

10.20.09

RE: Minutes of NCJLA Board Meeting 10.20.09

Present: Kristine Wollam (KW), Karoline Platt (KP), Steve Dini (SD), Betty Hartog (BH), Don Aiello(DA), Todd Samet (TS), Mickey Parmelee (MP), Jeff Mills (JM), Rus Sherman (RS)

Present by Phone: John Fensterwald (JF), Jim Robertson (JR), John Demarest (JD)

Absent: Tony Grzejka (TG)

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting of 10.20.09 was held at the NCJLA offices 200 Gate 5 Road, Sausalito, CA and was called to order at 7:10PM.
- II. **Secretary for Meeting:** RS volunteered to take the minutes for the meeting.
- III. **Girl's Directors Report:** KW gave the Director's report for the girl's league:
 - a. There was a decision reached by the girl's delegates to separate the U-13 division into an A and B division. In the A division there will be no 3 pass rule and there will be an end of year Championship. In the B division there will still be a 3 pass rule and there will only be an end of year Jamboree. The A and B divisions will not play each other during the regular season.
 - b. There was a decision by the girl's delegates to start a 7 v 7 U-9 division. RS suggested that they consider 8v8 which would be the 7 field players below the restraining + goalie. There was a question about registration fees and \$100 was suggested. KP brought up a concern that in the previous year, boy's U-9 clubs felt they got little or no value for the \$100. SD thought it was important to limit travel times.
 - c. RS made a motion to have U-9 girls' registration fee set at \$100/team. JR seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. SD was going to follow with an e-mail to clubs.
- IV. **Conduct of Meetings:** SD thought that since we conduct many meetings by phone we should have a set of protocols.
 - a. no talking over others on the phone,
 - b. 2 minute time limit
 - c. SD said he will write up a set of protocols for review by the BOD.
- V. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Minutes of 6/23: **TS made a motion to approve the minutes. MP seconded. Approved unanimously.**
 - b. Minutes of 9/2: Correction to minutes to have John and Don's names spelled correctly. **TS made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. MP seconded. Approved unanimously.**
 - c. Minutes of 9/24: Correction to change San Ramon to Roseville (Wood Creek). **TS made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. MP seconded. Approved unanimously.**

VI. Treasurer's Report: In TG's absence, SD gave the Treasurer's Report. SD reviewed the following:

- a. Short and long term liabilities,
- b. Current burn rate is higher than last year, due to spending 2x as much for September delegates mtg.
- c. Strategy for lease, SD will investigate getting out of lease
- d. Need for an outside audit. BH said she knew someone who can perform an audit.
- e. Commitments to outside vendors
- f. 2010 Budget, SD handed out a proposed 2010 budget. DA wanted to understand proposed budget v. last years actual budget and proposed budget. SD said he will forward last year's budget to BOD. **DA made a motion to table further discussion and approval of the 2010 budget until it could be reviewed v. last year's budget. JR seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.**
- g. Excess money: NCJLA currently has a one year operating budget in reserve. Money is largely from unclaimed referee fees. SD presented and idea to use money for locking in tournament and jamboree fields for long term.
- h. Fees for 2010: Raising registration fees was discussed, **BH made a motion to keep fees at the same level as 2009. MP seconded the motion. Passed Unanimously.**

VII. New Commissioners: a slate of new commissioners for the 2010 season was presented.

- a. Boys: Mike Messersmith/HS, Doug Appleton/U-11
- b. Girls: John Fensterwald/HS, Becky Vaughn/U-15
- c. Still need boys U-9, U-13 and U-15, girls U-13, U-11
- d. **RS made a motion to approve the Commissioners. DA seconded. Passed unanimously.**

VIII. Applications of New Clubs:

- a. Sonoma Lacrosse Company: The request for new club from SLC was discussed. Issues around this club involved, no geographically distinct area, for profit, coed teams. **JD made a motion to deny application of SLC with letter of explanation. JR seconded. Approved unanimously.**
- b. George Washington HS: This was for information only and not for BOD vote. GW had 30-60 kids interested in playing but need an adult to help them push through. SD thought mentoring from another team like SI. They do not have a coach and are student run.

IX. Executive Director's Report

- a. Master Calendar: SD said he would have master calendar out by 10/23.
- b. Concerns by Member Clubs: SD said he had spoken with representatives of some of the larger clubs. Those clubs had concerns about the new split form A, B, C to just A and B without championships in B. He had concerns that larger clubs might split off and form their own leagues (See X)

- c. Tournaments and Festivals: Discussion of pre-season tournaments and festivals. Looking into fields at Treasure Island, possible weekend at Stanford.
 - d. Travel Teams: SD said the BOD needs to decide what the NCJLA responsibility should be for travel teams. He also spoke about sports travel agencies that have experience. There was discussion about separate RFP's for travel arrangements and coaches.
 - e. Code of Conduct: We need to codify what is appropriate conduct for players and coaches. Use US Lacrosse Code of Conduct as a model. DA wanted document signed by every player and coach. There was discussion of how the logistics would work.
- X. Policy RE: Category B Split-See discussion above.
- a. RS brought up that shouldn't the issue of what the splits are be decided by the boy's delegates. He made the following motion: **The decision of league play A, B1, B2 and whether Championships or Jamborees should be played, should be returned to the Boy's delegates to be decided at their next delegate meeting. MP seconded. Passed Unanimously.**
 - b. Girl's will play HS, U-15 A and B, U-13 A and B, U-11, U-9.
- XI. See III and X above.
- XII. U-11 7v7
- a. Continue program. DA made motion to allow boy's U-11 7v7 teams at a cost of \$100/team to play under U-9 rules. MP seconded. Passed unanimously.
- XIII. Information Only
- XIV. New Business:
- a. Web Site: DA gave presentation of current state of new web site.
 - b. Conflict of Interest Policy: need for policy was discussed, tabled to next meeting.
 - c. Age Appropriate Play: RS made motion for boys and girls to be allowed to play youth lacrosse up one level within U-11, U-13 and U-15. Further that the decision on girl's HS would be tabled to alter date. MP seconded. Passed unanimously.

Don Aiello made a motion to adjourn the meeting. RS seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 Pm.