

Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation Meeting Minutes
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 19, 2021, 11:00am

Call to Order at 11:12am
Roll Call

x	Erin Ennis	President	x	Brendon O'Shea	Badgerland
	VACANT	Vice President	absent	Ernie Stevens	Bay Valley
x	Becky Unterriker	Secretary	x	Nate Lutterman	Big Badger
x	Carla Miller	Treasurer	x	Jack Fleming	Classic 8
x	Randy Kohn	Officials Director	absent	Robin Buckley	MAYLA
absent	Tom Truttschel	Girls Director			
x	Eric Marsh	Boys Director			
absent	Dave Diehl	Coaches Director			
x	Tracy Kaczik	Comm & Marketing Director			
x	Paul Espinosa	Events Director			

Guest: Scott Miller

1. **Approval of Minutes 04/18/2021, 05/10/2021, 06/07/2021, 06/09/2021 (Unterriker).** Motion to accept the minutes as drafted (Espinosa). Second (Kohn). Approved 7-0.
2. **Financial Report (Miller)**
 - a. As of 05/31/2021, balance is \$55,880.74
 - b. Income: \$10,270.00 team fees
 - c. Expenses: \$1,440.00 Arbiter, \$15.00 bank fee, \$6,623.00 grants
 - d. Net YTD is \$21,091.00

Motion to accept the financial report as presented (Espinosa). Second (Kohn). Approved 7-0.
3. **Directors' and Conference Reports**
 - a. **Officials (Kohn)**
 - i. Paul Espinosa led boy's officials training this year. All virtual. Positive to have consistent messaging.
 - ii. Will set up 3 boys/girls officials/umpires training days for new officials/umpires and trainers. Sessions will be in Valley, Madison, and Milwaukee areas on different weekends.
 - iii. Arbiter is changing in July. Kohn will conduct training sessions for assigners.
 - iv. WILOA to consider spending \$750.00 for their own Hudl account.
 - v. Communications from WLLOA needs to improve.
 - b. **Girls (Truttschel)** – no report
 - c. **Boys (Marsh)**
 - i. Number of High School teams has been steadily declining. We have lost Green Bay Metro, Green Bay Southwest, and Nicolet. Another team is already looking to disband next season and two additional teams struggled to field a team this year.

- ii. Board discussed ways to use WLF resources to help grow the game and connect High School programs to their youth feeder programs.
 - iii. Board will assemble a document of best practices. Ask Coaches Director to take the lead with O'Shea, Marsh and Kaczik offering to provide input.
 - iv. Board discussed the idea of youth state championship events similar to youth hockey state championship hosted by WAHA.
 - v. Noted that there is a need to educate High School coaches on new rules regarding NOCSAE approved chest protectors and shoulder pads.
 - d. **Coaches (Diehl)** – no report
 - e. **Communications & Marketing (Kaczik)**
 - i. Trouble getting coaches to report playoff scores in a timely manner.
 - f. **Events (Espinosa)**
 - i. State Tournament and Invitational Tournament costs are higher this year due to a late decision to use one neutral site for all events. May operate at a loss this year.
 - ii. Uniform patches were well received.
 - iii. Problems with adequate volunteer support from tournament host organization.
 - iv. Forfeits were a big issue this year even after teams opted in. Board will consider penalties for forfeits in future years.
 - v. Neutral site playoff games in conjunction with a higher-seed host playoff game were well received.
 - vi. Will develop a 2-year calendar of playoff dates.
 - vii. Must have a single point of contact for teams in the playoffs. Issues with representatives from one particular team providing conflicting information.
 - viii. **Issues with players and whole teams of players with no USA Lacrosse membership.**
 - g. **Bay Valley (Stevens)** – no report
 - h. **Classic 8 (Fleming)**
 - i. More conflicts this year than any prior year.
 - ii. Major issues with ejections and sportsmanship this year.
 - iii. Will consider a new rule allowing conference commissioners and assigners the ability to eject players/coaches based upon film review.
 - i. **Big Badger (Lutterman)**
 - i. Newly appointed commissioner as of 2 weeks ago.
 - j. **Badgerland (O'Shea)**
 - i. Some sportsmanship issues this year on the youth boys side.
 - ii. Some questions about whether coaches have proper certifications.
 - k. **MAYLA (Buckley)** – no report
4. **Old Business**
- a. **WIAA Sanctioning (Fleming)**
 - i. WIAA will be filling the Director and Assistant Director positions within the next 2 weeks.
 - ii. Fleming will start discussions with the WIAA in July.
 - b. **Try Lacrosse for Free Events (Board)**
 - i. Board agreed that fall timing is best because it gives an opportunity to host events outside.

- ii. Board agreed to announce October 2021 as Try Lacrosse for Free month and encourage programs and or/conferences to host events in their communities. Will try to match timing of USA Lacrosse training events with these events.
- iii. Kaczik will post date/time/location of the Try Lax events on the WLF website.

5. New Business

a. USA Lacrosse Chapter Bylaws (Espinosa)

- i. Chapters must use the USA Lacrosse chapter bylaws. Any modifications must be approved by USA Lacrosse legal.
 - 1. Biggest changes are the election process and definition of a WLF member.
 - 2. Espinosa will draft an election transition document for review/vote at the July meeting.
 - 3. Board agreed that conferences should have voting representation on the board.
 - 4. Board will conduct elections in August with the new board to take office on September 1, 2021.

b. New Rules and Regulations (Unterriker)

- i. Challenges of this past season necessitate an overhaul of the current Supplemental Rules. Unterriker has drafted and shared a new Rules and Regulations document that will replace the Supplemental Rules and will consist of 3 parts: (1) Rules for Player Eligibility, (2) Season Regulations and (3) Tournament Procedures.
- ii. Unterriker shared Rules for Player Eligibility section of the document. Board will vote on Player Eligibility Rules at the July meeting.
- iii. Unterriker will complete and share Season Regulations section of the document; Espinosa will complete and share Tournament Procedures section of the document. Board will vote on the Season Regulations and Tournament Procedures at the August meeting.

c. Request from Oregon Lacrosse Club (Board)

- i. Motion to delay consideration of the request until the July meeting with a request for documentation of student's enrollment for 2021-2022 requested. (Espinosa) Second (Ennis). Approved 7-0. Big Badger Conference Commissioner responsible for relaying the request to Oregon Lacrosse Club.

Adjourn at 1:33pm. Motion to adjourn (Espinosa). Second (Kohn). Approved 7-0.

Next Meeting: July 28, 5:30pm, Wayland Academy