

## CYLA Board Meeting Minutes 26 October 2016

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- 1) The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center at Western Park, Cedar Point NC. Members present were: Danny O'Connell, Brian Griffing, Heidi Walker, Caryn Fails, Mike Edwards, Jon Bradley, Marissa?, Tyler?
- 2) **Age Groups:** ECYLL will abide by the USL new age groups. Boys will be grouped 14U, 12U, 10U, and 8U. Girls will be grouped into 14U and 10U. Heidi emphasized that CYLA intends to have a 14U Girls team and asked that Mike put out a social media blast to that effect. Heidi will provide a draft statement for Mike to use. 14U boys' games will have three referees per game. This will increase cost to host a U14B game due to the cost of the additional referee but, is intended to ensure safety of the players. No age waivers will be granted in ECYLL. The board raised questions on what age group was body contact and long poles now allowed for boys. Also, need to understand the checking rules for U14 and U10 girls. The links to the rule changes for both genders were posted on Facebook and social media. It was recommended that the coaches wait until after the planned rules interpretation meetings and discuss this topic again.
- 3) **Uniforms:** Jon Bradley displayed samples of the new 8U and 10U game jerseys that double as practice pinnies as well. Players will keep these jerseys. 14U and 12U will continue to use current jersey/pinnie system. A decision needs to be made on whether the girls will wear shorts vs kilts and what the design will be. Director strongly recommended something other than the kilts.
- 4) **Gear:** There is now ASTM standards for Girls' head protection and eye cages. Heidi will call ECYLL to determine if they intend to require standardizing the use of head protection. Neither US Lacrosse nor North Carolina has stated a requirement yet. Need to determine if the CYLA owned eye cages meet the ASTM standards before issuing to players. CYLA needs to obtain more of the ice packs that are activated when struck. CYLA is low on yellow lacrosse balls for the girls' program and needs to purchase more.
- 5) **Coaching:** The coaches were tentatively assigned to the boys teams. Roster will be updated once all volunteer coaches provide input on preferences. The four girl's coaches will discuss how to spread across the two girl's teams. All coaches are required to have Level 1 Coach certification from USL to be on sidelines during games. Coaches are required to have current USL Membership in order to be eligible for USL liability insurance. CYLA will reimburse USL membership fee once level 1 cert is presented to Jon Bradley. Volunteers to support practices, clinics or work games away from the players' sidelines don't require USL certification.
- 6) **Coach Training:** There will be a mandatory coaches meeting on Jan 28 where Steve Otto will be passing rule update information for boys game. ECYLL will check with head of the girls' officiating to see if he will have updates for the girls games. Mens/Boys Officials training will occur 27/28 Jan at Jacksonville High School. There is also a NC State Coaches Clinic on 7 Jan. The NC State clinic is not required but highly recommended by coaches who have attended similar events in the past. The Croatan coach is attending a train the trainer certification course. After certification he will be able to conduct boys' level 1 certification clinics locally. Heidi will investigate the coach training opportunities for the girls' program.

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- 7) **ECYLL Expansion:** Newport Renegades will join ECYLL with 4 Boys teams for Spring 17. This new club will pull current players from Carteret and Havelock clubs. To compensate CYLA needs to recruit boys from Swansboro and Hubert as well as Carteret County. Addition of Newport club does not add any weekends. Instead of playing each ECYLL club twice, some teams will only play each other once. Board needs to investigate alternate playing opportunities when CYLA is playing Newport since there will not be Newport girls teams to play. Need to work with the Newport Club to recruit girls from that area to fill out CYLA girls' team until the numbers can support girls' teams at CYLA and Newport.
- 8) **Fall Clinics:** Every Saturday Dan O'Connell will conduct Fast Break and Clearing drills for 12U and 14U boys. Free Sunday clinics will resume TBD starting December. Jon Bradley will try to get more practice field area at Western Park now that additional lights have been installed. Younger teams will have early practice. Older teams will start later and practice under the lights.
- 9) **Registration and Recruiting:** Registration is currently open at the CYLA website. There is \$25 off registration fee for early registration. One time age verification for US Lacrosse is required and can be done online. Jon Bradley stated there will be a day for recruiting sign assembly and set up and volunteers will be needed. Jon asked Mike Edwards to look into the Onslow County Schools process to get flyers approved for Swansboro area middle and elementary schools. Heidi wants to offer free eye cages if a player registers and refers a friend who also registers. Whether not the current eye cages meet the ASTM standards mention above will have an impact on this. Mike asked for coaches to send picture of their clinics for use on social media. Heidi suggested setting up a CYLA Snap Chat and Mike is investigating.
- 10) **Fundraisers:** Danny stated the car wash was successful last year but they need additional volunteers this year. He also recommended that each team attempt to arrange sponsor. Sponsors will have their names added to the sponsor board at the field. Marissa suggested CYLA contact the new Academy Sports in Jacksonville to see if they are willing to sponsor as a promotion for the new store. Also, completion with Dick's Sporting Goods may increase the contribution from Dick's. Jon stated he will again handle the CYLA SWAG.

### 11) Below are the highlights of the ECYLL 2 October BOD meeting:

- PCYL is hosting a College Lacrosse Coaches Round table on Nov 3 @7pm – information to be posted on ECYLL website
- Cherry Point Air Station wants to start a Box Lacrosse group – information to be posted to ECYLL website
- Tenth Annual North Carolina Lacrosse Coaching Clinic will be held on Saturday, January 7th at NC State University – information to be posted to ECYLL website
- US Lacrosse Convention in 20-22 Jan – information posted to US Lacrosse website

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- Mens/Boys Officials training – 27/28 Jan – contact Steve Otto for specifics – we need officials for both boys & girls!!!
- ECYLL Board Scheduling meeting – Jan 28
- MANDATORY Coaches meeting - Jan 28 if they plan on being on the field they MUST be there and Steve Otto will be passing rule update information for boys game. Will check with John to see if he will have updates for the girls games
- ECYLL will add Newport Youth Lacrosse organization to the ECYLL. The schedule has been updated to reflect 7 organizations. We will have a 12 week season with no games being played on Easter weekend and the twelfth Saturday will be the ECYLL end-of-year tournament. With this, we will have a team experiencing a bye-week each week and a couple teams will have 2. Each organization will play each other once, but will play a few teams a second time within our regular scheduled season.
- ECYLL drew numbers for schedule assignments. Then we had to adjust a few things to accommodate Carteret hosting Onslow for the annual memorial games and New Bern not having home fields due to Relay for Life (I think it is April 22, but am still trying to confirm this date). Onslow normal does not have access to the restrooms during their spring break so I have them away that weekend. If we missing anything, please let me know soonest. See attached schedule – each organization has their own tab for their schedule
- ECYLL will adjust our age brackets to conform to US Lacrosse suggested brackets but due to player and coach availability we will have 2 to 4 years in an age bracket:  
<http://www.uslacrosse.org/sites/default/files/public/documents/rules/age-group-chart-090116.pdf>
  - **Boys:**
    - U15 will be 13U/14U
    - U13 will be 11U/12U
    - U11 will be 9U/10U
    - U9 will be 7U/8U
  - **Girls:**
    - U15 will be 11U/12U/13U/14U
    - U11 will be 7U/8U/9U/10U

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- Players are to be bracketed by their age as of 31 August 2016
- Bobbi Webster updated ECYLL By-Laws to reflect this age bracketing change in red text. if the wording needs to be tweaked please let her know, so she can adjust. Once ECYLL gets the wording down, we will get the updated file uploaded to the ECYLL website
- Coaches Certification – coaches need to be certified
- Respect of Officials – we need to emphasize respect for our officials by coaches, players, and parents.
- Remember that this is Youth sports we need to be teaching skills, sportsmanship, respect, etc.