

## 2017 December Meeting Minutes

Nebraska High School Lacrosse Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 27, 2017, 7:00 PM  
For Participants Dial – 402-609-1766

Nebraska Orthopedic Hospital  
2808 S. 143rd Street, Omaha NE 68144  
Conference Room: Aquarium

### 1. Members present:

Ames -  
Ankeny – Present (phone)  
West Des Moines Valley - Present (phone)  
Burke -  
Cobra Lacrosse – Present  
Creighton Prep -  
Elkhorn -  
Lincoln - Present  
Millard West - Present  
Northstar - Present (phone)  
Sarpy County - Present  
Westside - Present  
Chris Howe, President - Present  
Jon Pohlmann - Vice President – Present (phone)  
Tim Mausbach - Treasurer - Present  
Kimberly Kuszak - Secretary - Present

2. The first order of business is to approve minutes from the November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Are there any additions or corrections? The meeting minutes for the November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting have been approved with one correction, the date of the summit was corrected from January 9<sup>th</sup> to January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 3. President's Report

Final changes/additions for conference games need to be completed by December 30<sup>th</sup> and forwarded to Nick Clausen.

4. VP's Report – State Tournament – those who are interested are: CP, WDV, Westside, Lincoln, Burke – any others need to email nebraskalax@gmail by January 19<sup>th</sup> and let us know what the cost would be with and without lights, facility amenities, etc.

## 5. Secretary's Report

Taking to heart of the feedback from Kristin Leu last month, I have created a new document with the team boundaries and which schools are assigned to which teams. This will be added to the website so there is a good resource for future families looking for team boundary information.

By the January meeting the document section of the website will be updated.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Asked if Jon had received any payment on balls, Tim will be reaching out to the teams asking them to pay. Jon will create invoices

Balance as of today is: \$24,488.38

State Tournament is self-funded with ad spaces and ticket sales

## 7. State Tournament site options – Jon Pohlmann

We will need all teams to help out in order to run the tournament smoothly. Each team will have the opportunity to sign up to help. Those teams who do not sign up for something will be assigned tasks.

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## 8. Old Business

- US Lacrosse Summit – Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – Anyone attending MUST RSVP
  - Agenda will have 3 Sessions
    - Lacrosse in Nebraska (I will present)
      - Youth (Boys and Girls)
      - High School (Boys and Girls)
        - Need youth info from OLC
        - Need info from all girl's programs
- Strategic Planning
  - Education and Training for Coaches and Referees
- Player Development
  - What's working at the youth level
  - Grants and funding
- Lenice (Westside HS) asked why the Club vs Rec is not going to be part of the summit topics
  - Lenice (Westside HS) wants to keep sticks in kids' hands and is very passionate about this topic and feels it is not fair to kids who have been playing for years to be playing with beginners of the same age, and says it is not fun for these players because there is no competition.
  - Lenice wants NELAX & OLC to address transition kids who are overqualified for the state of Nebraska at this age level
  - Chris Howe made the suggestion that she create a travel team with these kids, or start a Middle School Lacrosse Association. Lenice said since her son is an 8th grader, it's too late for her to do this and NELAX needs to resolve the issue.
- Athletic Directors from the different school districts have been invited to the summit to help with clarify development of youth players. Chris will also reach out to US Lacrosse for clarification.

- Bylaw review/revision: document that was sent out with this month's meeting minutes.

#### Discussion

- We will take all suggestions into consideration and send out a revision for review. Please read over them carefully; it seems like we need to focus on making information clear instead of changing what we have. We will vote on revisions of the bylaws (if any) during the January meeting. Lenice suggested making a special committee to review the bylaws....
- Lenice's comments (Westside HS) wants to make clear 8<sup>th</sup> grader can fill out waiver to play up, we did not get past that item.
- Lenice (Westside HS) continued, stating son is practicing with high school wrestling team as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, so she said Westside will have no problems having 8<sup>th</sup> graders play up with lacrosse.
- Lenice feels not allowing kids who are ready to play at the high school level play due to age is not growing the sport of lacrosse.
- Lenice asked about who the lawyer for NELAX; Sam Brower sbrower@alblaw.com
- Brian H (Lincoln Lacrosse) asked Lenice if all players would be allowed to play at Westside, even players who are not going to go to Westside high school in 9th grade, because they live outside the district. Lenice stated since she is the president of the Westside Lacrosse Club, that should not be a problem.

#### 9. New Business

CSG's – July 21<sup>st</sup> – Chris (CSG tournament director) asked if coaches want team or individual sign up? Format is 7 v 7, \$40 per player or \$500 team registration fee, 13 player max. Rate will increase every 6 weeks, so the earlier you register, the lower the cost. Coaches want team fee with option to have individual players register if they do not have a team to play on.

Jon's term us up in January, he wants to stay on as VP – if anyone is interested in putting their name in please forward information to nebraskalax@gmail.com NLT COB on January 17<sup>th</sup>

- Organizes State Tournament
- Organizing JV Tournament
- Works state tournament

#### 10. Upcoming Events

No Clash at the Cook this year – lacrosse balls in the toilet last year cost UNL thousands in repairs. Not sure who is responsible, but the lacrosse teams are being blamed. This is all the information we have on this issue.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm