

Chico Rebels Lacrosse
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2015

(**) – Denotes highest priority issues

Priorities & Decisions:

- New board member recruiting & transition
- Summer & Fall Camps & Clinics
- Coach Wrap-up, Recruiting & CARD update
- 2016 Season planning – generate list & assign board sponsor

Agenda

1. Call to Order – *Open Session (Jim) Meeting called to order at 5:39pm. In Attendance - Jim Osgood, Dave Banathy, Alison Hart, Judy Sherwood, Kathy Barrett, John Whitmore and Matt Schupp.*
2. Approval of minutes – Board Meeting on April 16, 2015. - *Motion - Dave / Second - Jim / Approved.*
3. **Coach update (John)
 - a. Coaches – end of season wrap up; equipment/coach box returns; status & update -
 - i. *John has secured coaches boxes and scorecards from JV and Varsity, will get U13 & U15 this week.*
 - ii. *Nets are still out at 20th Street and will need to be brought to storage facility. A couple of nets need to be restrung, still good though.*
 - iii. *Storage doesn't look great - John will get the storage organized.*
 - iv. *2 Rage cages are in, Chris Needles has other two.*
 - v. *We still need to retrieve Goalie gear we from Girl's and from U13's.*
 - vi. *Jim will try to get steel rolling racks from his house to storage unit to help with organization.*
 - b. Game Scheduling – how to handle for 2016 -
 - i. *John suggests that we have one or two people who are responsible for scheduling - one for youth scheduling, and one for JV and Varsity. John can train and help with scheduling for initial time period.*
 - ii. *Someone from Rebels should be responsible for communicating with coaches for JV and Varsity scheduling which is all done via email.*
 - iii. *Matt thinks the individual coaches need to take responsibility for their JV and Varsity schedules.*
 - iv. *Girl's scheduling is even more chaotic and will need someone highly organized like Denise Banathy to be responsible for scheduling.*
 - v. *Recognition that not all teams play by the same rules - relationship building and preseason communications are important leading up to scheduling. We need to work that system and cultivate relationships in the off-season, so that we can get ahead of the NCJLA scheduling day.*
 - vi. *Jim decided not to pursue a JV spot in the playoff games, because it would cost too much political capital with Jason (Director of Boys Lacrosse) and NCJLA.*

- vii. *Critical to make this work better next year. More games would be better for next year. We need to work this in the offseason, so that we are ready to go for 2016.*
 - c. *Field/CARD scheduling – plan for addressing 2015 issues / preparation for 2016 -*
 - i. *John reports that field scheduling improved significantly by the end of the season.*
 - ii. *Jim and John will schedule a meeting with CARD GM and Jennifer to discuss issues with CARD this season.*
 - iii. *We have valid issues which should be discussed up the chain prior to the start of the 2016 season.*
 - iv. *Should we be looking at other practice fields?*
 - d. *Coaches returning for next year:*
 - i. *Uriah is interested in coaching JV next year.*
 - ii. *Dana is not sure yet.*
 - iii. *Discussed reaching out to coaches earlier this year. When should that be?*
 - iv. *John spoke with Chris and Bruce about each of them taking a team for next year. Coaching strategies should be penciled out now, rather than doing it in a reactionary way.*
 - v. *John will check with Hans to confirm his interest in continuing to coach the girls team.*
 - vi. *Kathy will report on where 2015 players fall age/ division wise for the 2016 season at the June meeting.*
- 4. ****Summer & Fall Camps & Clinics (Kathy/Matt)**
 - a. *Proposal from Matt:*
 - i. *Matt recommends two day camps - due to late notice - most overnight camps have been promoting their camps for at least a month to six weeks and we are probably too late to get sign-ups for an overnight camp for this summer.*
 - ii. *Day camps can be promoted to surrounding areas - Redding, Yuba City, etc. and also to area travel teams - re: Advnc, Aces. etc.*
 - b. *What do we want to offer -*
 - i. *Matt is recommending two one day clinics, one with an Attack / Defense focus, the other with a Midfield / Defensive Midfield focus.*
 - ii. *Players on both days would be split into two age groups - 11-14 and 15 -18.*
 - iii. *Clinics to be held at DeGarmo (?) from 10:00am to 1:00pm*
 - iv. *Cost - \$50 per clinic*
 - v. *Matt to contact former players to work with him at clinics.*
 - c. *Board sponsor – select: Judy Sherwood volunteered to coordinate clinics, etc with Matt Schupp*
 - d. *Individual & group coaching – promotion, offering (Benji Whitmore, JT, others?)*
 - i. *Matt wants to coordinate a weekly practice with players, if he gets enough player support.*
 - ii. *Discussion surrounding player conditioning prior to the beginning of season. How can we get players more adequately conditioned before games start*
 - iii. *Judy to contact NS Fit to determine if they have a training program or membership program they could offer to players to keep them working out and fit over the summer.*
 - iv. *Benji Whitmore and JT have both expressed interest in working with players over the summer. We should publicize this so players and parents know about the opportunity.*

- e. Other?
 - i. *Is there an opportunity for the club to fundraise and provide a cool training opp to area players by hosting a clinic with a name player? i.e. when the Thompsons led a clinic in Danville last fall?*
 - ii. *Matt has a connection with an MLL player and will discuss that as an option with him.*

- 5. ****New board member recruiting & transition**
 - a. Dave & Alison transition off board – last meeting?
 - i. *Dave’s last meeting is June*
 - ii. *Allison may stay on a bit longer until we secure replacement treasurer, so that she may train replacement.*
 - b. Positions:
 - i. *Treasurer*
 - ii. *Web master*
 - iii. *Other positions – annual nomination/confirmation: President, Secretary*
 - c. Recruiting of new board members:
 - i. *We will send out a solicitation for new board members and volunteers for upcoming year.*
 - ii. *Board member interviews will be conducted like last year, with candidates meeting with full board.*
 - iii. *There was discussion around the idea of all parents must serve in some volunteer capacity during the season*
 - iv. *Team managers are important and should be trained prior to season. Likewise, scorekeepers and timekeepers should be trained and ready to go before start of season.*
 - v. *Should we ask Laurie and Richard, (score and time keepers for Varsity) if they are willing to facilitate a training for other teams?*
 - vi. *Other volunteer responsibilities include spirit wear, uniforms, design, etc.*

- 6. Treasurer’s Report (Alison)
 - a. General report
 - b. Purchases – for review & approval:
 - i. *Discussed pop-ups for each team, new rage cages, etc.*
 - ii. *Double pop-up is too cumbersome and difficult to move around.*
 - iii. *Are their equipment needs for teams, such as goalie gear for girls and U13*

- 7. Website & Social Media (Dave)
 - a. Website – status & update
 - b. New Postings – anything new?
 - c. Social media – status & update

- 8. ****Other Business / General & Administrative / Documentation (Jim/all)**
 - a. Player Fundraising – position on **non-club events** with Rebel players fundraising for LAX events (e.g. December Florida tournament); donations by businesses to club to get tax benefit – if/how to handle; legal opinion?

REFERENCE LIST

Volunteer/General Support Needs List (rough list):

- Designers – help with new logo, layout of shirts, etc.
- Planning clinics or camps
- Helping with Laxapalooza (October)
- Making sure teams have the pop ups for games
- Ordering a new pop up
- Making sure goals are at games – coaches / equipment purchase in 2016
- Scorekeeping, Time clock & Sideline Manager – better volunteer process (sign up list at beginning of season?)
- Coordinating discounts for 3rd party/outside summer camps
- Finding opportunities like the Swashbuckler for the kids to play in

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Additions to annual calendar

- Team pictures – schedule for beginning of March (Mark Thau Photography will also remind us).