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Subject: Meeting Notes from 11/17/11

The November meeting of the Adirondack Chapter US Lacrosse was hosted by Bill Dollard and was conducted at Shaker Road Elementary School, 512 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville, New York 12211. The meeting started at 7:00 PM and was over by 8:20 PM.

Attendees: Joe, Nick, Bill, Dan, Steve, Jon, Dave W., Ron, Cindy, Traci, Gary G. and Dave D. In addition several special invited guests were in attendance: Josh Porcell, Kevin Risko, Dan McKeon, John Svec, Ian MacMaster, and Greg Griskowitz.

- The meeting minutes from the 7/21/11 meeting were accepted, and entered into the record by the group.
- Dan reported out that they are looking to enhance the HOF dinner this year with a few changes. He is going to talk with the Section 2 Coaches about trying to get video clips of the players being recognized at the dinner. He also is considering having the awards portion of the event open up after dinner to anyone interested in attending free of charge to boost attendance of friends of the people being recognized. It was recommended that an email blast go out to membership telling them of the people being recognized by the event.
- Jon updated the group on the finances. We have ~ \$65K mark in the bank after making all our 2011 payments. This year's expenses basically equaled revenues, so we are finishing off the year with the same basic amount in the bank as last year
- The writer reported that the field request for using the Shen HS fields for the 2012 Youth Lacrosse Festival has been filed. Traci M. said that Shen Lacrosse and Booster Club is interested in supporting the event this year. Traci will call Dave so the project can get started earlier this year.
- Josh Porcell of Rogue Lacrosse expressed a desire to continue the Rogue Lax involvement with the ADK youth teams at the tournament. Dave mentioned that the program was a success in getting players and parents aware of the Chapter. The cost of the program was a concern in that the cost of coaches, fields, pinnies, and tournament costs was almost \$4K which cannot be justified going forward. Dave will work with Josh for options to cut the cost to the chapter.
- Steve H. asked if the Chapter was going to support the U19 girls program this year. The writer mentioned that Rita and Bill are invited to attend our December meeting to discuss it with the assumption that we wanted to do it again this year.
- Ron G. mentioned the opportunity to have a Senior Girls game this year. Dan commented that in the past the coaches had not supported this but the chapter is willing to consider it. Nick, Ron, & Traci will talk with the Section 2 girls coaches to see if they are interested in doing it this year.
- Nick discussed that the Siena Girls Lacrosse program is putting on a set of girls clinics and had asked for an email blast to go out. There is a fee being charged by the Siena Coaches and there was a concern that they do not have an affiliation agreement with the chapter. A fee of \$150 can be collected

for an email blast like we have done in the past if they are interested. The chapter must protect our affiliates who pay the chapter for email blasts when a fee is being charged for the lacrosse opportunity.

- John Svec from Siena expressed a desire to support the organization. They can support coach's clinics for the youth program but recommend that they be off season. They are also interested in working with the High School coaches for a clinic around the mid-winter break timeframe. Bill D. will reach out to the Section 2 coaches to see if there is any interest in getting this organized.
- Dave W. told the group about the US Lacrosse web site which is free of charge to the chapters. The group recommended that we go with this offering and get it up and running ASAP. The writer will help support this effort.
- Gary G. reported out about the CDYLL on 11/15/11. The program will need all new officers for 2012 and elections are at the next meeting on 12/13/11. John Olsen will be a 5th board member at large. Greg Griskowitz was nominated to be president. No other nominations were presented at the meeting. There has been no action to date to resolve the issue of being incorporated that was discovered during the ADK/CDYLL unification discussions. They will look into this in the near future. Ref expenses exceeded revenues this year by \$2500 with \$1500 being left in the bank.
- Kevin Risko asked Jon F. about some details of being an independent youth program and Jon basically said they are associated with the Chapter and they schedule their own games and refs along with purchase pinnies with no issues. Kevin expressed the concern that several programs have that the cost for CDYLL far exceeds the benefit to the players. The group told Kevin that the Chapter is willing to work with any independent youth program associated with the Chapter to help it grow the sport.

The Chapter meeting schedule will be at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of the Month like last year. Bill Dollard has made arrangements for us to have the next meeting at 12/15/11, at the Shaker Road Elementary School, 512 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville, New York 12211.

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