

Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 28, 2021, 8:30pm

Call to Order at 8:30pm

Roll Call

x	Erin Ennis	President	x	Brendon O'Shea	Badgerland Rep
	VACANT	Vice President	x	Rich Thomson	Bay Valley Rep
x	Becky Unterriker	Secretary	x	Nate Lutterman	Big Badger Rep
x	Carla Miller	Treasurer	x	Jack Fleming	Classic 8 Commissioner
x	Randy Kohn	Officials Director	x	Robin Buckley	MAYLA Rep
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 (All Candidates for Election to the Board of Directors): Samantha Adey, Emily Anderson, Joe Makhoulf, Indy Stluka, Dave Wollin

1. **Approval of Minutes (Unterriker).** Motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting on 08/25/2021 as drafted (Espinosa). Second (Truttschel). Approved 9-0.
2. **Financial Report (Miller)** – See Attached. Board meeting expenses of \$121.05 for meeting room rental and copies. Playoff expenses of \$6530.00. Account balance is \$47,015.78. Motion to approve the financial report as drafted (Espinosa). Second (Kohn). Approved 9-0.
3. **Directors' and Conference Reports**
 - a. **Officials (Kohn)** – Defer to October meeting
 - b. **Girls (Truttschel)** – Defer to October meeting
 - c. **Boys (Marsh)** – Defer to October meeting
 - d. **Coaches (Diehl)** – Defer to October meeting
 - e. **Communications & Marketing (Kaczik)** – Defer to October meeting
 - f. **Events (Espinosa)** – Defer to October meeting
 - g. **Bay Valley (Thomson)** – Defer to October meeting
 - h. **Classic 8 (Fleming)**
 - i. **Big Badger (Lutterman)** – Defer to October meeting
 - j. **Badgerland (O'Shea)** – Badgerland elections will be 09/29/21.
 - k. **MAYLA (Buckley)** – MAYLA elections will be next week.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **WIAA Sanctioning (Fleming)** – WIAA fall area meetings are complete. The Executive Director, Stephanie Hauser, would like to receive letters of support from ADs. The WIAA will now poll ADs to gauge the level of support. The annual meeting is in April. If adequate support is indicated in the poll, lacrosse will be brought before the full board for a vote at the annual meeting. 5% support -> WIAA regulation. 10% support -> state tournament. Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse will be voted on separately.
 - b. **Try Lacrosse Clinics & Growing the Game (Unterriker)** – Defer to October meeting

- c. **Rules and Regulations (Unterriker/Espinosa)** – The Board approved the general framework for the Tournament Procedures at the 08/25/21 meeting. The full document was distributed to the board for approval, but 3 points of discussion were required.
- i. Non-conference game requirement. The board discussed the pros and cons of requiring teams to play a minimum number of non-conference games to be eligible for the state tournament. Motion to strike Tournament Procedures 2f from the Rules & Regulations which requires teams to play 4 non-conference games to be eligible for the state tournament (Truttschel). Second (Diehl). Approved 6-3. (Dissenting votes: Espinosa, Marsh, Unterriker)
 - ii. Automatic Qualifiers. The board discussed the concept of automatic qualifiers and potential unintended consequences. The board agreed that the intent is to ensure that a conference champion qualifies for the state tournament. The board discussed the Classic 8 league/conference divisions for girls (red/black) and boys (red/black/white) and whether those divisions should also get an automatic qualifier. The board agreed that each league/conference, regardless of divisions within the conference, gets 1 automatic qualifier. If a league/conference diverges from the intent of the rule, the board will revisit the rule. Motion to add “The automatic qualifier from a league/conference shall be a divisional or conference champion.” to Tournament Procedures 3a2 (Espinosa). Second (Ennis). Approved 9-0.
 - iii. All-State Awards. The board discussed whether divisions within a league/conference can submit an all-conference team for consideration of all-state awards.
 - 1. Boys: Each boys league/conference submits 1 all-conference team for consideration for All-State awards. The Classic 8 boys submit 1 all-conference team since the 3 divisions are formed based upon competitiveness. BVLA: 10-12 teams -> 11 players; Big Badger: 10-12 teams -> 11 players; Classic 8: 18 teams -> 11 players; Independent: 3 teams -> ? players.
 - 2. Girls: The BVLA and Badgerland league/conference each submit 1 all-conference team for consideration and the Classic 8 submits 2 all-conference teams (red division and black division) for consideration. The Classic 8 girls submit 2 all-conference teams since the 2 divisions are formed based upon geography and are roughly equal in strength. BVLA: 5 teams -> 12 players; Badgerland: 9 teams -> 12 players; Classic 8 Black: 9 teams -> 12 players; Classic 8 Red: 9 teams -> 12 players; Independent: 2 teams -> ? players.

Motion to table the discussion until the next board meeting (Espinosa). Second (Diehl). Approved 9-0.

Two additional points in the document were discussed.
 - iv. Deadline for payment of team dues. Motion to change the deadline for payment of team due from April 1 to March 15 (Espinosa). Second (Miller). Approved 9-0.
 - v. Typo in section 3e was corrected.

5. New Business

- a. **2022 High School Dues.** Motion to set 2022 High School dues at \$125 for Varsity teams and \$40 for Sub-Varsity teams (Miller). Second (Espinosa). Approved 9-0. Youth dues were deferred to the October meeting.
- b. **Elections.** The members of the Nominating Committee are Carla Miller, Randy Kohn, Dave Diehl, Eric Marsh. The committee received 9 nominations. (1) Completed nomination forms were shared with all members of the board prior to the meeting. (2) The candidates were each given time to present themselves to the board and answer questions. (3) The league representatives (Brendon O'Shea, Nate Lutterman, Robin Buckley, Jack Fleming, Rich Thomson) were each given time to present their support and recommendations. (4) The Nominating Committee was given time to present their support and recommendations. The board agreed that the slate of candidates was very strong. The board discussed each open board position and which candidate was the best match. The board discussed the potential for WIAA governance of high school lacrosse after this season and strongly recommends that the new board add a Youth Director position. The board recommended Kohn (President), Blumenthal (Vice President), Unterriker (Secretary), Stluka (Girls Director), Wollin (Officials Director), Anderson (Youth Director), and appoint Espinosa (Event Director). Espinosa withdrew his name from consideration. Motion to elect Emily Anderson, Josh Blumenthal, Randy Kohn, Indy Stluka, Becky Unterriker, Dave Wollin to the board (Espinosa). Second (Miller). Approved 9-0.

Adjourn at 11:14pm. Motion to adjourn (Espinosa). Second (Diehl). Approved 9-0.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2021, 8:30pm, ZOOM