

Montana High School Lacrosse Association

MEETING MINUTES

Date: 6/18/19
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Phone 605 475-4043 Access Code:982909

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

Roll Call (X indicates present)

Matt Rizzolo – X, Sarah Flynn – X, Mike Garcia, Lynette Thompson, Brynn Schwarz – X, Dane McCollum, Blake Wahrlich – X, Rosie Castriz, Dave Madeira

Started at 7:34 – No quorum for voting.

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. No quorum to approve agenda.
2. Approval of last meetings Minutes
 - a. Need to approve the May 2019 general membership meeting minutes and the April 16, 2019 meeting minutes.
 - b. No quorum to vote and approve minutes.
3. Treasurers report – Lynette
 - a. No report; not present
4. Presidents Report – Blake
 - a. I have reached out to the MLOA about the 2020 agreement and any changes to review in order to start the process.
 - b. I have reached out to the MYLA and the MLOA about setting up a meeting or call about how we can modify our scheduling process to facilitate more HS players officiating youth.
 - i. *Additional note: Spoke with Tucker Sargent about the schedule for how integrate youth and high school game times/locations.*
 - c. As of the writing of this agenda there have been no rules changes proposed for the 2020 season. We should resend out to remind everyone it is available for another 1.5 months.
 - i. *Additional note: NFHS is in the process of annual updates; MHSLA follows these games rules and MHSLA rules are separate from NFHS rules.*
 - d. I recently spoke with a Bozeman board member who said they are hoping to keep the teams together as they were this year with 2 varsity teams with 1 of them having a JV team.
5. Regional Representative Reports
 - a. Northwest Region – Matt
 - i. Glacier
 1. Would like to be directly represented on the MHSLA board. May submit a bylaw change to have direct representation by each program, rather than regional reps. Matt will follow-up to see if they plan to do this so the MHSLA board can review the proposed bylaw change prior to the July call.
 2. Big board changes coming up. Small talk about not participating due to all-state, but no longer being considered.
 3. Glacier was billed by Krossover. This may be double billing with MHSLA also paying for Krossover to breakdown games; waiting to see if/how this is resolved.
 - ii. Whitefish
 1. Working on fundraising.

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- b. Western Region – Sarah
 - i. The Missoula high school teams received letters from the Missoula County Public Schools’ superintendent notifying them that they are not to use names, colors, etc. associated with the schools. Letters were received yesterday, so they are working responses and next steps.
 - ii. Big Sky
 - 1. Rachel B needs to be contact for all MHSLA communication – including head coach.
 - 2. Follow-up from incident at state – add to next agenda. Blake has a statement from the officials.
 - iii. Hellgate
 - 1. Plans to submit a rule change through the form regarding player numbers for when splitting into two teams is required – pending.
 - iv. Trying to setup a meeting soon with Missoula programs to regroup after the last season.
 - c. Central Region – Mike
 - i. No report; not on call.
 - d. Southern Region – Dave
 - i. No report; not on call.
 - e. Eastern Region – Dane
 - i. No report; not on call.
6. Old Business
7. New Business
- a. 2020 State Championship Bid
 - i. Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) grants are generally due by September, so deciding who will host soon over the summer allows the selected program to apply for TBID grants.
 - ii. Blake will distribute the bids received to the general membership and put out a blind vote for each of the general programs to use as a guide for the MHSLA vote.
 - iii. The MHSLA board will compile questions for each of the programs that submitted proposals and ask them to participate in the July call to present proposals and answer questions.
 - b. Executive Secretary versus 2 High School Commissioners
 - i. Blake suggested that an executive secretary might be more effective than separate high school commissioners so there is one point of contact.
 - ii. Need to decide on the total compensation amount and how to manage the contract (hourly or lump sum).
 - iii. First draft budget amount was \$7,000 assuming approximately 250 hours at a rate of \$28.00 per hour.
 - iv. Discussed \$5,000 for the season with requirement of providing weekly or bi-weekly summaries of hours/activities to the board.
 - 1. The reporting would help with accountability and also help with future budgeting. The log would also be helpful for tracking accountability for communications.
 - 2. If the compensation is \$5,000, could have a smaller increase of team registration fees; \$50 per team, rather than \$200.
 - v. Should compensation include attendance at state? Travel per diem up to \$500 pending receipts or lump lodging with officials.
 - vi. Update to draft budget: Add line item for executive secretary salary (\$5,000) and separate line for travel/per diem (\$500).
 - c. 2020 Budget
 - i. Should Krossover/Hudl be added to the 2020 budget?

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- ii. MHSLA did not use all the games purchased through Krossover during the 2019 season. Will negotiate to see if the unused games from 2019 can be rolled over into the 2020 season.
- iii. Could budget for each team to have games to start and could buy more games as needed. Estimate \$2,800 to start for budgeting to start. (2019 cost was ~\$3300).
- iv. Last year was a start and likely need to subsidize the cost for programs for at least another year so there can be a good trial of using it effectively for an entire season.
- d. Website switch over for 2020 season
 - i. Team registration, any update on necessary forms.
 - ii. Get the 2020 season setup on the website over the next month or two – done by 9/1 so it is ready for the September meeting.
- e. 2020 Boundary Document revisions time frame and process
 - i. What is the correct timing and process for initiating the process with new schools being built? Does the boundary document and rules already cover this?
 - ii. No changes are needed until the school is built and students are attending the new school, then the new school is added to the boundary document, per the existing rules.
- f. Neutral site reimbursements
 - i. If the total cost is less than the budget allotted, then board approval is not needed to make these payments. Will try to get this finalized in the next week or two.
 - ii. Billings and others are still waiting on reimbursement payments for overbilling of fees.
 - iii. Blake will check with Lynette on the status of reimbursements and receipt of neutral site reimbursement requests.

8. Other Business

8:40 PM – Meeting adjourned.