

PRESENT: Bill Lynch, Jason Rivera, Chris Turpen, Chris Thuman, Lisa Smith, Ben Jones, Leslie McCoy Williams, Frank Ferrantelli, Arik Michelson, Mark Haak, Kyle Mox, Karen Kelly (North Valley), Bobby Colwell, Pete Ophardt, Chuck Rullan, Ian Parker (Desert Elite), Tom Carr (TYL), Don McCann (Oro Valley)

NEXT MEETING: TBA

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$20,231

AYL BOARD OCTOBER ELECTION:

- Two vacant voting positions are open
- Board positions are a three-year term
- Each program is permitted one voting member on the board
- Board members should be prepared to make decisions that are in the best interest of the league and development of AZ youth lacrosse.
- Kyle Mox/Ahwatukee and Jeff Wilson/North Valley have expressed interest in joining the board
- Anyone else who wants to join the board, please email Lisa Smith ([lisainsfo@yahoo.com](mailto:lisainsfo@yahoo.com)) ASAP

2019 SCHEDULE AND FIELDS:

- Opening Day - Saturday, January 26, 2019
- Cactus Cup - Saturday, March 30 at the Scottsdale Sports Complex
- We need a focused schedule person to set full schedule at the beginning of the season
- Jamborees need six-field venues, but four will work
- During Spring Break need less fields
- Ben Jones and Lisa Smith will put together field spreadsheet
- Ideally use Maricopa (2x), Tempe (2x), North Valley (2x), Scottsdale (1x), Glendale
- We need to put together a committee for field set-up and breakdown. Who will lead this effort?
- Should parents be required to help? Not sustainable.
- Do we need to hire a crew to do this service and charge a few extra dollars per kid?
- More Rage cages could be purchased for Central Storage so programs don't need to bring them
- Central Storage – Chris Turpen will manage equipment, field paint, loaner sticks, balls

14U GAME FORMAT:

- High schools say they are getting Freshman players not prepared for full-time games (4 quarter/stop time game)
- 20-30 minutes longer than current game
- Do we want to do Home and Away-style, 4-quarter games some weeks?
- i.e. - Two teams would play each other on a Thursday or Friday, then switch fields in two weeks
- Would help Saturday's schedule
- Refs are available for it
- Do home and away games during Spring Break?
- Concern is current schedule is already a nightmare

## US LACROSSE MEMBERSHIP:

- \$125,000 is leaving Arizona in USL dues
- What is AYL getting from USL? \$5-7k in grants per year, insurance, elementary school soft stick program, 9 issues of magazine
- If we leave USL, how will this money be spent?
- Hire 1099'd person to grow the game in the state
- Create a new board with high school to find the right person
- Only three high school organizations in the US are with USL
- AZ HS is leaving USL
- Tuscan Youth League will make their own independent decision
- Officials are staying with USL for training
- It will cost AYL \$6-9 per player to purchase our own league insurance
- \$9 policy is better than USL's Bollinger coverage
- Clinics are covered
- Does this new insurance cover Box LAX?
- Do tournaments require USL membership?
- Some programs buy a separate insurance policy for new fall players and coaches (around \$250)
- No one present was against leaving USL except for insurance reasons
- Biggest part of leaving USL is risk and liability
- Board will get insurance broker to come and answer all our questions
- APPROVED – Bring insurance broker to September Board meeting
- Vote to stay or leave USL deferred until next meeting