

# Montana High School Lacrosse Association

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## MEETING MINUTES

Date: 4/16/19  
Time: 8 pm  
Location: Phone 605 475-4043 Access Code:982909

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Call to Order: 8:00 pm

### Roll Call

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

1. Approval of Agenda
  - a. **MOTION:** Sarah. Move to approve the agenda with additions follow-up regarding coach/official interaction. Second: Lynette 2nd; **APPROVED.**
2. Approval of last meetings Minutes
  - a. **MOTION:** Brynn. Motion to approve the last two meeting minutes; Second: Lynette; **APPROVED.**
3. Treasurers report
  - a. Lynette sent an updated balance sheet as of 4/16.
  - b. Today's account balance is: \$32,930.52
  - c. Invoices pending payment (money owed by MHSLA): MLOA \$20,750; winter turf field reimbursement – Bozeman and Hellgate = \$1,170.
  - d. Future expenses:
    - i. State Tournament: Fields – \$2,500; Trophies – \$750; General meeting – \$250; MLOA lodging – \$1,500; officiating fees for state – \$1,230
    - ii. Neutral site reimbursement: \$2,500
  - e. Accounts payable to MHSLA:
    - i. Invoices for girls officiating fees – sent out 4/16/2019 with updated games numbers, based on final schedule.
    - ii. Invoices for boys officiating fees – some are missing the last 30% payment; Lynette will send emails regarding boys that have 30% left to pay. No payment has been received from Cody or Bozeman at all.
4. Presidents Report
  - a. Emails are being sent out with important updates and other communications.
5. Regional Representative Reports
  - a. Northwest Region – Matt
    - i. Pretty quiet in the northwest region. There have been a lot of injuries.
    - ii. Add to new business: If players are injured up to right before state, is there a 2 games requirement to play in state, is there a waiver for injured players?
  - b. Western Region – Sarah
    - i. Big Sky – no updates.
    - ii. Sentinel and Hellgate – both wondering why rosters/stats aren't linked this year for the Sports Engine websites.
    - iii. Sentinel – trying to make sure they have enough girls for this weekend's games. For the 5/4 girls' schedule, they may request changes for earlier games so their players can be home in time for prom (they have a later game scheduled on 5/4).

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- iv. Hellgate – received example stats sheets from Judge Memorial that may be good templates for the MHSLA league.
- c. Central Region – Mike
  - i. Not a lot to report. When the decision to approve Krossover was made, he was travelling. He will reach out to the Central teams to let them know it is approved.
  - ii. Is there tech support for roster upload? Matt helped the Helena president and John N. with some website questions.
  - iii. Did the girls schedule get finalized? Yes.

General Notes regarding Sports Engine and linking stats and rosters: Due to the start time on website setup so close to the season start, Sports Engine didn't have time to setup the widgets for linking the rosters and stats this season. To link stats and have 4 years of stats recorded, the players would need to register through the MHSLA website, rather than or in addition to their team's websites.

**ACTION: Put together a list of questions for Sports Engine related to how this will work next year.**

- d. Southern Region – Dave
    - i. Last year – Did Jackson Hole or the officials bill the teams directly for the JH weekend? Dave will check, but thinks that is officials' fees were handled last year.
    - ii. Dave is sending out the invoices for girls' fees to south programs.
    - iii. Jackson Hole has not been on the grass yet. They are ramping up for the Jackson Hole weekend, scheduled in the next couple weeks.
  - e. Eastern Region – Dane, via email:
    - i. BHSL - No issues to report. As a follow up from my concern that our youth numbers are low, BHSL has requested a regional roundtable with the HS programs to discuss "Ways to give back" to the youth Scorpion Program that promotes retention, sustainability, and growth as it relates to the physical footprint and coaching for all programs. As it stands, the BHSL board will be meeting with board representatives from Rimrock Lacrosse and the Billings Scorpions on April 22, 2019. I plan on attending. YVL has declined the invitation as their board members have scheduling conflicts.
    - ii. Rimrock Lacrosse - No issues to report. An updated invoice has been sent to them that reflects Rimrock Lacrosse's treasurer instead of the previous Scorpion's treasurer.
    - iii. YVL- no issues to report. Because YVL is unable to meet the scheduling set by BHSL for the regional roundtable, their President has reached out to all HS programs in the east to schedule an "after season" meeting to expand on the "in season" regional roundtable. They have also reached out to the MLOA for a contact list for east region officials to invite them to an "end of season" meeting for reflection and analysis of the season as it pertains to officiating.
    - iv. The region is trying to schedule meetings and build relationships. Working on supporting youth programs in the area.
- 6. HS commissioners' reports
    - a. Girls- Position no longer filled
    - b. Boys – Ted
      - i. No issues to report.
  - 7. Old Business
  - 8. New Business
    - a. Girls Scheduling

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- i. Send letter to MYLA and LOA about girls high school going to a round robin format to get more home games like boys teams.
- ii. Requesting if youth want to be included in scheduling decision it will need to be done at time of our scheduling.
- iii. Out of state teams have no skin in game. Requiring a \$100 per game deposit. If they cancel we cash check if they play they get it back.
  - 1. Discussion: Risk of not support the growth of youth/girls if HS is too harsh on this.
  - 2. There were more changes with girls' schedule than in the past, and more than the boys. Recently, out of state teams in jamborees cancelled and resulted in even more schedule changes. Jamboree schedule only allows the girls one home weekend a season.
  - 3. Over the summer – work with MHSLA, MYLA, MLOA to try to work this out.
- b. Tie Breaker
  - i. Western division may have 3 way tie and our rulebook only clarifies a 2 way tie.
    - 1. Matt – rules for tie breaker are only set out for 2-way tie in rule book (Section 17.8). The rule as it is written would work fine if the word '2-way' is removed. Treat this as a clarification/error correction with board vote approve.
    - 2. The third part of the tie breaker could be corrected to specify MHSLA in-conference games only for goals against.
  - ii. **MOTION:** Matt. Clarify the tie breaker rule to remove '2-way' from the first part and clarify that 'in-conference games only' for goals against. Second: Lynette. **APPROVED.**
- c. State championship
  - i. Hellgate has reached out Kevin Flynn and Treasure State LAX to see about helping put on the tournament.
  - ii. Trophy/awards
    - 1. Suggest a travelling trophy; each team/player would receive a medallion that they keep.
      - a. **ACTION:** Lynette can get pricing to share with the board. She will gather costs for medals for 1st place (26 per team – boys & girls)
    - 2. All conference/state awards: The weekend before state, make these decisions and give awards on Saturday when teams are still there. Notify programs on 4/26 about nominations; due 1 week later (5/3); full week to vote by 5/10; then 1 week to pull together all state awards before state. Same process for the girls and boys.
    - 3. Consider all state uniforms or pennies rather than certificates.
      - a. **ACTION:** Matt will gather a quote for jerseys or pennies with MHSLA logo – first team only.
  - iii. Meeting room and food \$500
    - 1. No issue with this additional cost beyond the \$250 in the budget.
  - iv. Officials hotel rooms. 12 rooms Friday and 10 rooms Saturday \$89.95 plus tax each room
  - v. Recommend we have programs submit by state championship weekend GM meeting.
    - 1. For hosting the 2020 State Championship, TBID grants close in early summer; earlier timing for issuing and awarding the RFP for State would support applying for these TBID grants.
    - 2. **ACTION:** Blake to send out a draft RFP in the next day for the board to review; send the RFP out by the end of the week to programs.

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- d. Great Falls female players on boys' team
  - i. Topic of discussion for the off season. To support development of the girls' programs, want to fill the girls' teams when there is a team in place. If there isn't a girls' program, then they can play for the boys.
- 9. Other Business
  - a. Issue – regarding incident with the coach/official. Matt talked with the official and the head coach.
    - i. Officials are tired of getting yelled at after the games. Didn't want to make a big deal about it, but did want it noted.
    - ii. Head coach – wasn't aware that the assistant coach cursed at the official. Matt talked about conduct after the game and the Assistant coach shouldn't talk with the officials during or after the game. Head coach said he would handle it with the assistant coach and they don't support this behavior.
    - iii. Is there an incident report? Talked about creating an incident report, but this hasn't been done yet. Talk about making one for next year.

Motion to adjourn call at 9:22 – Lynette; Second: Brynn. Approved.

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Email Votes between 3/19/2019 and 4/16/2019:

- March 20, 2019 – Krossover provided costs to breakdown film for girls games at \$40 per game, for 26 unique in-state games, total of \$1040.
  - **MOTION:** Matt – Approve Krossover for Girls Varsity and the league would cover the cost of the 26 in-state games. Second: Sarah. **APPROVED**