

Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 4, 2024, 7:30pm

Call to Order at 7:31pm

Roll Call

x	Randy Kohn	President		Tracy Kaczik	Comm & Marketing Director
x	Seamus O'Shea	Vice President	x	Brendon O'Shea	Events Director
x	Becky Unterriker	Secretary	x	Emily Anderson	Youth Director
x	Carla Miller	Treasurer	x	Jack Fleming	WIAA Liaison
	VACANT	Past President		Rich Thomson	Bay Valley Representative
x	Dave Wollin	Officials Director	x	Brian King	Badgerland Representative
	Indy Stluka	Girls Director	x	Robin Buckley	MAYLA Representative
	Eric Marsh	Boys Director	x	Matt Burke	USA Lacrosse
x	Dave Diehl	Coaches Director		John Uhl	Girls Lacrosse Coaches Assoc
			x	Nate Lutterman	Boys Lacrosse Coaches Assoc

1. **Approval of Agenda (Kohn)** – Motion to approve the agenda as drafted (Wollin). 2nd (B. O'Shea). Approved 9-0.
2. **Approval of Minutes (Unterriker)** – Motion to approve the 12/10/23 minutes as drafted (Unterriker). 2nd (Kohn). Approved 9-0.
3. **Financial Report (Miller)**. One disbursement: \$120.00 for a LAT bill from the 2023 state tournament. Cash balance on 01/31/24 was \$47,895.25.
4. **Director's and Conference Reports**
 - a. **WIAA (Fleming)** – Met with the WIAA Lacrosse Director on January 11. (1) Discussed moving the state tournament seeding meeting back from May 12. Standard practice is to determine seeding 2 weeks prior to the start of playoffs. Seeding date will remain May 12. (2) WIAA is in a cycle to consider non-football realignment requests. Because of the new teams and new co-ops forming, lacrosse requests may be reviewed annually. (3) WIAA preference is for 7 teams per conference. (4) List of WIAA-registered officials is available. If an official is already registered with the WIAA for another sport, they only need to pay the \$15 sport fee for lacrosse. Contact Jack Fleming for a copy of the list.
 - b. **Officials (Wollin)** – (1) No update on high school girls umpires' training. WLLOA has indicated that it will be a focus. (2) Youth girls umpires training is scheduled. See the YOTA website for dates. (3) Term of office ends on 8/31/24. Looking for a successor to shadow throughout the 2024 season.
 - c. **High School Girls (Stluka)** – Submitted resignation.
 - d. **High School Boys (Marsh)** – Submitted resignation. Board discussed the Girls Director and Boys Director positions and how these roles should be defined moving forward. Executive Committee will meet to discuss potential changes to the board structure.
 - e. **Coaches (Diehl)** – (1) Still coordinating the PCA workshops for the 2024 season. (2) Submitted resignation. Motion to appoint Emmet O'Malley to serve the remainder of the current board term for Dave Diehl (Diehl). 2nd (Unterriker). Approved 9-0.
 - f. **Communications & Marketing (Kaczik)** – no report
 - g. **Events (B. O'Shea)** – (1) Spoke with WIAA Lacrosse Director and Sun Prairie East AD regarding logistics for state championship games. (2) Concern that WIAA is planning for 3 officials (rather than 4) for state championship games. (3) Working on ideas to set up

coaches training. (4) Lawrence University is interested in hosting high school and U14 showcase games.

- h. **Youth (Anderson)** – Reminder that MAYLA, Badgerland and BVLA should collect player numbers in addition to team numbers for the 2024 season.
 - i. **Bay Valley (Thomson)** – no report
 - j. **Badgerland (King)** – (1) Officials/umpires training is set up. (2) Board meeting next week.
 - k. **MAYLA (Buckley)** – (1) Annual meeting was 2/3/24. (2) Mukwonago and Kenosha boys will play in Illinois youth leagues this season.
5. **Old Business** - none
6. **New Business**
- a. **USA Lacrosse Structure (Kohn)** – USA Lacrosse is moving away from its current umbrella organization structure. Current USA Lacrosse chapters have until 12/31/24 to make a decision about how they will proceed. Options are: (1) Become an affiliate (2) Sunset (3) Repurpose as an unaffiliated organization. Current chapters will no longer be subordinates of USA Lacrosse. Will need their own EIN and their own Directors & Officers Insurance. Current chapters will have priority consideration to move to affiliate status before any other applications are considered. Unterriker will share an informational document from USA Lacrosse on the change so that the board can discuss it and vote at the next meeting.
 - b. **High School Coaches Associations (Unterriker)** – (1) Conducted elections to form the Wisconsin High School Girls Lacrosse Coaches Association and the Wisconsin Boys Lacrosse Coaches Association. Presidents are John Uhl (Girls) and Nate Lutterman (Boys). (2) Associations will need to file Articles of Incorporation with the WI DFI, apply for a federal EIN, apply for 501c3 status and apply for a Certificate of Exempt Status. (3) Lutterman asked how USA Lacrosse awards will be impacted now that lacrosse is a WIAA sport. Burke confirmed that USA Lacrosse awards are not dependent upon a player's membership status. Unterriker will send Uhl's and Lutterman's contact information to serve as Area Chairs for USA Lacrosse awards. (4) Board will review bylaws to determine if the Association Presidents can be appointed as non-voting board advisors.
 - c. **2024 Youth Team Fees (Miller)** – Motion to maintain youth team fees at \$25/team for the 2024 season (Miller). 2nd (Unterriker). Approved 9-0.

Adjourn at 8:38pm. Motion to adjourn (Wollin). 2nd (Kohn). Approved 9-0.

Next Board Meeting: March 3, 2024 at 7:30pm via ZOOM