



Davis Lacrosse Association

Promoting and developing youth lacrosse in Davis

Davis Lacrosse Association Board Meeting August 11, 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: Roy Musgrove

Review of Minutes from June 28, 2011

Minutes were reviewed with no changes.

Motion: To approve the minutes from the June 28, 2011 meeting – moved by Mr. Reno; seconded by Ms. Gellen – unanimous approval

Minutes were adopted.

Board Member Candidate

Mr. Aiello introduced Roy Musgrove to the Board as a candidate for the recently vacated position. After interviewing Mr. Musgrove, the Board unanimously agreed to extend an invitation to Mr. Musgrove.

Motion: To add Roy Musgrove to the DLA Board effective immediately, filling a vacant position – moved by Ms. Gellen; seconded by Mr. Reno – unanimous approval

DLA Positions

The Board discussed the ongoing need to fill key positions. Publicist has been filled (Tracey Soeth), and Registrar has a candidate that will likely take over for fall registration (Denise Johnson). Roles remaining include: Girls Coaching Coordinator, NCJLA Girls Representative, Webmaster, Risk Management, Scheduler and Field Coordinator.

Financial Review

- Mr. Mager reviewed the current cash positions of the DLA and DHS accounts. The DLA account stands at \$35,000. The DHS account currently holds \$29,000.
- Profit & Loss Statements for the Spring 2011 programs were reviewed. The DHS program had a net gain of \$8,344 on revenues of \$30,745. The DLA Boys had a net loss of \$669 on revenues of \$21,793. The DLA Girls showed a net gain of \$1,439 on revenue of \$2,970.
- To date, the Summer Camps are showing a net gain of \$12,374. However, all of the figures are not yet in.

Summer Camps, Clinics and Fall Ball

- The registration numbers for the Summer camps are down this season. The primary difference is in the High School ages, where there are many competitive options that offer players higher level of competition. The Board will examine our opportunities and determine expectations for next year.
- The Board discussed conducting an internal evaluation of what DLA does well as compared to some of the alternative programs. With the goal of developing local players, it is a positive development that more Davis players are participating in higher level camps and summer programs. However, that will ultimately have an impact on budgeting, as summer camps and fall ball do provide revenues that cover much of the DLA overhead.
- Soliciting feedback from players and parents with the goal of improving DLA programs was discussed as a likely course of action.
- The Board discussed and agreed that we should continue to make information about non-DLA off-season programs available on our website, with the additional possibility of including ratings or comments from local participants.

Player Selection Criteria

The Board reviewed a draft Player Admittance Policy that will be part of the tryout process being implemented for Spring 2012. U9/U11 will continue to be based on a first-come basis. Other programs will consider team composition and player ability as key criteria should there be a need to limit the number of players admitted next season. Should a player not be selected in the tryout process, DLA will not be refunding any US Lacrosse membership costs to participants.

Playing Time Guidelines

The Board reviewed draft Playing Time Guidelines to be put in place for 2012. The focus is on providing reasonable expectations to players, parents and coaches. A final policy proposal will be brought to the next meeting.

Fall Ball Programs

The Board considered an alternative Fall Ball program for High School players that would replace the Sunday session with an indoor lacrosse program in Woodland. The concept is to provide a unique alternative within the Fall Ball program. Because of the potential impact to regular Thursday/Sunday Fall Ball participation, the Board wants to consider options at the next meeting, including possibly implementing the indoor option as a December/January program. A final decision needs to be made no later than the next meeting.

Sacramento Area Travel Team

The Board discussed the proposal to initiate a travel team program starting in 2012. The Board has requested that Adam Kenney and Randy Mager develop a budget proposal for review at the next meeting.

Vacaville Area Players

The Board discussed interest from parents in Vacaville in starting a program there.

There is general support for the concept, with various options to provide support. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

Other Business

- US Lacrosse/NCJLA have adjusted the age cutoff from 1/1 to 9/1 of the preceding year to be more in line with the academic year cutoff dates.
- NCJLA will make adjustments in 2012 to have the season end prior to Memorial Day.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 PM

Tabled Items:

AED Matching Grant Application (Spring 2012)