

**Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**March 3, 2024, 7:30pm**

Call to Order at 7:30pm

**Roll Call**

x	Randy Kohn	President	x	Tracy Kaczik	Comm & Marketing Director
	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	x	Rich Thomson	Bay Valley Representative
	Dave Wollin	Officials Director	x	Brian King	Badgerland Representative
	VACANT	Girls Director	x	Robin Buckley	MAYLA Representative
	VACANT	Boys Director		Matt Burke	USA Lacrosse
x	Emmet O'Malley	Coaches Director		John Uhl	Girls Lacrosse Coaches Assoc
				Nate Lutterman	Boys Lacrosse Coaches Assoc

1. **Approval of Agenda (Kohn)** – Motion to approve the agenda as drafted (Unterriker). 2<sup>nd</sup> (Kohn). Approved 8-0.
2. **Approval of Minutes (Unterriker)** – Motion to approve the 02/04/24 minutes as drafted (Unterriker). 2<sup>nd</sup> (Kohn). Approved 8-0.
3. **Financial Report (Miller)**. No activity in February. Cash balance on 02/29/24 was \$47,895.25.
4. **Director's and Conference Reports**
  - **WIAA (Fleming)** – Answers to some questions that have been raised.

ALLOWED OPPONENTS

- Looking into whether a WIAA varsity team may play a game vs a “JV only” team.
- May play against non-school teams.
  - Example: WIAA schools sanctioning Lacrosse may play club teams as regular season games, as long as
    - Their team is comprised of "age appropriate" participants.
    - The competition itself is under the authority/control/direction/supervision of a member school's administration (institutional control)
    - National Federation and WIAA rules for the competition/event are used.
    - If sport officials are a part of the competition, WIAA licensed sport officials must be used.
- Shall not play against school teams that are not competing as a WIAA team.
  - Example: Schools that are WIAA members but did not choose to sanction their Lacrosse team as WIAA this season.
  - Example: Non-WIAA members who have the opportunity to join the WIAA but choose not to.
  - Example: Teams from other state who have the opportunity to join their respective State HS Association but choose not to.
- Conferences shall NOT consist of non-school teams.
  - All teams in the conference must be WIAA members, who offer Lacrosse as a school sanctioned team.

GAME LIMITS

- Teams may play a maximum of 1 scrimmage and 18 regular-season games.

- Teams that exceed the regular-season game limits are not eligible for the state tournament series.

#### GAMES VS OPPONENTS FROM OUT OF STATE

- Teams may play games vs opponents from a neighboring state, subject to regular-season game limits.
  - Teams may play 1 game vs an opponent from a non-neighboring state, subject to regular-season game limits.
  - The same restrictions apply to out-of-state opponents (see Allowed Opponents).
  - Looking into whether teams may play games vs an opponent from a state where lacrosse is not a sanctioned sport.
- **Officials (Kohn for Wollin)** – (1) WIAA Boys High School training has been completed. (2) Boys youth training has been completed. On-field rating dates are 4/7/24 and 4/13/24. (3) Girls youth on-field rating is scheduled for 4/7/24.
  - **Girls (VACANT)**
  - **Boys (VACANT)**
  - **Coaches (O'Malley)** – (1) Has connected with the prior Coaches Director. Working on PCA workshops. (2) Plans to work with local parks & recreation departments to garner interest in lacrosse at the local level. Issue is how to translate participation in these events into local program registrations.
  - **Communications & Marketing (Kaczik)** – nothing to report
  - **Events (B. O'Shea)** – (1) Working with the Coaches Associations on All-Star games. (2) Lawrence University is interested in hosting high school and 14U showcase games on June 9.
  - **Youth (Anderson)** – The WIAA Middle School Handbook now includes lacrosse. Approximately 45 school districts are WIAA members at the middle school level. MAYLA will be discussing the potential impact of WIAA middle school lacrosse.
  - **Bay Valley (Thomson)** – (1) Kimberly will be adding a U14 girls team this season. (2) There is a need for training of umpires and coaches for youth girls.
  - **Badgerland (King)** – No concerns right now.
  - **MAYLA (Buckley)** – Working on waivers for players from areas that are not part of a school team.

#### 5. Old Business

- **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. The Board discussed the three options. Motion to transition from a chapter to an affiliate of USA Lacrosse (Unterriker). 2<sup>nd</sup> (Thomson). Approved 8-0.
- **Board Restructure (Kohn)** – With the transition of the WLF to an affiliate of USA Lacrosse and the WIAA sanction of high school girls and boys lacrosse, the WLF has a unique opportunity to reinvent itself. The Executive Committee did some research on youth lacrosse models in neighboring states and other youth sports models in Wisconsin. (See document sent out 2/28/24) The Board discussed possible positions for the Board of Directors of the WLF as a youth-centric organization.

#### 6. New Business

- **Elections (Miller/Unterriker)** – This election cycle will be different due to the changes at USA Lacrosse. Would like to have elections in June to allow 1-2 months for the out-going and incoming board members to work together. Need to finalize the positions for the Board of Directors before we can begin the election process.

**Adjourn** at 8:57pm. Motion to adjourn (B. O'Shea). 2<sup>nd</sup> (Unterriker). Approved 8-0.

**Next Board Meeting:** April 21, 2024 at 7:30pm via ZOOM