

## **2016/17 OGLA Board Meeting - 8.28.16**

**In Attendance:** Ali, Ben, Brett, Jim, Megan, Andrew, Willie, Jay, Jason, Christie, Sarah, and Gina.

**Welcome and Introductions** (Ali and Ben) – Meeting started at 10:20am

- Board members introduced themselves and their position on the board. Ben Finklea introduced himself as the President and Megan Elston as the Vice President.
- Open At-Large Board positions were assigned to the new board members with the three one year At-Large Positions assigned to Christie, Gina, and Paje with the only two year At-Large Position assigned to Sarah.
- The Board position of Secretary is open so the floor was opened for nominations. Ben Finklea nominated Willie Hertford. The nomination was seconded. With no additional nominations, Ben motioned that Willie Hertford become the Board Secretary, Brett seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous and motion passed.
- Ali and Ben shared with the Board the various subcommittees requiring Board Member assignments.
  - JV/Varsity Jamboree – Brett agreed to lead this subcommittee
  - State Tournament/Playoff – Brett and Ali agreed to lead this subcommittee.
  - Coach Mentor – Megan agreed to again lead this subcommittee. Discussion followed on potentially holding a coaching clinic prior to the start of the season, like in the month of October and then another in the month of February.
  - Chapter Liaison – Brett and Jay agreed to lead this subcommittee.
  - Lax Power – Willie agreed to again manage the data input into lax power.
  - National Team Coordinator – This subcommittee was left open, tabled until next Board Meeting.

**Redmond Update** (Ben and Brett)

- Ben briefly informed the Board Members of a Tort naming OGLA as a defendant to an incident that occurred in Redmond. Brett reported that OGLA had contacted US Lacrosse to draw upon our D&O insurance in advance of a possible need to retain legal counsel.

**Clackamas Update** (Meg)

- Meg provided a brief update on the Clackamas Girls Lacrosse Club. They are still in need of a High School Varsity Coach and will be placed on list for Coaching Mentorship from OGLA.

**OWLUA Items** (Brett)

- Brett informed Board that OWLUA was going to host new umpire clinics in Bend and Eugene. Discussion followed with suggestions to improve the communication of the event and providing advance notice.

- Brett stated that OWLUA was proposing a \$100 over-night stipend for umpires that travel and officiate two days in Central Oregon. The OGLA board was in favor of this change.

#### **Treasurer's Report** (Andrew)

- Andrew reported to the Board that OGLA increased their cash position in 2016 over prior year. Operating expenses run approximately \$55,000 annually with annual income meeting our liabilities and expenses.

#### **National Team** (Ben and Ali)

- Ben reported to the Board that he had attended the Oregon USL Chapter board meeting seeking cash sponsorship for the Oregon Team sent annual to the National Event. Ben requested \$10,000 for each of the next three years to help reduce our players burden to attend the National Event. Discussion followed around the topic of whether the team should represent the best of Oregon Lacrosse or as a recruiting opportunity. The overall consensus was in favor of finding a way to have the Oregon Team represent the best of Oregon Lacrosse.

#### **Scheduling** (Ben and Brett)

- Ben and Brett proposed that the Board assign a subcommittee to look at how teams are currently scheduling games and with whom in the interest of improving the parity among the contests and the accuracy of Lax Power's statistical algorithm. Megan, Gina, and Paje were assigned to this subcommittee to come up with a proposal for presentation at the next Board Meeting.

#### **League Structure** (Ben and Ali)

- Ben and Ali informed the Board of some new teams forming and needing to be assigned to leagues in anticipation of the 2017 season. Discussion followed on changing some of the league members towards reducing travel expenses. The Board gave the subcommittee on scheduling the task of including the realignment of the leagues and their respective members to their proposal for the next Board Meeting.
- Discussion was opened up on what constitute a Varsity Team with the task of generating a proposal for the Board to consider at the next Board Meeting to Ali.

#### **Website** (Ben and Willie)

- Ben reported to the Board that after attending numerous webinars on potential website candidates, that League Athletics was the best of all the possible solutions.
- Willie challenged the Board with the need to establish a written policy on Security access by Board Members to the website content, distribution of content, and what would be done with non-active content. The Board assigned Andrew and Ali to generate a proposal for review and approval at the next Board Meeting.

#### **HS and Youth Merge** (Ben) – Tabled until next Board Meeting

### **Coaching support (Meg, Ben, Ali)**

- Megan reported on the lack of response to the oqlamentor.org email to address any specific concerns by coaches. Discussion followed on how to better engage the newer coaches. Andrew made the motion to pay a stipend to our more experienced coaches to attend a practice of an inexperienced coach, observe, evaluate, and provide constructive feedback. Willie seconded the motion, unanimous vote, motion was passed.

### **Outlying Lacrosse Areas - Bend/South Leagues (Gina, Ben, Ali)**

- Gina reported that the South was looking to provide indoor lacrosse opportunities in the fall and wondered if the rule of five would be violated. The Board shared that indoor lacrosse was typically played without any formal coaching or coaches, making the potential of violating the rule of five not applicable.
- Gina reported that many of the Portland opportunities were challenging to attend during the weekday and would like the Board's support to move the opportunities to the weekend as much as possible to improve attendance.
- Gina reported that the South found it hard to take advantage of the educational clinics that occurred in the Portland area. Andrew made the motion to allocate funds for educational clinics in the South Leagues and Central Oregon. Jason seconded the motion, unanimous vote, the motion was passed.

### **Scholarships/use of OGLA funds (All) – Tabled until the next Board Meeting**

- Gear
- Club lacrosse scholarship
- Any other?
- clinics

### **2016/17 Season Overview - Important Dates (Ali)**

- All Coaches Fall Meeting was set for October 16<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3pm at Wilsonville HS
- Next Board Meeting set for October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm in Beaverton
- November Board Meeting set for November 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in Beaverton

### **Miscellaneous**

- Gina asked the board to consider having better representation/input with attendance from the South and Central Oregon. Discussion followed. Brett suggested that the Board hold one or two open Board Meetings with required attendance by the respective League Representatives as a possible solution.

**Meeting Adjournment** – Ben motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:10pm, Ali seconded the motion, unanimous vote, meeting adjourned.