

St Paul Lacrosse Club

MINUTES – BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING

Monday, November 9, 2015 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Merriam Park Recreation Center

Recorder: Debbie Lazcano-Stai

Issue Date: November 12, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members:

Jamie Eischens, Kevin Flynn, Chris Larson, Chris Lyons, Rebecca Stewart, Karen Patwell, Debbie Lazcano-Stai

Not in Attendance: Scott Tapio, Amy Kircher

Association Members:

Distribution: All Board Members and Committee Chairs

Next Meeting: Monday, December 14, 2015 6:30-8:00pm, Merriam Park Recreation Center

Future Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30pm, Merriam Park Recreation Center unless noted otherwise

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MINUTES:

ITEMS	Action Req’d	Date Req’d
Administration	Action Req’d	Date Req’d
A. Opening Round / Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.		
B. Review of Prior Meeting Minutes Last month’s meeting minutes were accepted.		
C. Treasurers’ Report Not all info has been transferred from previous Treasurer, but to		

<p>date it looks like there is about \$23,000 in the overall account— about \$2,500 of that in the HS account and \$21,500 in the Youth account. Karen and Kevin will try to get the remaining documents necessary from Dana to reconcile the accounts. Looks like all of the fall payments have been made except for the fall jerseys.</p>		
<p>D. Presidents’ Report</p> <p>D.01: Fall League went well. The HS team had a few free agents who drifted to us from Homegrown. Also had U11, U13 and U15 teams. U11 had Minneapolis players and coaches—they ended up paying for the Pumpkin Shootout for the team. Biggest complaint heard from parents was that there were no practices. Could provide three options in the future: those kids that can’t attend practice, those that maybe can and those that always can. Other sports schedules can conflict with this in the fall.</p> <p>D.02: MBSLA general membership meeting is Saturday, November 14. Scott Tapio will attend, and Kevin Flynn may as well.</p> <p>D.03: Chris Larson and Kevin Flynn attended a YLM Meeting on November 8th. US Lacrosse suggesting that U11 may revert back to 7x7 at B level and any new teams at the A level (currently a 9x9 format). Benefit would be 2 games on one field, therefore needing fewer refs. YLM also thinking to have quarterly meetings instead of having one annual December meeting. Object of that would be to address issues as they arise, better advanced planning and more face to face communication. YLM also requesting that EMT’s be at all YLM sanctioned games. EMT’s scheduled through YLM would cause the fee to go up. Other option would be the Associations to provide them for games Coaching and training of coaches and officials was also brought up. Question is if the YLM can provide training for new coaches and coaches that have not been through training. The YLM Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday Dec. 6th.</p> <p>D.04: Chris Lyons attended the MS Lax meeting. They will be reforming the 5/6 to 7x7. They will run three clinics over Christmas break—each one would be about \$75. U19 Summer and Fall leagues may start for 2016. It would be a competitive format or just a scrimmage depending on interest. Early 2016 will be CEP training.</p> <p>D.05: MN Elite clinics coached by college girls are coming up. There is more info in the newsletter.</p>		

E. Status on Actions Since last Meeting		
<p>E.01: Sport Ngin and Text Messaging? Sport Ngin can turn on text messaging capabilities. One time texts (bad weather, etc.) and also auto texts (reminder of games) available. Sport Ngin has also said money will come faster—now just a few days instead of 4-5 after signup. YLM may move to Sport Ngin in 2017.</p>	Amy	12/14/2015
<p>E.02: Operations Policy Status. Scott, Kevin and Chris Larson have all looked through it. It is open for review. More discussion is required relative to Coaching Stipends and off-season play. The document will be presented to the Board via email after the next revision.</p>	Chris Larson, Scott, Kevin	12/14/2015
<p>E.03a: Winter Leagues. Homegrown only has Varsity and Prep for the winter. It is Jan 3-Mar 13, 10 games. 12x12 format for boys and girls in Rosemount. \$3200 a team. They also has a Thanksgiving-Christmas league. They are both too late for anyone to pull together with the holidays. Clinics and 6x6 are both better options for players.</p>	All	12/14/2015
<p>E.03b Spring Leagues. Several St. Anthony families (Murray school kids) have played through Minneapolis in the past have inquired about playing for St. Paul in a spring league. YLM will hold a Spring Jamboree for low cost or free. 3 weekends in 4 weeks in April/May and outdoors. GNLL will have an indoor box league March 12-April 24 with a tourney the following weekend. It is intended to go from box to summer (May-June) to summer. This would be in Hopkins. Sota Lax will have box lacrosse in the spring that does not require special gear. Will be 6x6 indoor and run April 1-May 1. YBL will have true box and also 6x6 from late February to early May. If SPLAX affiliates with a league, location will be very important—going to Rochester and Hastings last year was hard for many. Need to decide what program to go with, what age groups, and cost. Will need coaches as well. Kevin mentioned spring league could possibly be used for evaluations.</p>		
<p>E.04: Girls 1-2/Boys U7. Jamie and Chris Lyons to talk to City of St. Paul to find out what they do. Everyone runs different programs at different age levels. Jamie proposes to move forward just to generate interest. Ideas are: Run this program during the day in the summer Use Park & Rec field space and their inventory of equipment. Spring could be skill development, move to summer skill development to summer play.</p>	Chris Lyons, Jamie	12/14/2015

<p>“Mini Gophers” come in and do a clinic, or look to college or HS kids to lead these with an adult supervisor. This would be coed.</p> <p>E.05: Nominating Committee. This was addressed at the October meeting</p> <p>E.06: Endorsement vs Partnership. This was addressed at the October meeting</p> <p>E.07: Need new address for Association – File with IRS, banks, get new documentation. Need this for fundraising. This was Dana’s address. Kevin proposed to rent a PO Box to use as official address. MOTION WAS PASSED. Karen will check into this and get prices. Should do this before next meeting since the end of year is getting close. Karen will check PO Box once it is rented.</p>	Karen	12/14/2015
<p>F. Committee Reports</p> <p>F.01: Marketing and Fundraising. Kevin is working with Christian Wydell and Jeremy Langdon on this. Committee has met once, meeting again on November 10. Will continue Dine to Donate, maybe do one before Spring. Possibly do an event at Ted’s in Bloomington. Also possibly consider a stringing clinic.</p> <p>F.02: Communications, Outreach and Recruiting. This committee consists of Jamie, Laurie and Rebecca. Chris Lyons may have 5 volunteers from the girls for recruiting. Scott will help for HS recruiting.</p> <p>F.03: Spirit Wear and Uniforms. Amy, Jamie, Chris Larson, Chris Lyons and Scott are working on this. For uniforms - Amy is expecting bids from vendors by the time she returns from travelling. There are five vendors—Lavin, General Sports, Northstar, lax.com and ducky. For Spirit Wear, Kevin will send another email blast before store closes on November 11. Also post to Facebook.</p>	Kevin Jamie, Laurie, Rebecca, Scott Amy, Jamie, Chris Larson, Chris Lyons, Scott	12/14/2015 12/14/2015 12/14/2015
<p>G. Discussion/Proposals</p> <p>G.001: Need new address for Association. Addressed in E.07</p> <p>G.002: Set Summer Registration Fees. Cannot do now without a full Treasurer’s Report. Anticipate slightly higher expenses this year with uniform costs and more coaches. Kevin would like to reduce costs for U9 and young girls, U7, K/1-2 if we do them. If U11 is 7x7, might need more coaches. Ultimate goal is to not raise ANY fees for 2016. Hard to determine fees without player numbers and field rentals. Look into Luther Seminary as a field option.</p>	All	12/14/2015

<p>Idea is not to have locations too far away from each other for families with multiple kids playing. MOVED TO FUTURE MEETING</p> <p>G.003: Rental Process Proposal. Clarify discount in lieu of payment. Evaluate if rental equipment should be for new players only, or also for returning players. No player gets equipment without fee and deposit check. Jamie proposes to buy all new equipment and start rent to buy program. Clarify discount in lieu of payment to coach—set expectations if there is a discount given to a player who has a parent who would also like to coach. Maybe add to Operation’s Policy.</p> <p>G.004: Field Rentals for Summer. Need to extend McMurray fields since school activities are going later as school is getting out later in June. Extend Murray fields to first weekend in August. YLM is asking SPLAX to Spring Jamboree, Summer tourney, or End of Season Jamboree. End of Season Jamboree would work best.</p> <p>G.005: Girls 1-2 and Boys U7. This was addressed in E.04</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>	<p>12/14/2015</p> <p>12/14/2015</p>
<p>H. Upcoming Tasks: Review, Plan and Discuss</p> <p>H.01: Preliminary Budget. Need Dana’s info for preliminary budget</p> <p>H.02: Membership Database. Someone needs to go through and eliminate duplicates and make it useful to stay connected.</p> <p>H.03: TryLAX events – December, January, February. Want to try to pull together by December. Talk to Tracy Funk to talk about recruiting HS boys and girls at Highland and Johnson.</p> <p>H.04. Homegrown in schools. Homegrown should help to push SPLAX in the schools. Also, SPLAX to do drops in the Middle Schools and Elementary Schools in March before Spring Break.</p> <p>H.05 Preseason Conditioning with Skills. Kevin will do conditioning, then Chris Larson will do skills for preseason training. 30-40 minutes each. Last year it was for U13 and U15. Possibly the same for 2016. Run this 2x a week in February, March and April.</p>		
<p>December Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Sport Ngin and text messaging • Present revised Operations Policy for all to review • Discuss proposal for Girls 1-2 and Boys U7 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Rec Center partnership • Present Committee work plans – updates from all • Update on hockey outreach and partnering • Spring league update • Set Summer Registration fees • Rental Process - rent to own, buy all new, use current equipment on hand • Present Preliminary Budget • Need Clarification on policy for payment of coaches, discounted rates for registrants after June 15 • Discuss and decide on field rentals for summer • Membership database—track schools, emails for mailings, etc • Update on PO Box and Association address • Discuss Coach recruitment <p>January Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set April Board Meeting date • Off season training—to offer girls separate training? 		
<p>J. Adjournment Meeting was Adjourned at 8:05 PM</p>		