

2018 March Meeting Minutes

Nebraska High School Lacrosse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 28, 2018, 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:
 - a. Ames – Absent
 - b. Ankeny – Present (Phone)
 - c. West Des Moines Valley – Present (Phone)
 - d. Burke – Present
 - e. Creighton Prep - Present
 - f. Cobra Lacrosse – Present
 - g. Elkhorn Storm – Present
 - h. Lincoln – Present
 - i. Millard West – Present
 - j. North Star - Absent
 - k. Sarpy County – Present
 - l. Westside – Present
 - m. Chris Howe – Present
 - n. Jon Pohlmann – Present
 - o. Tim Mausbach – Present
 - p. Kimberly Kuszak – Present

2. Approval of February 28, 2018 meeting minutes

3. 3. President's Report
 - a. All Star Game
 - i. All Star Game years ago when Kurt was still coaching Millard West. Before that, players were just picked (not sure how) as the all stars of the league. Once the season began, coaches would send the nominations to Kurt and he would put everything together for the team. Kurt said, most often than not we got everyone that the coaches nominated. For the ones that were close (mostly dealing with goalies), we put a vote out to all the coaches. Kurt is not personally picking the teams, just coordinating it between the coaches. And that process still stands today. When he left Millard West, he was asked to continue to run the event (I'm not sure by who) and he agreed as long as NPL could sponsor it. NPL has sponsored the last 2 HS All Star games.
 - ii. So this is really a Co-Sponsored event where NPL takes the lead on most of it but NELax's role is:
 - iii. Included the cost of the jerseys within the budget for 2018
 - iv. HS coaches nominate their players to help with picking the teams
 - b. NPL role is:
 - i. Covers the costs of everything other than the jerseys

- ii. Getting field location and cost of field
 - iii. Cost of refs and trainer
 - iv. Bring all the gear (nets, balls, etc)
 - v. All coordination and legwork associated with this event
 - vi. Collecting nominations from HS coaches
 - vii. Designing the uniforms and coordinating with the vendor
 - c. Kurt has some great things planned for this year including having some of the MLL pros attend the game, have Warrior/Brine tent at the game as well as they may be helping to procure the uniforms and provide some awards for game MVPs. Rob Pannell and Max Seibald will be there on the sidelines with the players.
4. Number of players currently registered 390 + NorthStar
5. Injuries/concussions - reporting w/in 48 hours of incident. All documents are on the NELAX website under 2015 concussion information and documents
- a. Are there any teams who have had players concussed during a league game or scrimmage?
6. Table worker responsibilities
- a. Table workers are part of the officiating crew and will be treated as such. Table workers may not at any time use foul language, cheer for their team, berate the opposing team, player, parents or officials.
 - b. Athletic Trainers should arrive 30 minutes before faceoff and should be visible on the sideline at all times. Trainers are not allowed to sit at the score table, keep score, run the clock, or keep stats for either team. Scott Martins will send this out to the AT's
 - c. JV game clock
 - i. On the JV timing; after talking with Bob Hoffer, we understand that going forward all league JV games will be 13 minutes running clock quarters with the clock stopping only for time serving penalties and timeouts (team or official). The clock then restarts when the official puts the ball back in play.
7. Behavior on the sidelines (coaches and players)
- a. During games, only the Head Coach may address the official and/or ask for clarification of a rule or a call during a timeout, at the end of a quarter, and at the half. Players should never say anything to an official except for "thank you," "yes, sir," or "please." Shrugging of shoulders, rolling eyes, throwing up their hands on the field in disagreement of a call will not be tolerated. Coaches are expected to act in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. If there are issue regarding an opposing team's coach, or players, that needs to be addressed with the officials during a game, sound a "double horn" to notify the officials of an issue at the table, during a dead ball situations where the on field officials have already stopped play.
 - b. Mr Mona brought up the topic of what happened at the game between Lincoln Rampage and Westside. He wanted to know why NELAX had not reached out to Westside with what happened to the player After much discussion and heated back and forth between Westside Board Member and Kimberly Kuszak it was determined NELAX was waiting for Westside to file a complaint and since no complaint was sent to the NELAX email address that is the reason why NELAX did not reach out to Westside regarding the solution. Chris Howe did communication with Kimberly Kuszak after the incident and stated that this happened before the game and the police were called however no tickets was issued NELAX didn't see the point to get involved and left this to be dealt with between the two clubs. At the time Kimberly was informed by Chris Kimberly informed Chris she needed to excuse herself from any NELAX interference because this

could be a conflict of interest. Kimberly then told Chris that she will wait for the complaint to be filed.

- c. Please note US Lacrosse was called twice, once by Lenice Hogan and the parent Mr Mona. Bryce from US Lacrosse gave the advice that they needed to contact NELAX.
 - d. Lincoln Lacrosse stated they dealt with the player and they would send out a email reaching out to Mr Mona, Westside board and NELAX with a resolution.
 - e. FOLLOW-UP to the meeting. Kimberly Kuszak reached out to Mr Mona to clear the air and thanked him for coming to the meeting and voicing his opinions and he explained there was a miscommunication on his end. We left the phone call with pleasantries.
8. Respectfulness in email and text messaging
- a. Many emails are forwarded to other teams or to the NELAX board of directors. Please be as clear as you can when emailing as it makes things on our end go smoother without having to email back to ask for clarification. Please begin with a salutation directed to the person or group receiving the message. Be aware we all work full time jobs and cannot exactly drop everything to immediately answer an email or text. If 24 hours has passed and you don't hear back from us, send a reminder email, text or call one of us.
 - b. When texting, same thing - be aware of group texts and who you are responding to. Be nice
9. Working with teams: Team - Team, Team - NELAX
- a. Teams have done a great job communicating this year. Please keep that communication open and work to settle any issues Team to Team first, then let NELAX know how you will proceed; i.e. combining JV teams, rescheduling games, etc.
 - b. Cancelling or changing game information
 - c. If you need to change the date, time, or location of a game, it is the responsibility of the home team to notify the referees and athletic trainers in a timely manner.
 - d. Please use this email address to notify the referees: haloschedules@gmail.com
 - e. Please use this email address to notify the athletic trainers: scott.martens@orthonebraska.com or Eric.Smoyer@orthonebraska.com
 - f. NELAX at nebraskalax@gmail.com with any changes and update the information on the NELAX website.
 - g. It's always a good idea to check the HAOL scheduling website a few days prior to your game so you know who your refs will be in case you need to contact them. If you cannot access the HALO scheduling system, please contact Bob Hoffer ASAP.
10. VP's Report
- a. Update on JV Tournament
 - i. Press release is going out about the JV Tournament
 - b. Update on State Tournament
 - i. Lincoln Speedway will be the site for the first part of the tournament
 - ii. Friday Night will be held at Creighton Prep
 - iii. The Championship will be held at Westside under the lights!
 - c. Program Ads
 - i. Ad sheets will be emailed out
11. Secretary's Report
- a. Discuss State Tournament Program

- b. Team/Player Information on League Athletics Website: Update the following information on the league athletic website:
 - i. Varsity Team Roster
 - ii. JV Roster(s)
 - iii. Player Positions
 - iv. Jersey Numbers
 - v. Team Captains
 - vi. Email list of team captains if applicable

- c. College Commitment Players: If you know of any your players who fall under this category email the following information for each player from your team who has a college commitment.
 - i. Full name of player
 - ii. Parents Name
 - iii. College committed too and position if known
 - iv. High School
 - v. A photo of them
 - vi. Email/Cell phone contact of Player

- d. Military Service/ROTC Program Players: If you know of any your players who fall under this category email the following information for each player from your team who has a college commitment.
 - i. Full name of player
 - ii. Parents Name
 - iii. Branch of Service
 - iv. High School
 - v. A photo of player
 - vi. Email/Cell phone contact of Player

- e. Coaches:
 - i. Send list of coaches if not on the league athletic website

- f. Club Board Members:
 - i. If you haven't already email list of club board members to be listed in the program

- g. Team Photos:
 - i. I will need a high-resolution photo of your team by May 1, 2018. If you need assistance with getting this type of photo, please let me know by emailing the nebraskalax@gmail.com.

- h. Team Page Proof: Each team will be asked to proof their team pages prior to going to print. Please watch from emails from me regarding your team page.
 - i. Send Contact Person who will be proofing your team page

12. Treasurer's Report

- a. Current Balance – 18,701.05 and PayPal = 44,316.30

Upcoming events:

Next Meeting is Wednesday, April 25th at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm