



# Davis Lacrosse Association

Promoting and developing youth lacrosse in Davis

## Davis Lacrosse Association Board Meeting

June 28, 2011

### Minutes

#### Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mr. Aiello called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Board Members Present: Don Aiello, Karen Gellen, Mark Reno, Mark Soeth and Randy Mager.

Guests: None

#### Review of Minutes from February 26, 2011

Minutes were reviewed with no changes.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from the February 26, 2011 meeting – moved by Ms. Gellen; seconded by Mr. Mager – unanimous approval

Minutes were adopted.

#### Board Member Resignation

Mr. Aiello informed the Board that he had received notice of resignation from Board Member Rex Berry. The Board discussed the ongoing need to find qualified members for Board positions and other DLA roles.

#### DLA Positions

The Board discussed the need to fill several key positions in the upcoming weeks and was tasked with recruiting individuals into these roles. Roles needed include: Girls Coaching Coordinator, NCJLA Girls Representative, Publicist, Webmaster, Registrar, Risk Management, Scheduler and Field Coordinator. Mr. Soeth volunteered his wife to handle DLA publicity.

#### 2012 Season Expectations/Policies

- The Board discussed expectations for the 2012 Spring Season. As overall participation numbers have been rising, some policy changes will likely be necessary for the Spring Season. The number of teams registered with NCJLA will be dependent on both the number of coaches available and player registrations. However, we are at a point where a tryout process needs to be implemented to help structure the teams at the U13 and older levels. While the overall goal of keeping the program open to as many players as possible remains a primary objective, there is no guarantee that we will be able to accommodate all players who tryout. Transparency in the process will be important so that all participants understand the criteria used in making placement decisions. Factors other than player skill will most likely be part of the process, including external factors such as the willingness of parents to be engaged in DLA activities.

- The Board also discussed the need for a policy regarding playing time. The consensus among the members of the Board is that all players who follow team guidelines should be given an opportunity to play in every game regardless of the individual's skill level. Team guidelines include following team rules and participating in practices. Mr. Reno will work on establishing a policy for coaches, players and parents for the upcoming season.

#### **Summer Camps, Clinics and Fall Ball**

- There were 90 pre-registrations for the free Spring clinic, with 75 actual participants. 48 Boys and 27 Girls participated. The Board was particularly pleased with the number of girls participating, and would very much like to see these numbers convert into enough active players to support a girls team.
- The Board discussed opportunities to expand the free clinics to include some after school events in the 2011-12 school year. Mr. Soeth will take the lead on this.
- The early registration numbers for the Summer camps are similar to 2011 for the boys, but are lower for the girls. The first planned girls camp has been cancelled, although the other two sessions remain open. Dealing with registrations remains a logistical issue, as some players register the evening before the camps start.
- The Board will consider changes in the registration cutoff policy, including implementing an early registration discount for Fall Ball. Additionally, Mr. Mager will work with Mr. Aiello on a refund policy.

#### **Financial Review**

- Mr. Mager reviewed the current cash positions of the DLA and DHS accounts. The DLA account stands at \$28,000 with pending deposits of approximately \$5,000. The DHS account currently holds \$27,000.
- Profit & Loss Statements for the Spring 2011 programs were reviewed. The DHS program had a net gain of \$7,926 on revenues of \$30,327. The DLA Boys had a net loss of \$980 on revenues of \$21,482. The DLA Girls showed a net gain of \$1,466 on revenue of \$2,970.

#### **AED Grant Application**

The Board reviewed a grant opportunity from US Lacrosse for an AED matching grant which provides for comprehensive defibrillator/CPR training. The grant application is due on July 1, but is expected to be available again in 2012. The Board tabled this issue until Spring 2012.

#### **ImPACT**

The Board reviewed materials about a software based concussion baseline testing program called ImPACT that is widely used. A recommendation to allocate \$500 from the budget for purchase of the program was reviewed and approved.

**Motion:** To allocate \$500 for the purchase and implementation of the ImPACT baseline testing program – unanimous approval

**Sacramento Area Travel Team**

The Board discussed the development a travel team program that could start in 2012. Initial discussions with coach Adam Kenney indicate a high level of interest in fielding a U15 team next Spring/Summer under the potential name "Central Cal Elite". Mr. Kenney is interested in serving as the program director and would like to develop a platform for higher level play in the Sacramento Valley area similar to the NorCal program in the Bay Area. The program as proposed would operate under the umbrella of the DLA, but as a separate entity from the Royal Knights program. It is anticipated that the DLA will consider providing some seed funds for the program. The Board has requested an initial look at financial estimates. The first formal step would be registering a team with the NCJLA in September of this year.

**Other Business**

- There is some interest in offering indoor 7v7 play for High School players in the fall. The Board needs to review insurance requirements.
- Coach Kenney is offering private lessons to individuals and small groups. The Board discussed a request to allow distribution of flyers and a link on the DLA website. The Board expressed no concerns with doing so.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM

**Tabled Items:**

AED Matching Grant Application (Spring 2012)