

2016/17 OGLA Board Meeting – 6.11.17

In Attendance: Willie, Jason, Ali, Ben, Meg, Brett, Jay, Gina, Sarah, and Andrew.

Meeting Brought to Order: Ali called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Minutes from 5.8.17 Board Meeting – Were distributed for the board to review via email prior to this meeting. Minutes were approved as written.

Old Business –

Treasurer Report (Andrew)

- Scholarships have been approved and forwarded to Andrew for check disbursement.
- OGLA netted about \$5,000 from Playoffs and improved operating cash position by \$8,000 YOY.
- OGLA has a substantial sum of savings that has been built up over the past several years that requires direction on disbursement and level of savings appropriate to prudent operation of OGLA. This subject was tabled for next meeting.
- Andrew submitted his intent to resign as Treasurer to the board effective upon a suitable replacement being found.
- Sponsorships of OGLA – no report

Mentorship Program – (Meg)

- No report.

Website Data –

- Website Confidentiality Policy was not available to put forth for a motion.

PLAYOFFS –

- There was some discussion on continuing the venues at local PDX metro member schools to keep proceeds of revenue within the lacrosse community as opposed to spending it on a third party, does the requirement for covered stands become a limiting factor, member criteria for hosting, etc. This topic was tabled until next meeting.
- A member organization informed OGLA that a player from the opposing team during a playoff game was ineligible (USLAX membership had expired). OGLA confirmed ineligibility of player. OGLA has chosen not to act on this information against the member in violation as the season has been concluded. OGLA will look into finding an improved solution that would mitigate the risk of an ineligible player.
- Willie made the motion to accept the Norm PR from Lax Power (excluding out of state contests) as the standard by which teams would be ranked for seeding. Brett seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.
- Gina asked the Board to consider travel stipends during playoffs for those teams having to travel long distances and whose season's funds had not included post

season expenses. The Board was open to the idea and would need to develop some guidelines on how the amount would be determined and who would qualify.

Coaches Report – (Ben)

- Ben reported that coaching challenges still existed with the Clackamas, Sunset, and Newberg programs and was looking to the board for guidance on what tools, if any, were available to OGLA to govern/enforce quality coaching and coaching sportsmanship. Discussion followed with concerns about OGLA's ability and/or involvement to prevent a program from retaining a coach, etc,. This topic as tabled for the next OGLA meeting.

New Business –

Nominations –

- Meg nominated and made the motion to approve Willie Hertford to another term as secretary of OGLA. Jay seconded the motion which was approved.
- Ali reported that there was a significant number of at-large board positions that were open for this next year and would need to be filled. Ali will be reaching out to the lacrosse community to fill the vacated seats.
- Gina asked the Board to consider assigning one or two of the board positions to a specific region ensuring representation from these regions. The Board was open to the idea and Brett recommended that the Board consider making a change to the Bylaws stating as much.

Administrative Report –

- Ali tendered her resignation to the Board citing time constraints that are preventing her ability to serve.

Transfer Request –

- Ben shared with the Board a transfer request for a Rex Putnam player that wanted an exception from playing at Clackamas and wanting to play for OC. The Board upheld its Transfer Policy and denied this request for exception.
- Some discussion followed on the need to review the transfer policy to ensure it was relevant and continues to meet current OGLA community needs.

All Star All League Nominations –

- Andrew shared his frustration with the nominees and process. Concerned that many of the nominees were not of the caliber of talent expected with this award and that many nominees that were of a caliber of talent to win this award were not even nominated. Asked the Board to consider creating some guidelines for nominees that would improve the outcome.

Next Board Meeting –

- Next Board meeting will be in August. Time, day, and location will be forthcoming.

Meeting Adjournment – Ali motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 pm, Ben seconded the motion, unanimous vote of approval. Meeting adjourned.