

**Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**September 11, 2022, 7:30pm**

**Call to Order** at 7:37pm

**Roll Call**

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

1. **Approval of Agenda (Kohn).** Motion to approve the agenda as drafted (Anderson). 2<sup>nd</sup> (Wollin). Approved 11-0.
2. **Minutes from 6/26/22 and 8/28/22 (Unterriker).** Motion to accept the 6/26/22 and 8/28/22 minutes as drafted (Unterriker). 2<sup>nd</sup> (Kohn). Approved 11-0.
3. **Financial Report (Miller).** (1) Dues income of \$100 received in June - August. Bank fees of \$62.10. Net for June – August was \$37.90. (2) State tournament income of \$17,998.00 and expense of \$29, 792.04 for a loss of \$11,794.04. (3) YTD net income is \$4720.29 and the cash balance on 8/31/22 was \$44, 731.35.
4. **Director's and Conference Reports**
  - a. **Officials (Wollin)** – The board reviewed the Youth Officials Training Academy (YOTA) proposal. (See Attachment) Motion to approve the YOTA proposal (Kohn). 2<sup>nd</sup> (Anderson). Approved 11-0. Next steps: (1) identify a contact from each league/conference and (2) develop a schedule with first training in October.
  - b. **High School Girls (Stluka)** – Several coaching changes and vacancies. Will update the contact list.
  - c. **High School Boys (Marsh)** – Several coaching changes and vacancies. Will update the contact list. Working with USA Lacrosse to resolve an issue with the Academic All-American submissions from the 2022 season.
  - d. **Coaches (Diehl)** – Will be working with the Positive Coaching Alliance to establish a new contract. Will communicate with coaches regarding any changes to rules and contact rules if the WIAA board of control vote passes.
  - e. **Communications & Marketing (Kaczik)** – Nothing to report
  - f. **Events (O'Shea)** – Nothing to report
  - g. **Youth (Anderson)** – Preparing for the 2023 season. November 5 – 13 is National Celebrate Lacrosse Week. The portal to apply for grants is closed.
  - h. **Bay Valley (Thomson)** – Pulaski was awarded a grant to host a Try Lacrosse event. It will be on 11/5 at Pulaski High School.
  - i. **Classic 8 (Fleming)** – Requested a copy of the officials'/umpires' fee schedules for 2023. Wollin will share the fee schedule with all leagues/conferences.
  - j. **Big Badger (Luttermann)** – Sun Prairie High School has split into 2 schools – East and West. The lacrosse team's co-op request was approved.

- k. **Badgerland (Holmes)** – No report
- l. **MAYLA (Buckley)** – Working on nominations for MAYLA elections.

**5. Old Business**

- a. **WIAA Sanctioning (Fleming)** – Over the last few months, a sub-committee has been working on co-ops for lacrosse, hockey and other sports. The 7 area meetings start this week. There will be a short update/presentation on lacrosse at each of the meetings led by: 1 – Paul Zielski, 2 – Jack Fleming, 3 – WIAA Staff, 4 – Ron, 5 – Beth, 6 – WIAA Staff, 7 – Brittany. Main points of the presentation are:
  - i. Lacrosse committee has met 11 times. Discussed the transition to WIAA and the rules and established a regular schedule. WIAA will host a state tournament almost immediately even if the 10% threshold is not strictly met.
  - ii. Growth – 10 years ago, there were 29 varsity high school boys teams and 15 varsity high school girls teams. In 2022, there were 42 varsity high school boys teams and 33 varsity high school girls teams.
  - iii. WLF Support – The WLF supports the transition to WIAA and has been planning for the transition.
  - iv. Future Growth – Agreement that WIAA recognition will lead to continued growth of the sport due to school support. The WIAA has positively affected enrollment in other sports such as hockey and girls wrestling. Lacrosse has been successful as a high school sport on the East and West coasts and is growing in the Midwest.
  - v. Title IX - It is a good opportunity for schools to add a girls sport.Lacrosse is on the agenda for discussion and a vote at the 10/6/22 board of control meeting. If approved, lacrosse would be a WIAA sport beginning with the 23-24 school year. Co-op applications would be due to the WIAA on 06/01/2023.

**6. New Business**

- a. **Elections (Ennis)** – There were 4 open positions and 7 candidates. The board elected new board members as follows:
  - i. Seamus O'Shea – VP
  - ii. Becky Unterriker – Secretary
  - iii. Eric Marsh – Boys Director
  - iv. Brendon O'Shea – Events Director
- b. **Hall of Fame (Wollin)** – The board discussed a proposal to establish a standing committee for the Hall of Fame. Wollin will make revisions and resubmit for the October meeting.

**Adjourn** at 9:36pm. Motion to adjourn (Unterriker). Second (Kohn). Approved 11-0.

**Next Meeting:** October 9, 2022 at 7:30pm via ZOOM