

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Barro's Pizza, 950 East Baseline Road, Tempe

Followed by US Lacrosse-Sponsored Town Hall Meeting (**\*UPDATE - POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**)  
All LAX associations are encouraged to attend.

ROLL CALL: Tanya Williams and Christine Piazza from AZGL were invited in an effort to share best practices.

APPROVED: October Board meeting minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$21,044 bank account balance

#### BUDGET:

- Budget was distributed.
- APPROVED - Motion for AYL to pay for next batch of 40 sticks (\$45 each) for school use. (2-3 bags rotate around).
- \$800 All-Star Officials budget item – change wording.
- AYL average of \$65 per player is considerably lower than other youth sports (football \$350-450).
- Discipline Committee will determine if a 3<sup>rd</sup> Ref is necessary for certain games.
  - Cost of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ref will be vetted back to team.
  - Team will have one-week notice a 3<sup>rd</sup> ref will be present at their upcoming game.
- Cages – 3x3's arriving 11/20. Extra 6x6's in used condition will be sold at a discount.
- Team Dues – ½ due December 6; ½ due January 5
- Budget passed.

#### PRESIDENT ELECT:

- Bill's President term ends October 2018.
- Jason Rivera (VP) will begin transition to President October 2018.
- APPROVED – Jason Rivera as President-Elect.
- APPROVED – President position extended from a 1-year term to a 2-year term. ADDED TO BYLAWS.

#### OFFICIAL'S REPORT:

- 45 Refs this season – mostly juniors (college age). 15 juniors returning. All training will be complete by year end.
- 10U – Newest refs will officiate these games. Their uniforms will be green t-shirts (no stripes) to be less intimidating to players, as well as identify them as new.
- Rest of country is going more 7v7. Mixed – 2-1-2 and 2-2-2.
- USL Points of Emphasis this year – Sportsmanship amongst coaches and players. Officials can flag and eject parents. Grab another board member to deal with unruly parents.

#### RULES VOTED IN:

- 2-2-2 with offsides.
- Enforce USL rule that player must attempt one pass after faceoff.
- Long Poles:
  - 10U – no long poles
  - 12U – 10v10 – 4 maximum.
  - 7v7 – no long poles

#### 7v7 TEAMS:

- Will know by December 6 which teams have them.
- Need at least 10 players.
- Team registration fee - \$600 per team (1/2 of full team)
- Use cones to define  $\frac{3}{4}$  field.
- Use Bownet portable creases.

#### DEFINITION OF A “TEAM” AT EACH AGE GROUP:

- 12U/14U - 10v10: 16 players minimum (or with Board approval).
- Rationale is if only 10 players play, it puts those players at risk for safety issues.
- 12U 7v7: 10 minimum – Must all be unique players. Must be a registered separate team.
- If a team falls below the league minimum player count two weeks in a row, that team will be deleted from the next schedule.

#### FIELD SAFETY:

- LEAD: Bobby Cowell.
- Venues will use 30' nets behind goals.
- Possibly utilize Eagle Scouts to make them.

#### NEW 8U COMMITTEE:

- LEAD: Steve DeBiase
- Games will be a special event at certain Jamborees.
- Make it a cool experience for 8U players.

#### SCHEDULE UPDATE:

- March 24 is still open.
- Teams need to email Leslie ([lmcw01@gmail.com](mailto:lmcw01@gmail.com)) ASAP their bye week.

#### CACTUS CUP:

- Still waiting for Talking Stick confirmation.
- Maricopa is back up.
- Get a whole division done Friday night.

#### LEVEL 1 COACHING CLINIC:

- Saturday, December 2 at ASU.
- Boys and girls.
- HOSTS: Jason Rivera and Steve DeBiase.
- It is mandatory at least one coach per age group needs to complete.
- In addition, teams are responsible for background checking all coaches.
- Online rules test for coaches must be completed by \_\_\_\_\_.

#### AGE GROUP CUT-OFF DATE:

- APPROVED: Motion to adjust age cut-off date for 10U/12U from current USL guidelines of 09/01 - 08/31 to 09/01 - 04/08 (last day of season).
- Example:
  - If you turn 11 during the season, you are 12U.
  - If you turn 13 during the season, you are 14U.
  - If you turn 15 during the season, you are ineligible.
- 14U already voted last season to do this.
- No exceptions.

#### LAXFEST WRAP-UP:

- Ended budget neutral.
- Use Kim brothers again.
- Tell “stars” what we want them to do.
- Hold clinic on Friday night – games on Saturday.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Board will be enforcing mandated roster books at every game.
- If team does not have one, they will be pulled.

#### 10U/12U/14U COMPETITION:

- LEADS: Steve DeBiase (10U), Jason Rivera (12U), Ben Jones (14U)
- Rule adjustments.
- End-of-year bracketing - decide who plays whom in the Cactus Cup.

#### IMPLEMENT “PLAYER OF THE WEEK” FOR 10U/12U/14U/JV/V:

- Coaches submit nominations.
- Players receive equipment box.
- Players highlighted on AYL website.
- Award 5 Rhino Camp scholarships.

#### OTHER:

- Ben Jones will create Board Minutes tab on website.