

Montana High School Lacrosse Association

MEETING MINUTES

Date: 7/16/2019
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 – X, Lynette Thompson, Brynn Schwarz – X, Dane McCollum, Blake Wahrlich – X, Rosie Castriz, Dave Madeira

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Add to the Treasurer's report: (1) follow-up on neutral site reimbursements – girls' games and (2) reimbursements for cancelled games.
 - b. **MOTION:** Sarah. Move to approve agenda with additions. Second: Brynn. **APPROVED.**
2. Approval of last meetings Minutes –General membership meeting in May 2019; June and April MHSLA Board meetings (no May meeting)
 - a. **MOTION:** Brynn. Motion to approve minutes from the April 2019 and June 2019 MHSLA board meetings and the May 2019 General Membership meeting. Second: Matt. **APPROVED.**
 - b. Sarah will post the approved minutes to the MHSLA website and notify the general membership via Slack.
3. Treasurers report - Lynette
 - a. No report; not present.
 - b. Neutral site reimbursement for girls' games. Because the girls' games were played in a jamboree format where each team hosted, these games were not eligible for neutral site reimbursements.
 - c. Refunds for the game fees – officiating. Checking to make sure all refunds have been sent.
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.
 - 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.
 - 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. There have been pickup games with players from both the Northwest Region teams participating.
 - ii. No word changing bylaws – Matt will reach out.
 - b. Western Region – Sarah
 - i. The Missoula schools are still working on responses to letters received from the schools regarding use of the schools' logos, colors, etc.
 - ii. Sentinel still waiting to receive refund check for game fees.
 - c. Central Region – Mike
 - i. No updates now, but expect to hear more as the season gets closer.

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- d. Southern Region - -Dave – not present
 - i. Brooks E., Bozeman emailed Sarah about open board positions; this is a topic on the agenda.
- e. Eastern Region – Dane – not present
 - i. No report.
- 6. Old Business
- 7. New Business
 - a. 2020 Budget
 - i. An updated budget was provided via Google Docs that includes costs for Krossover/Hudl and an executive secretary. Costs for state reimbursements and neutral site reimbursements were adjusted to avoid increasing registration fees too much.
 - ii. For the 2020 season, proposed registration fees are \$825 for a varsity team and \$725 for a JV team; an increase of approximately \$75 over 2019 registration costs.
 - 1. Krossover would cost each team approximately \$400 for the season if they were to purchase this on their own. The league providing this service is a savings for all teams.
 - iii. **MOTION:** Matt. Approve the 2020 budget as presented. Second: Brynn second. **APPROVED.**
 - 1. When posting approved minutes, Sarah will send out notification that the 2020 budget has been approved and that registration fees for the 2020 season will be \$825 per varsity team and \$725 per JV team.
 - b. 2020 State Championship Bid
 - i. Of the programs that responded to a poll regarding the bid received for the state championship, there was a 50:50 split of votes.
 - ii. Because two of the five present board members are from one of the cities that submitted a bid to host the state tournament, voting by the board to decide who will host the state tournament in 2020 will be done via an online voting poll so all current board members can vote.
 - iii. Matt posed a question to the Bozeman program regarding the proposed field sizes if selected to host the state tournament, waiting on a response.
 - iv. Blake will send out doodle vote to MHSLA board members so this can be decided next week.
 - c. Executive Secretary requirements
 - i. Blake provided a draft job description and he will provide a link so board members can edit. Add information specifying who they report to which is the board as a whole; and the executive committee.
 - ii. Schedule: Send job announcement out by Aug 1. July 31 is the due date for the MHSLA board to submit comments/edits for the executive secretary job description.
 - d. Outgoing members of the board.
 - i. Prepare list of open board positions and how to apply
 - ii. Outgoing, current board members: Dane, Mike, Blake, Lynette.
 - 1. Brynn would like to run for re-election.
 - iii. Elections will happen at the November 2019 general membership meeting – if there is an executive secretary hired, they will run the elections.
 - 1. October 12 – due date for board applications and nominations.
 - 2. Submissions will be sent to the MHSLA secretary (Sarah); or will be submitted via an open forum.

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3. Mike will draft a form/application for submitting names/resumes for open board positions; the application form will be shared on the mthslax.org website, once approved.
4. Current MHSLA Board positions and status:
 1. Central region representative – **OPEN** (was Mike)
 2. East region representative – **OPEN** (was Dane)
 3. West region representative – **OPEN** (was Sarah)
 4. Northwest region representative – **OPEN** (was Matt)
 5. South region representative – Dave (term ends Nov 2021)
 6. Member at large, Vice President – Matt (term ends Nov 2021)
 7. Member at large, Secretary – Sarah (term ends Nov 2021)
 8. Member at large—Rosie (term ends Nov 2021)
 9. Member at large – **OPEN**
- e. Website switch over for the 2020 season. Determine the person responsible.
 - i. This will be a job for the executive secretary. Set a due date of late September or October 1 to have this done. If an executive secretary has not been hired before October 1, current board members will setup the website for the 2020 season.
- f. Pick date for General Membership meeting in November (added to agenda).
 - i. **MOTION:** Brynn. Move to hold the fall general membership meeting on November 2nd in Butte. Second: Mike. **APPROVED.** Set the meeting start time for 11:00 AM.
 - ii. Sarah will reserve a conference room at the Butte Best Western.
 - iii. Allow time during the meeting for officers from the member programs (presidents, secretaries, etc.) to mingle and share best practices.
 - iv. At least one (1) designated program member (no more than 2) needs to attend.
8. Other Business
 - a. State format – Brynn shared a proposed rule change regarding the format of the state tournament. The proposed rule change will go through the rule change process, and if approved, would be put in place for 2021 season.
 - b. Big Sky incident. Blake sent a report from the official to MHSLA board members.
 - i. **MOTION:** Matt. Move to ban the involved assistant coach from Big Sky for life. Second: Mike. **NOT APPROVED**
 1. The assistant coach served a suspension for 1 game during the state tournament and no games have been played since.
 - ii. **MOTION:** Mike. Move to notify the individual of the alleged misconduct that they are indefinitely suspended from any coaching activities associated with the MHSLA until further notice. The MHSLA Board is considering an array of disciplinary actions which could include multiple year suspension. The program has 1 week to respond at which time the MHSLA board will make a final decision regarding the disciplinary action. Second: Brynn. **APPROVED** (unanimous).
 1. Blake will send the notification to Big Sky and copy the MHSLA board.
9. Adjourn – 9:03