



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2014**

**THE SUNSHINE DEPOT  
ELK RIVER, MN**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** JEFF HENDRICKSON (PRESIDENT), LYNN BROWN (TREASURER), STEVE WEBER (SECRETARY), TIM DALTON (GIRLS DIRECTOR), DINO DANIEL (BOYS DIRECTOR), BUD HALE (SCHEDULING), MELISSA WEBER (UNIFORMS)

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** KARIN HENDRICKSON (APPAREL), LISA EDWARDS (REGISTRATION COORDINATOR), ALISHA HEATH (FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR)

**GUESTS PRESENT:** TOM REAK, BILL BOTTEMA, MICHELLE RISTING, KAREN STELK, NOEL NIVALA, MIKE KNISELEY

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT JEFF HENDRICKSON AT APPROXIMATELY 6:15PM.**

**JEFF HENDRICKSON CALLED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> MEETING; BUD HALE MADE THE MOTION, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY TIM DALTON.**

### **OPEN FORUM**

Coaching concerns were addressed by Bill Bottema, a guest present at the meeting. In general the guests felt that the spring season went well, but there were three (3) players who made the "A" team, but were not in tryouts. The same guest requested to know the qualifications of our high school and college coaches. This includes: 1) Did they complete certifications, 2) Why are they texting and snap chatting during a game, 3) Why did they leave before a game was called by the referees, and 4) Why didn't they show up for their 1<sup>st</sup> game (Rescheduled Game). The guest requested that the coaches should have passion, love, etc for the game of lacrosse and for the players.

Jeff Hendrickson will address the concerns mentioned above by simply stating that that as an association, we will try and consult with experts when we don't have the answers. This includes how to handle players who were decided without tryouts. Jeff also asked all present to remain positive about the coaches we have as we cannot run them out of town because of mistakes that they make.

Bob Schilz, guest, suggested that we need to interview coaches and assistant coaches. This is something that Elk River Football does. We need good parents as head coaches, and then agrees that we need high school and college coaches for assistant coaches. Bob asked the board if we needed to look at having "B" level teams and not "A" teams. And ultimately, feels that we need to go back to the fundamentals so that we can be competitive in the league. Tom Reak, guest, suggested that we should implement a fast and hard tryout policy for 2015.

Michelle Risting, guest, along with other guests present (Karen Stelk and Noel Nivala) were there to discuss that the girls field was not striped well enough. Jeff Hendrickson will discuss this with the City of Elk River.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT (LYNN BROWN)**

Lynn Brown reported that we are on budget. The checkbook has been updated. Unfortunately, we had two (2) bounced checks, which is a first for us as an association. The City of Elk River is paid, and bank accounts are healthy. At this time, we have no updates on the 501(c)(3) status.

Lynn suggested that for the few players that haven't paid their registration fees that we need to communicate that to coaches and team managers and pull these players if they haven't paid us yet.

### **BOYS DIRECTOR REPORT (DINO DANIEL):**

Dino Daniel arrived a little later to the meeting, having missed the open forum discussion. We spent a few minutes recapping that time period with him. Dino suggested that we should have another U13/U15 scrimmage, and updated that he has been in contact with several of the coaches, and all are doing well. Collectively, all teams need to work on the 'fundamentals' as this is not an individual sport.

**GIRLS DIRECTOR REPORT (TIM DALTON)**

Tim Dalton was present at the meeting. Tim shared that all teams are competing well in their age divisions. Tim questioned if there was a need for coaches training for the girls teams, similar to what is available for the boy's teams.

**UNIFORM REPORT (MELISSA WEBER)**

Need to follow up with Ben Gustafson as we will use him for the few missing t-shirts. Steve Weber to meet with Thread Head to discuss our needs for 2015 and start the process of working with them on a uniform plan. Steve will work with team managers to attempt to fill any missing uniform requests within the week.

**REGISTRATION UPDATE (LISA EDWARDS)**

No updates to share at this time.

**EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR (JESS QUAID):**

Jess Quaid was present at the meeting. Dino suggested we purchase DVD's to share between the coaches from ChampionshipProductions.com. It was also suggested that we make an investment in Coaches Clipboards to have for the future seasons.

**SCHEDULING REPORT (BUD HALE):**

Bud Hale was present at this meeting. Lots of changes to the schedules with the season. Bud is doing his best to be visible and react quickly to these changes.

**FUNDRAISING REPORT**

Alisha Heath was not present at the meeting. At this time players haven't received their prizes from the blitz; Jeff Hendrickson will look for an update on this and send out to the board via email. (This was done at the picnic).

**ANNUAL MEETING / YEAR-END PICNIC**

Was scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup> at Oak Knoll Park from 6p-8p. Association provided BBQ items, and asked families to bring a salad or desert to share. This picnic was to also serve as the association's annual meeting, at 7pm. Positions available at this time included Girls Director, Boys Director, Vice-President (Pres-Elect)?. Interested parents need to email their intent to run and brief bio/qualifications for youth sports.

Steve Weber will order trophies for U9 and U11 as well as 3/4 Girls and 5/6 Girls. Customized lacrosse balls will be ordered for U13 and U15, as well as 7/8 Girls.

Discussion was also had regarding a year-end survey to gauge interest and obtain feedback for future seasons. This item tabled until the next meeting due to time.

**MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY PRESIDENT JEFF HENDRICKSON AT APPROXIMATELY 9:17PM**

Respectfully Submitted  
Steve Weber  
07/15/2014