

2017/18 OGLA Board Meeting – 9.10.17

In Attendance: Willie, Tom, Brett, Gina, Pat, Margaret, Christine, Sarah, Paje, Eileen, Meg, Allie, and Ben.

Meeting Brought to Order: Allie called the meeting to order at 9am.

Minutes from 6.11.17 Board Meeting – Were distributed for the board to review via email prior to this meeting. Minutes were approved as written.

Old Business –

Treasurer Report (Ben)

- The position of Treasurer is open and board is taking nominations for the role.
- Discussion followed on having a third party do OGLA bookkeeping. Allie mentioned that she does that professionally and would be open to taking on OGLA's books.
- No decisions were made and discussion tabled to next meeting.
- Brett requested that Allie look into investment vehicle limitations for a 501C3.

Mentorship Program – (Meg)

- Meg discussed hosting 2-3 “coach info sessions” focusing on areas highlighted in coaches survey responses.
- Margaret was made to potentially have a “coach of the week” take over the website and provide some content in the form of a blog.

Playoffs –

- Discussion followed on developing a “hosting application” and criteria necessary.
- The board has adopted that any school may submit an application to be the host venue. Ultimately, the board will vote on which school will be awarded as the host.

All State Nominations –

- Andrew had asked the board to review the nomination process for All-State as there appeared to be some inequities in the process. The board charged Tom with reviewing current process and providing possible solutions for improvement.

Coaches Report – (Ben)

- The board discussed the issues associated with some programs and their coaches and what tools OGLA could employ against programs that were in violation of the spirit of the game and its growth.

Nominations –

- Gina again asked the board to incorporate some language that would assign/reserve a board seat for her area to ensure representation. Brett and Gina were to review the bylaws and make a recommendation

Transfer Request –

- Ben shared with the Board that with the new Mountain HS in Beaverton and the re-districting there would be some players wanting to transfer to their old high school. The board agreed to stick to the transfer rules along with granting Mountain HS Varsity status even though it would be their first year fielding a team.

New Business –

Board Members –

- Each of the board members introduced themselves
- The different board roles and duties were reviewed with the new members
- Ben is the President, Meg is the Vice President, and Willie is the Secretary
- At large members chose number of years to serve; Brett, Tom, Eileen, and Sarah have one year terms, Pat, Christie, Paje, Margaret, and Gina agreed to two year terms.
- The annual Jamboree will be led by Brett and Meg
- State Tournament/Playoffs will have Tom for All-State Tallying of votes, Christie and Paje writing the all-league programs and game programs, and Brett will manage the bracket configurations based on the NormPR
- National Team Coordinators will be Leslie Hertford and Paje for this year's WDNT team
- Coach mentor will be led by Meg and Brett with Gina offering to facilitate for the south
- Chapter Liason to US Lacrosse Chapter meetings will be Gina, Margaret, and Pat
- Lax Power will be managed and score inputs by Willie

College Game Hosting –

- Ben shared with the board that Syracuse was interested in coming to Portland and putting on an exhibition game against Oregon at a high school venue. Syracuse would require \$20,000 to come play in Oregon. Typically, USL Chapter will contribute \$5k, OGLA \$5k, Nike \$5k, and possibly clubs or OGYLA would contribute the balance. The board instructed Ben to pursue.

Merger of OGLA/OGYLA –

- Discussion followed on the pros and cons of pursuing a merger of the youth and high school programs. The board charged Margaret, Tom, Pat, Ben, and Brett with the task of exploring the possibility further.

Review of OGLA Documents –

- Discussion followed on the various OGLA Manual updates under consideration.
- Tom motioned to keep the leagues aligned as they were last year. Brett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Non-league games would carry same requirements regardless of whether they are in-state or out-of-state. All scores would be entered in Lax Power and would impact that teams ranking without prejudice to in-state or out-of-state.
- Teams would be limited to 18 in-state games and 20 total games for the season.
- Board approved allowing teams to hold a maximum of 3 scrimmages per season in addition to their 20 game limit. Scrimmages were defined as two teams holding a joint practice without any referees present and without a score being recorded.
- Currently the board will require all contests/games to be entered in League Athletics, their scores, stats, and yellow/red cards recorded regardless of whether in-state or out-of-state.
- Ben shared with the board that OGLA will need to do a better job of monitoring expiring USL registrations for both coaches and players
- Rule of 5 will remain in effect even though OSAA has revised their rule of two.
- Players names and jersey numbers must match all season long or team may be at risk of forfeiting a game at the discretion of the OGLA board.
- Teams must carry a “blood” jersey on the sidelines for all games.

OWLUA/Officials –

- Discussion followed on the various concerns that arose last season regarding the officiating, discrepancy in card reporting, and how to best work with OWLUA.

Next Board Meeting –

- Next Board meeting will be October 29th from 12-2pm with the annual coaches meeting to immediate follow from 2pm-4pm. Location will be forthcoming.

Meeting Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.