

## CYLA Board Meeting Minutes 12 June 2017

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- 1) **Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Center at Western Park, Cedar Point NC. Members present were: Jon Bradley, Danny O'Connell, Mike Edwards, Kenn Phillips and Ben Beach.
- 2) **Registration Fees:** CYLA fees are among the lowest in ECYLL due to Western Park being free to use for games. There may be a slight increase but, that will be determined as we get closer to opening of registration. New goals are needed and must be priced and a budget developed. Early Bird Registration will begin 1 October 2017 and regular registration will begin 1 January 2018.
- 3) **New Player Clinics:** CYLA plans to begin clinics earlier in the Fall, tentatively in October. Western Park will not be available to use until football season is over but, the other planned locations will be available. Possible clinic locations include: Swansboro, Emerald Isle, Broad Creek Middle School and Bogue Sound Middle School.
- 4) **Boys Program:** CYLA and ECYLL will continue to follow the US Lacrosse age brackets. High school freshman who do not play on a school team will be allowed to play 14U if age eligible. CYLA will provide long poles to 10U defenders. Poles will be 54" long. Practice pinnies and game jerseys will be part of the uniform for 12U and 14U. Game jerseys only for 10U and 8U.
- 5) **Girls Program:** Two former Naval Academy Women's Lacrosse players volunteered to coach next season. They are active duty so CYLA will look to mitigate possible absences due to military duties. Believe there will be an opening for a new Girls Director. Jon Bradley will discuss with a few possible candidates.
- 6) **Developmental Program:** Dan O'Connell proposed that CYLA develop a developmental program to better prepare players to move to the next level. This would be a building block program in line with US Lacrosse's Athlete Development Model. This would include standardized drill packages to mitigate coach turnover and prepare each age group to move up to the next age group. Dan also proposed combined beginner only practices. This discussion revolved around the boys but, will need to be reviewed for applicability to the girls program once the new coaches are joined.
- 7) **Memorial Game and ECYLL End of Season Tournament:** Memorial Game will continue to be the weekend before the ECYLL End of Season Tournament. It will still be between Onslow and Carteret. It will become more focus in honoring members of the large military community in the local area than focused on one specific person. The CYLA End of Season BBQ will take place on the Thursday between the Memorial Game and the ECYLL Tournament. CYLA will recommend that ECYLL return to more of playoff format for the Tournament. Rosters should be fixed, teams seeded based on their record and the winner of each age and gender group declared the tournament champion for that year. Currently the tournament is more of a jamboree with mixed teams or clubs not sending teams.
- 8) **End of season awards/trophies:** The board is studying a better way to recognized players instead of giving everyone a trophy, at least in the older age groups. Options include adopting Pitt's Ground Ball Gorilla concept or gift certificates for exceptional play during a

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game. Looking to provide more incentive to strive for improvement at the 14U and 12U Boys as well as 14U Girls.

- 9) **Cougar Cubs:** Jon Bradley plans to start a Cougar Cubs program which, involves members of the Croatan High School Lacrosse team mentoring the younger players of the CYLA at practices, clinics, etc. Croatan players would be involved in teaching the young players the game. Without a Croatan Girls Lacrosse team CYLA will need to find and alternate for the young girl players.
- 10) **Board Members:** CYLA will expand the board to take some of the load off the President and to include more people in the decision making process. Krystal Phillips will become the Fundraising Lead. Kenn Phillips and Ben Beach were added to the board as well. Specific positions are still to be determined based on additional changes to the board not being finalized. Starting in the fall there may be monthly meetings to better track progress on planned improvements/changes to the CYLA program.
- 11) **Adjournment:** The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.