

AHS Lacrosse Board Meeting

June 3, 2008 at 7:00 pm

Attendees: Nora Hughes, Robyn Nutt, Kathy Wood, Shirley Bouvier, Diane Newberry, Chris Keith, Jeff Sayers, Mark Gagnon, Lee Ann Hayes, Lori Root

Absentees: none

The meeting was called to order by Rob Sieracki and we opened with everyone introducing themselves and stating their job duties for AHS lacrosse.

Approval of minutes: there were no minutes from the last meeting to approve.

Public Comments: none

Treasurer's Report: Rob talked with past treasurer Jim Dardne and he hopes to have a final reconciliation of the 2007-2008 finances for the Board by the middle of June.

Committee Reports: None given since this was the 1st meeting of the new board.

Coach's Report: none

Summer camp: June 21-22

- John Rosacker sent emails to all the Austin Lacrosse coaches telling them about the camp.
- We need 60 kids to break even.
- About 13 registrations have been received to date
- We are bringing in top level coaches from top D1, D2 and D3 colleges as well as 3 college players coming in to coach at the camp.
- Kathy suggested getting Westside Lax's email listing to send the camp flyer to.
- Robyn went over a "to do" list and assigned responsibilities.
T-shirts have been designed and we would sell them at \$15 at the camp. Also, save a couple to give away on the last day.
Mangia will deliver lunch and drinks to the field. Parents will bring popups for shade.
We will have access to the portable building bathroom at Murchison.
One of the coaches is a certified trainer.

New Business:

D1-D2 update:

- Rob, Robyn, Bruce Clark and John Rosacker met 2 weeks ago to discuss this. John and Bruce explained why we needed to stay D1. Subsequently McCallum asked to be moved to D2 and their chances are slim and they have a smaller program than ours and no feeder program.
- A discussion was held regarding the need for a trainer to assist at practice with conditioning. Rob and Robyn will follow up.

AISD Lacrosse Meeting:

Tommy Cox called a meeting of all schools that have lacrosse teams which started out very negative due to how some schools have not been adhering to their principals' or UIL rules and guidelines. Donna Houser was very positive about our lacrosse program and praised how we followed UIL guidelines because we are part of the Anderson family. Meeting outcome was very positive. Expectation is that all school lacrosse programs will be required to adhere to UIL rules.

Bylaws:

- Suggested changing the makeup from a large board to a smaller executive board and committee chairs to simplify club management. Discussion followed and it was decided to keep the board as is. Quorum

requirement might need to be changed. We will have a monthly board meeting which is open to any parents to attend. Meetings will have a “public comments” opportunity for parents to bring any concerns they have to the board. There won’t be any discussion at that meeting but it is the mechanism for getting it on the agenda for the next month’s meeting.

- Change Section 4.10 to read “there will be a monthly meeting of the AHS lacrosse board”
- In section 4.12 c remove the restriction about “not hire a coach who has a son playing on any of the Organization’s teams.” Motion was made by Lori Root seconded by Mark Gagnon and approved unanimously by the board. Changes to the bylaws will be voted on by the general membership at their next meeting.

Board Policies

- Private transportation –There was a discussion about what is the liability factor for accidents that happen driving to/from tournaments. Tabled any decisions pending further discussions with Bruce Clark by Rob and Donna Houser by Robyn. The waiver does provide the board/program protection as long as the program enforces its policies. The exposure is the inability to police travel policies. The more strict the policy, the greater the exposure. Kathy suggested making up a release liability for transportation that each parent is required to sign off which will cover all games/tournaments during the school year.
- We need to add a parent’s signature waiver to allow non-AISD personnel to receive players’ information about academic eligibility.

Financial status

Kathy met with Austin Community Foundation and they are putting Anderson Lacrosse up on their website. Lori will work with Kathy to put a link on our website to their website. There is usually a 4 day turn around on checks. They will accept credit cards and charge us 3% use charge for each credit transaction.

Fundraising

- Jeff is looking for fundraising opportunities. In addition to Mangia fundraisers, he will talk to Kirk Root about jewelry and explore other items such as clothing, hats, cozies, etc. through his suppliers. Doug Bohne owns Poke Joes and has let organizations man his booths at Royal Memorial stadium and at the Frank Erwin center and the organizations get to keep the proceeds of all sales in the booth which they worked.
- School wide fundraiser proposed by Doc Arnold for a casino night for adults only. They are looking for a venue outside of the school. No silent auction would be held so funds would be raised by receiving a percentage of the tickets sold by your group and sales of table sponsorship. Talking about doing it January 2009. MaryJo Burns has offered to head this up for lacrosse.

Coaches status/contracts

- All coaches have made a verbal commitment to come back next year.

Due to the length of the meeting, all other agenda items were tabled for discussion for next month.

New business:

Paying a staff liaison at Anderson to attend games and speak for us at staff/athletic meetings, be on the board and keep up with players’ academic eligibility.

Agenda for July’s meeting will be posted on the website on July 1, 2008.

Next meeting will be July 8th at 7:00 at the Back Door to the Trade conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Diane Newberry, Secretary