

**Minutes of the Girls Lacrosse Association of Anne Arundel County
February 9, 2011**

GLAAAC Meeting at AA County Recreation and Park Headquarters.

Board Members Present: Doug Portner (President), Kelly Guarino (Vice President), Joe Weiss (Secretary), Gwynn Philhower (Treasurer), Nikki Blanche (Board), Don Harrison (Board & Senior League), Scott King (Board) and Josh Roach (Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks)

Proxy Submitted: None

Board Members Absent: None

Organizations Present (including above): Andover (Wayne Howard and Terrese Allender), Arden (Jeff Levy), Bowie (Andrew Karnes), Broadneck (Elizabeth Eshleman), Bucs (Danny Markley), Centreville (Karen Lode), Crofton (Nikki), CYLA (Don Shifflett), Churchill (Barry Blick), Davidsonville (Paul Marcellino), Elvation (Angela Chadwick), Game Guardians (Sherry Kirk), General's Highway/Rolling Knolls (Tom McAndrew), GORC (Tammy Hower), NASO (Tiffany O'Donnell), Seniors League (Don), Severn (Rick Layson), Severna Park (Jackie Harrison), Slade (Ted Deppe), South County (Bart Williams), South River (Tony Pessagno) and St. Mary's (Beth Bannan)

Votes Present: 18

Meeting called to order by President, Doug Portner, at 6:30 PM

Minutes for October 19, 2010 approved.

Treasurer Report: Doug gave the treasurers report. Noted previously approved increase to \$5 per team for forfeit fees (does not apply to Sticklettes).

New Rec and Park Supervisor: Joshua Roach is now the supervisor for Girls Lacrosse.

Key Dates: Team registrations to the County are due by March 10. Rosters are due by April 1. Season starts April 2. Practice fields open March 1. Forfeit fees due at time of team registration – given to GLAAAC, not the County.

US LAX Rule Changes for 2011 affecting AA County: Yellow card enforcement is to be increased. Two yellows by one player in the same game has the player sit out that game and the next. Three yellows by one team in a game has the team play down by one through the rest of the game. Another yellow results in another player down. A red card by a player results in sitting down the rest of that game and the next two.

Fall Ball: Doug asked for a show of hands and there was no support. .

Upcoming Games and Seeding: Number of games for the season remains the same. There will again be a mid-season adjustment to even out competitiveness in A, B and C. Rain make ups are per rules at end of season.

Coach Training: Josh is to see if he can setup Sticklette Coaches Clinic. Danny Markley presented the Committee Report on Training. It was agreed the model was good but what is needed now is input from

the group on what to focus on. Note requesting input will be sent out again for completion at end of season.

White Rule Changes: There was discussion on various proposed rule changes to the Rec and Park published white rules.

First discussion was on changing 5 second rule for Middies to 3 seconds closely guarded to follow USLAX.

Motion was made to change the rule as follows:

From:

MIDDIES

4. Five- second rule – A player who has held the ball for more than (5) seconds must make a pass before a shot can be taken. Possession will only be taken away if the player takes a shot before passing. In the event a shot is taken before passing, whether that shot results in a score or not, possession will be awarded to the goalkeeper. Officials will use hand and verbal signals to indicate when (5) seconds has occurred. In the event (5) seconds occurs in the act of shooting, officials will allow the shot.

To:

4. Three-second rule – A player who has held the ball for more than (3) seconds in a closely guarded situation will be assessed a minor foul in accordance with US Lacrosse Girls Youth Rules. Closely guarded is defined as within a sticks length.

Motion **passed** on a vote of 18-0.

Discussion followed later on the need for someone other than the three team coaches to man the timer/scoring box. It was suggested that the current rule should be enforced and then revisit at end of season. After this a series of motions were made.

Motion was made to have the referees keep time, with a maximum of 3 coaches per team and one scorekeeper in the box. Motion failed on a vote of 8 to 10.

Motion was made to add one scorekeeper in the box. Motion **passed** on a vote of 16 to 2.

Rule reworded as follows:

ALL LEAGUES

5. Maximum number of coaches allowed on the sidelines per team is three (3) ~~to include scorekeeper/timer.~~

Motion was made to clarify that in the event only one person is performing the time and score keeping it is still official. Motion **passed** on a vote of 18 to 0.

Wording added to end of paragraph on SCORE AND TIME KEEPING: In the event only one person is available to perform time and score keeping duties, it is still official.

Motion was made to clarify that if no one is available to perform the time and score keeping duties then the Home Team forfeits. Motion **passed** on a vote of 14 to 0.

Wording added to end of paragraph on SCORE AND TIME KEEPING: In the event no one is available to perform time and score keeping duties, then the Home Team Forfeits.

Bilderback: Steve Willett talked about Bilderback and the long-term support GLAAAC has provided. Bilderback Day this year is June 4. There will be room for 36 PeeWee teams to play that morning and early afternoon at Broadneck. The Middie and Junior All-Star games will be that afternoon.

The biggest news though was our own Don Harrison being nominated for the Bilty Award for outstanding long-term service to the sport and the Bilderback Tournament.

New Business: None.

Next Meeting: To be announced for the post season in the fall.

GLAAAC Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM