

Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 14, 2021, 8:00pm

Call to Order at 8:00pm

Roll Call

x	Randy Kohn	President	x	Jack Fleming	Classic 8 Commissioner
x	Josh Blumenthal	Vice President	x	Nate Lutterman	Big Badger Commissioner
x	Becky Unterriker	Secretary	x	Rich Thomson	Bay Valley President
x	Carla Miller	Treasurer	x	Brendon O'Shea	Badgerland Representative
x	Dave Wollin	Officials Director	x	Robin Buckley	MAYLA Representative
x	Indy Stluka	High School Girls Director	x	Erin Ennis	Past President
x	Eric Marsh	High School Boys Director			
excused	Dave Diehl	Coaches Director			
x	Tracy Kaczik	Communications & Marketing Director			
x	Paul Espinosa	Events Director			
x	Emily Anderson	Youth Director			

Guest: Kevin Ketter (Coach, Green Bay High School Girls)

1. **Minutes from 10/17/21 (Unterriker).** Motion to accept the 10/17/21 minutes as drafted (Espinosa). Second (Unterriker). Approved 14-0.
2. **Financial Report (Miller).** Since the last report, there was \$654.72 in expenses for website/backup/hosting, meeting expense and travel. Ending balance is \$46,361.06. There are 2 outstanding grants to be paid (Elkhorn and Neenah). 3rd installment of 3-year agreement with the Positive Coaching Alliance is due (\$2650.00).
3. **Director's and Conference Reports**
 - a. **Officials (Wollin)**
 - i. WLLOA is having elections and working on setting up umpires' training sessions. Received a grant from USA Lacrosse.
 - ii. WILOA received 2 grants from USA Lacrosse. (1) Training officials across the regions to work on consistency. (2) Observation of officials for training purposes.
 - iii. Marsh and Stluka will work with the 3 conferences and independent teams to set up pre-season calls re: rules interpretation and share the training video link that covers rule changes and points of emphasis.
 - b. **High School Girls (Stluka)** There are on-going discussions about setting up a coaches' council. Board discussed questions from coaches about flexibility of playoff dates (Rules, p. 26) and off-season contact (rules have not changed). Wauwatosa girls team has not received their runner-up trophy from the 2021 invitational tournament.
 - c. **High School Boys (Marsh)** No report
 - d. **Coaches (Diehl)** No report
 - e. **Communications & Marketing (Kaczik)** Do not distribute board meeting minutes until they have been approved.
 - f. **Events (Espinosa)**

- i. Location for state championship day is not final, yet. Three sites under consideration: Breese Stevens Field, Hart Park and Ripon College.
- ii. Motion to allow the Board of Directors to approve the final location via email (Espinosa). Second (Unterriker). Approved 16-0.

12/1/21 – PE made a recommendation to the board via email to approve Hart Park as the venue for the 2022 WLF State Championship Day. Motion to accept the recommendation (Unterriker). Second (Diehl). Approved unanimously.

- g. **Youth (Anderson)** Sent a survey to the 3 youth conferences; but did not receive a response. Badgerland and BVLA need to begin discussions on how they will operate as youth-only conferences if/when the WIAA sanctions lacrosse.
 - h. **Bay Valley (Thomson)** Three new high school boys teams this season: Hudson (Varsity & JV), Pacelli/Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (JV), Pulaski (JV) and 3 new high school girls teams: Bay Port (Varsity), Hudson (Varsity & JV), Kimberly (Varsity). Thomson will provide contact information for the new teams.
 - i. **Classic 8 (Fleming)** ADs met and will form 3 conferences under the Classic 8 umbrella for 2022-2023.
 - j. **Big Badger (Lutterman)** See New Business.
 - k. **Badgerland (O'Shea)** Organizing a rules interpretation and coaches training meeting. The board discussed moving High School girls from the Badgerland conference to the Big Badger conference.
 - l. **MAYLA (Buckley)** Monthly meeting is this week. Current topics include: LaxCon, annual meeting, coaching education, league schedule, on field officials' training, program boundaries, player waivers.
4. **Old Business**
- a. **WIAA Sanctioning (Fleming)** WIAA conducted a survey of school administrators with regard to the potential WIAA sanctioning of the sport of lacrosse. Per the survey results, 41 schools currently sponsor the sport of boys' lacrosse and 31 offer girls' lacrosse. A total of 61 schools indicated their support for the addition of boys' and girls' lacrosse as a WIAA-sponsored sport. This will be a discussion item on the December 3 Board of Control meeting. If approved, transition to WIAA could happen as early as 2022-2023. Fleming will inquire about next steps for the WLF and invite Director Hauser to state championship day.
 - b. **2022 Youth Team Dues (Anderson)** There are questions from MAYLA about where the funds from youth dues go. Not ready to make a proposal, yet.
 - c. **Hall of Fame Proposal (Wollin)** Board discussed the proposal that was presented. Motion for Kohn to appoint a committee of 3 board members and 3 Hall of Fame members from the Class of 2016 to formulate and submit a revised proposal to the Board. Wollin to be the Chair of the committee as a representative of the Hall of Fame Class of 2016. (Espinosa). Second (Unterriker). Approved 16-0.
 - d. **State Championship Venue (Espinosa)** See Events Director report.
5. **New Business**
- a. **New Co-Op Request from Stoughton/Oregon High School Boys (Lutterman)** Stoughton has requested to co-op with the Oregon co-op. Will submit the new application form.
 - b. **WILOA and WLLOA fee schedules for 2022 (Wollin)** Nothing to report, yet.
 - c. **High School Rules & Regulations**

- i. Independent Automatic Qualifier (Espinosa) – Hudson’s move to the BVLA leaves 1 varsity independent girls team and 2 varsity independent boys teams. Conference commissioners should discuss the Rules (p. 26) re: automatic qualifier for the highest ranked independent team with their constituents and provide feedback for a vote at the December board meeting.
 - ii. Non-Regulation Games (Unterriker) – Board discussed the Rules (p. 22) re: standings for regulation games as defined by the NFHS. Agreed that non-regulation games will be considered a scrimmage.
- d. **Other New Business**
 - i. Board meeting times (Blumenthal) – Motion for board meetings to start at 7:00pm (Blumenthal). Second (Anderson). Approved 12-0.
 - ii. 2021-2022 Board Resolution (Ennis) – Board resolution did not address the Executive Committee and Past President as an Executive Committee member. Kohn appointed Anderson with drafting a proposed solution.
 - iii. Ethics Complaint (Kohn) – An ethics complaint has been filed with USA Lacrosse against two coaches in the Madison area. No further information will be available.

Adjourn at 10:27pm. Motion to adjourn (Kohn). Second (Blumenthal). Approved 12-0.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2021 @ 5:30pm via ZOOM