

Board meeting, January 20, 2010
By Teleconference, 7 p.m.

Present: Jim Robertson, Todd Samet, Tony Grzejka, Mickey Parmelee, Don Aiello, Jeff Mills, John Fensterwald (acting secretary).

Kristine Wollam, girls director, and Blake Abbate, boys director.

Absent: Rus Sherman, Betty Hartog.

Item: Approval of Dec. 16 minutes tabled until President Betty Hartog can review them.

Item: Board noted that it received Executive Director Steve Dini's resignation as of Jan. 9 and accepted it.

Item: To preserve the anonymity of a donor, the organization accepted a donation as a pass-through to a member club. No action needed.

Budget: Current cash in hand, as a result of dues collection, is \$280,000 with about \$12,000 in liabilities for a net of about \$268,000 in the account as of Dec. 19 – see attachment.

There was a discussion about the unreimbursed referees fees, which last year totaled about \$16,000. Clubs are assessed per game referee fees early in the season based on their schedules. All are notified by the treasurer at the end of the season that they should reconcile their schedule with games that were canceled or rained out and notify the treasurer by June 30 for reimbursement. A number of our 360 clubs have not done this, and the money reverts to the NCJLA general fund and deposited into CDs. It is also the source of money used for related expenses, such as covering Steve Walker's trip to Redding for referee training.

Action: Treasurer Tony Grzejka, requested pre-endorsement from board to hire an accountant who would maintain NCJLA's books, process checks (about 450 per year), do payroll services and tax returns. Don Aiello made a motion, which was seconded, to authorize up to \$6,000 to hire an accountant for that purpose. If more than \$6,000 is needed to secure the services, Tony will return to the board with an additional request.

Unanimously approved.

Treasurer Tony Grzejka will investigate hiring a separate individual/firm to conduct the annual audit of NCJLA's books.

Item: Board member Mickey Parmelee agreed to investigate to see whether the organization's lease for office space in Marin could be modified. NCJLA is currently spending \$24,000 per year for space no longer needed, with \$5,000 of that covered from space sublet to the Southern Marin Lacrosse Club. NCJLA lease extends through May 2011.

Mickey will see whether NCJLA can further sublease the space or find another, smaller location for storage, among the options.

Item: Girls Director Kristine Wollam agreed to research a policy for vendors at NCJLA

events.

Item: Treasure Island report (see attached):

Board members agreed that the fields at Treasure Island potentially will provide an ideal centrally located, neutral site. The fields, which rent for \$100 per hour or more, are more expensive than most locations. The league has looked into reserving the fields for seven dates this season including one field for travel team tryouts on March 28th

The board had an extensive discussion regarding whether to subsidize the charges to clubs this year as a trial to encourage attendance and to see whether this venue works. The league hopes to offset outlays through vendor fees, though the revenue is unpredictable at this point.

Actions:

There were several motions to underwrite the costs beyond the per game and per player costs that have been quoted already to the clubs and the actual costs. All motions were unanimously approved.

- Girls play day on March 5-6. Price to clubs will be \$180 for U-9, U-13, U-15 teams and \$200 for HS teams. This assumes 70 percent attendance, and the League will assume costs if fewer teams attend.
- The per game charge for the three boys play days (Feb. 27, March 27 and April 24) will be \$70, with the collection of team fees via League Athletic, with additional field costs not covered by the subsidized fee borne by the League.
- The per team assessment for the boys' festival and girls' end of year tournaments, which includes refs fees, will be \$150 per team, with NCJLA absorbing costs above that. The assessments will be collected from clubs as part of the Season Referee Fee Billing.
- The per team assessment for boys' HS/JV Playoffs and Youth A & B1 playoffs will be \$160 per team and \$115 per team. The assessments and will be collected from clubs as part of the Season Referee Fee Billing.

Motion: On a motion by Don Aiello, which was seconded, board authorized spending up to \$31,000, pending a field inspection by Don Aiello and Tony Grzejka, to secure Treasure Island fields for the seven dates listed. **Unanimously approved.**

Motion: Kristine Wollam proposed the following girls commissioners: For U-9, Elizabeth Wolfe of the Firehawks and for U-13, Jim Dunn of Petaluma. Tony's motion to approve them, which was seconded, was **approved unanimously.**

Item: sideline managers. Motion by Don Aiello, and seconded: Each team will be responsible for deploying a sideline manager, as defined by US Lacrosse, at every game. This will be a recommendation to clubs for this year; the board will consider mandating this next year. **Unanimously approved.**

Item: pre-game protocol. With minor wording additions, including a requirement to add the local police department phone number, a motion to approve the pre-game protocol was **unanimously approved.** The girls protocol will be amended to incorporate changes similar to the boys protocol.

Item: Code of conduct. Motion, which was seconded, to approve wording of code of

conduct, to be mandated for clubs, starting next year. **Unanimously approved.**

Adjournment: approximately 10 p.m.