

Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 25, 2021, 5:30pm

Call to Order at 5:32pm
Roll Call

x	Erin Ennis	President	x	Brendon O'Shea	Badgerland
	VACANT	Vice President	x	Rich Thomson	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	x	Robin Buckley	MAYLA
x	Tom Truttschel	Girls Director			
x	Eric Marsh	Boys Director			
x	Dave Diehl	Coaches Director			
x	Tracey Kaczik	Comm & Marketing Director			
x	Paul Espinosa	Events Director			

Guests: Matt Burke (USA Lacrosse)

1. **Introduction of new USA Lacrosse Midwest Region Manager** (Matt Burke)
2. **New Business:** Elections. Must get approval for the proposed addendum to the bylaws which will get our election cycle on track in alignment with the USA Lacrosse chapter bylaws.
Unterriker will submit the new dates to USA Lacrosse with a target approval date of 09/01/21.
 - a. Target approval of addendum to bylaws: 09/01/21. (Approval granted on 09/08/21.)
 - b. Nominating Committee to make call for interested candidates: 09/09/21
 - c. Deadline to submit interest to Committee (Miller): 09/15/21
 - d. Election at September board meeting: 09/28/21
 - e. Meeting to seat new board/beginning of new board term: 10/07/2021
3. **Approval of Minutes (Unterriker).** Motion to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting on 07/28/2021 as drafted (Diehl). Second (Miller). Approved 8-0.
4. **Financial Report (Miller)** – No changes to the financial statement since the July meeting. The net loss for the state tournament is pending.
5. **Directors' and Conference Reports**
 - a. **Officials (Kohn):** (1) Unable to conduct training sessions as originally planned. There will likely be only 1 training session on a Sunday. Looking for U12 and U14 teams to play full-field scrimmages for training. *Truttschel and Marsh to coordinate with Kohn.* (2) NFHS rule changes for girls have been published. (3) Need to publicize the new NOCSAE standards for shoulder pads. *Unterriker will send communication to HS coaches. Kaczik will post on website and social media. Commissioners will send communication to youth directors.*
 - b. **Girls (Truttschel)** – no report. Will send out a request in mid-January for teams to report if they will have JV and Varsity teams for the upcoming season.
 - c. **Boys (Marsh)** – no report. Will send out a request in mid-January for teams to report if they will have JV and Varsity teams for the upcoming season.
 - d. **Coaches (Diehl)** – no report

- e. **Communications & Marketing (Kaczik)** – no report
 - f. **Events (Espinosa):** Had a discussion with the President of the Verona Lacrosse Club about the problems with the state tournament, the overall loss and revenue sharing. Negotiations will continue.
 - g. **Bay Valley (Thomson)** – Conference meeting with new board is 08/26/21.
 - h. **Classic 8 (Fleming)** – ADs met last week and discussed the upcoming WIAA region meetings. Classic 8 ADs are in full agreement that they'd like WIAA sanctioning of lacrosse to go forward. Fleming will attend the 2 region meetings that cover the Classic 8. *Unterriker to resend dates, time and location of region meetings to the board.*
 - i. **Big Badger (Lutterman)**
 - i. Stoughton will likely not be able to field a team this season. The team can consider a co-op with a neighboring team or, if there is no team, players are released to play for the nearest program that will allow them to play.
 - ii. Eastside and Westside may consider a co-op.
 - iii. DeForest is still in need of a head coach.
 - iv. There is a student from Brodhead High School (~20 miles east of Janesville and ~22 miles south of Oregon) who would like to play. WLF rules state that he may play for the nearest program that will allow him to play.
 - v. Board postponed the establishment of a working committee to explore ways to help struggling programs with short-term and long-term solutions.
 - j. **Badgerland (O'Shea)** – Verona and Waunakee planning to hold try lax events. Board discussed holding try lax events in Stoughton and Eastside/Westside areas.
 - k. **MAYLA (Buckley)** – Conference held their meeting on 08/24/21. Racine, Sussex Hamilton and Oak Creek are looking to establish youth feeder programs.
6. **Old Business**
- a. **WIAA Sanctioning (Fleming)**
 - i. The WIAA will use the fall area meetings to gauge the level of interest in adding lacrosse. Next steps will be determined based upon the level of interest expressed during those meetings. All meetings are at 9:00am. Encourage attendance at these meetings to show support.
 1. September 13 – Fox Valley Lutheran (Bay Valley)
 2. September 14 – Greenfield (Classic 8)
 3. September 15 – Mauston (Big Badger/Badgerland)
 4. September 20 – Oconomowoc (Classic 8)
 5. September 21 – Rice Lake (Independent)
 6. September 22 – Antigo (Independent)
 7. September 27 – Mt Horeb (Big Badger/Badgerland)
 - ii. If lacrosse comes before the full board for a vote, Girls and Boys Lacrosse would be voted on separately.
 - b. **Try Lacrosse Clinics & Growing the Game (Unterriker)**
 - i. WLF will focus efforts on the 3 existing areas (Valley, Madison, Milwaukee) where we see weakness and host an event. *Unterriker will initiate an email thread to identify dates, locations, coach volunteers, admin volunteers, equipment needs, etc.*
 - c. **Elections and Transition Document (Espinosa):** See New Business.
 - d. **Rules and Regulations (Unterriker/Espinosa):** The Board worked through drafts of Season Regulations and Tournament Procedures for the Rules and Regulations document. The Board discussed coach certification requirements at the high school

level. Motion to maintain the current WLF requirements for High School coaches (Kaczik). Second (Truttschel). Approved 9-0. *Unterriker and Espinosa will make changes as discussed during the meeting and distribute the revised sections of the document via email for approval.* Goal is to distribute the full document to Commissioners and High School coaches ASAP.

Adjourn at 8:17pm. Motion to adjourn (Truttschel). Second (Diehl). Approved 8-0.

Next Meeting: September 28, 8:30pm, ZOOM