

Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 23, 2022, 7:00pm

Call to Order at 7:01pm

Roll Call

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

1. **VP Resignation (Unterriker).** Josh Blumenthal resigned as the Vice President via email on 1/6/22.
2. **Minutes from 12/12/21 (Unterriker).** Motion to accept the 12/12/21 minutes as drafted (Diehl). 2nd (Unterriker). Approved 9-0.
3. **Financial Report (Miller).** No changes since the last report. Ending balance is \$40,011.06.
4. **Director's and Conference Reports**
5. **Officials (Wollin)**
 - a. WLOA – A tentative virtual training schedule was sent to assignors for approval.
 - i. New adults & officials with 1-4 years of experience (All are invited.)
 1. Sundays, Feb. 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 7:30-9:00pm
 2. Feb. 13 – Lax Basics, Rules 1, 2, 3, Places on the field (naming), Lax 101
 3. Feb. 20 – Rule 4
 4. Feb. 27 – Rule 5
 5. March 6 – Rule 6
 6. March 13 – Rule 7 & Mechanics Review
 - ii. Veteran Officials (Open to All)
 1. Mondays, Feb. 28; March 7, 14
 2. Officials with 4+ years of experience must attend at least 2.
 - iii. Mandatory State Clinic (All Officials)
 1. Sunday, March 20
 2. *NFHS Rule Change Video*
 3. *POEs Or watch recording and take additional test*
 4. *Also open to all coaches.*
 - b. WLLOA - Looking for assignors for both Milwaukee and Badgerland. However, Badgerland may have found one. No news on new WLLOA Board members or training other than Badgerland will host a girls officials meeting at Verona on 3/5/22 which is open to all. I have attempted contact with those I believe to be Board members many

times since my September appointment. I am receiving virtually no information from this Board. I am continuing to try to create an open channel so that the WLF can help them with their challenges. I am also working with USA Lacrosse to help facilitate better communication between WLLOA and WLF.

6. **High School Girls (Stluka)** – Sent reminder to coaches about pre-season contact rules.
7. **High School Boys (Marsh)** – No report
8. **Coaches (Diehl)** – Coordinating in-person PCA workshops in conjunction with the conference coaches' meetings in February.
9. **Communications & Marketing (Kaczik)** – No report
10. **Events (Espinosa)** – Request a meeting with the WLF Executive Committee to review bids for all-star game uniforms since 2 bids are from board members. Sent all-star game and state championship logos to the WLF Board & ask that board members please use the logos in their WLF email signatures and add them to the website. Will share a draft sponsorship brochure from Park Printing. Ask all board members to share the sponsorship brochure – need \$22K-\$25K in ads and sponsorships for state championship day.
11. **Youth (Anderson)** – MAYLA participation numbers were down by 30.5% from 2019 to 2020 and 17% from 2020 to 2021. MAYLA has seen a steady decline in participation numbers since 2017. No participation data for the other 2 youth conferences or independent programs.
12. **Bay Valley (Thomson)** – No report
13. **Classic 8 (Fleming)** – New assignor for High School girls.
14. **Big Badger (Luttermann)** – (1) Eastside is disbanding and will no longer field high school girls or boys teams. Board confirmed that former Eastside players will be released to play for the nearest high school program that allows them to play. (2) DeForest has hired Kody Sutton as their new head coach.
15. **Badgerland (O'Shea)** – Have a candidate for the assignor position for youth and high school girls.
16. **MAYLA (Buckley)** – RB attended LaxCon. Attendance at the event was lower than expectation. Gave an overview of messaging from LaxCon.
17. **Old Business**
 - a. **WIAA Sanctioning (Fleming)** – WIAA Lacrosse Committee had their first meeting on 01/17/22 with the WIAA Executive Staff. It was a productive meeting. There will be another meeting on 01/31/22 to continue moving forward with the process.
 - b. **2022 Youth Team Dues (Anderson)** – Treasurer presented a proposed budget for the youth program with team fees set at \$25/team. Board discussed whether a resolution per Section 1.06 of the Bylaws was required to establish youth programs or teams as Associates in order for the WLF to charge youth team dues. No resolution was presented. Motion to charge youth team teams of \$25/team for the 2022 season (Anderson). 2nd (Espinosa). Approved 11-1.
 - c. **High School Rules & Regulations (Espinosa)** – Under current WLF High School Rules & Regulations->Tournament Procedures->3a(3), the highest ranked independent team will automatically qualify for the state tournament. Motion to strike Tournament Procedures/3a(3) from the High School Rules and Regulations for the 2021-2022 season (Espinosa). 2nd (Unterriker). Approved 13-0.
 - d. **WLLOA and WLLOA fee schedules for 2022 (Wollin)**
 - i. High School Boys: Varsity = \$75/official/game except the Big Badger Conference which will pay \$70/official/game for 3-man crew. JV = \$65/official/game.
 - ii. High School Girls: Varsity = \$75/umpire/game. JV = \$65/umpire/game.
 - iii. Youth: \$50/game

- e. **Board Resolution regarding Committees (Anderson)** – Motion to delay consideration of the Board Resolution regarding committees pending input from USA Lacrosse (Espinosa). 2nd (Anderson). Approved 13-0.

18. New Business

- a. **St. John's NWMA students and former Eastside players** – Board affirmed that players who attend a school that does not sponsor a lacrosse team or participate in a recognized co-op may play for the nearest team that will accept him/her. The nearest is defined as the distance from the address of the student's school of attendance to the address of the address of the sponsor school or the lead school of a recognized co-op.

Adjourn at 8:26pm. Motion to adjourn (Espinosa). Second (Unterriker). Approved 12-0.

Next Meeting: February 20, 2022, 7:30pm via ZOOM