

Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 29, 2023, 7:30pm

Call to Order at 7:31pm

Roll Call

x	Randy Kohn	President	x	Brendon O'Shea	Events Director
x	Seamus O'Shea	Vice President	x	Emily Anderson	Youth Director
x	Becky Unterriker	Secretary	x	Jack Fleming	Classic 8 Commissioner
x	Carla Miller	Treasurer	x	Nate Lutterman	Big Badger Commissioner
x	Dave Wollin	Officials Director	x	Rich Thomson	Bay Valley President
x	Indy Stluka	High School Girls Director	x	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		Matt Burke	USA Lacrosse

1. **Approval of Agenda (Kohn).** Motion to approve the agenda as drafted (Unterriker). 2nd (S. O'Shea). Approved 11-0.
2. **Minutes from 12/11/2022 (Unterriker).** Motion to accept the 12/11/22 minutes as drafted (Unterriker). 2nd (Miller). Approved 11-0.
3. **Financial Report (Miller).** (1) Disbursements of \$55.84 for postage, \$1500.00 for Positive Coaching Alliance, and \$500.00 donation to Mental Agility (in honor of Gordon Corsetti) since the last meeting. (2) Cash balance on 12/31/22 was \$38,770.18.
4. **Director's and Conference Reports**
 - a. **Officials (Wollin)** –Youth Officials Training Academy (YOTA) is underway. WILOA requested that YOTA pause training for youth boys' officials. (WILOA has online training scheduled and is working on scheduling field training.) YOTA will focus only on training umpires for youth girls. 1st classroom training session was 01/29/23. Online training sessions are recorded and include a quiz. Field training is lined up. Training dates are posted on the WLF website.
 - b. **High School Girls (Stluka)** – West Bend will not have a HS Girls team this season. Sauk Prairie will not have a HS Girls JV team this season. Indy will be sending out season info to the HS Girls contacts this week.
 - c. **High School Boys (Marsh)** – Has been fielding questions about the playoff structure for 2023 and the transition to WIAA for 2024.
 - d. **Coaches (Diehl)** – Working with the Positive Coaching Alliance to set up workshops in February. Will collaborate with MAYLA for an in-person workshop. Willing to work with other conferences/leagues to set up an in-person workshop if there is interest.
 - e. **Communications & Marketing (Kaczik)** – Nothing to report
 - f. **Events (B. O'Shea)** – State championship day will be at Ashley Field in Sun Prairie. The field is a unified field. Will use All-American Printing for programs and Wisconsinhighschoolax for the live stream. Looking for volunteers to work that day.
 - g. **Youth (Anderson)** – Attended a youth program leadership workshop at Laxcon. Will edit the draft youth plan based upon new information and ideas from Laxcon.
 - h. **Bay Valley (Thomson)** – Have held regular meetings. La Crosse HS boys is now part of the BVLA West conference.
 - i. **Classic 8 (Fleming)** – Nothing to report

- j. **Big Badger (Lutterman)** – Scott Saunders is the new Big Badger assignor. Will have a conference meeting next week.
 - k. **Badgerland (Holmes)** – Sauk Prairie will not have a HS Girls JV team this season due to lack of numbers.
 - l. **MAYLA (Buckley)** – Held a conference meeting last week. Flex 6 and Little Scoopers (8U) will be on Saturdays this year. Board discussed using smaller fields and goals for 8U as well as 4v4 and 1/3/1 formats. Season will run from April 24 – June 4.
- 5. Old Business**
- a. **Transition to WIAA (Fleming)** – Kate Peterson-Abiad is the WIAA Lacrosse Director. Working on finalizing the rules and regulations, tournament procedures and the co-op approval process. Will be sending out information and gauging interest next week.
 - b. **Committee Assignments (Kohn)** – Still waiting for one board member to return their committee assignment worksheet.
 - c. **2023 State Tournament Structure (B. O'Shea)** – Board discussed options for the state tournament: (1) same as last year, (2) reinstate the invitational, (3) all-in region-based playoffs. The board noted that football is the only WIAA sport that does not currently have an all-in playoff structure. Motion to form a committee to assign teams to regions/sections for an all-in region-based state tournament. Committee to be composed of Erin Ennis, Dave Diehl, Indy Stluka and Eric Marsh with Ennis as the Chair. (Kohn). Second (Unterriker). Approved 11-0.
 - d. **2023 High School Rules & Regulations (Unterriker)** – Document to be finalized following the February board meeting.
- 6. New Business**
- a. **Player Eligibility & Transfer Rules (Kohn)** – There has been some misinformation circulating about player eligibility rules for 2023-2024. There will not be a gap or a free pass with respect to transfer rules next season. See page 31 of the [WIAA Senior High Handbook](#) for more information on transfer rules.
 - b. **Youth and High School Dues (Kohn)** – Team fees will be the same as last season. Unterriker will send the updated forms to the conference commissioners.
 - c. **League recognition requirements (Unterriker)** – The WLF has tax exempt status as a chapter included under USA Lacrosse's group exemption. That group exemption does not extend to any conference/league, club or team. The WLF does not have group exemption for any conference/league, club or team. Every conference/league, club or team must have their own EIN and apply for exemption individually.
 - d. **Other Business (Stluka)**
 - i. Request from Wauwatosa girls team to place a special patch on their team uniforms for the 2022-2023 season in honor of a player diagnosed with cancer. Motion to approve (Kohn). 2nd (Ennis). Approved 10-0 with 1 abstention (Stluka).
 - ii. Motion to establish the following process for approval of a commemorative patch on a team uniform: A team representative should submit a request to the Events Director who will forward the request for review by the Executive Committee and final approval by the full board. (Kohn). 2nd (Stluka). Approved 11-0.

Adjourn at 8:56pm. Motion to adjourn (Diehl). Second (B. O'Shea). Approved 11-0.

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