Great Plains Lacrosse

Chapter Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2011

Present

Justin Wetterer – President

Holly Milledge – Secretary

Eric Koford

Rich Hilliard – Legal Advisor

Julie Wittman – Website Communications

Eric Olson – Hall of Fame

Lydia Bauer – Post Collegiate Woman

Jay Coleman- Education

Dave Wiley – Collegiate Woman

Chris Kliewer - Events

Guests – John Bartel, Jason Ford

Education Series

The Education Series will be Jan. 21 and 22nd at Sprint headquarters. Level 1 Coaching clinic will be Saturday for Men's and Women's. Level two for Men will be Sunday. Registration is up at uslacrosse.org. The $1500 Grant is subsidizing $20 of the fee for all three clinics. Lunch is $6 and we are bringing it in again. Holly and Mike are getting volunteers from Prairie Village, Lancer and Northland to assist over the two days.

Dusk 'till Dawn –

This is a Men's League Event that takes place Dec. 16th from 8 p.m. to 7:30 AM. WE have four teams committed. WE will break even at this point. A 5th and 6th team will bring us a profit. Dick's has provided $500 for this event. They have donated lacrosse balls and some coolers. Everyone that plays must be US Lacrosse member.

Girls Coaching Clinic with Lauren Taylor

This clinic will be taught by Lauren Taylor from Yale. Lauren is a current Yale coach and has numerous honors while at Yale. Her bio is http://www.yalebulldogs.com/sports/w-lacros/mtt/taylor_lauren00.html. It is December 17th from 1 – 4 pm at Go Sports at 95th and Lackman. The fee is $25. We hope to get 25 women coaches there. The facility fee is $100 and her fee is $250.

It was mentioned that we need a list of all facilities in the area for people to view. Holly will start a list and pass out to add and update.

Website

Julie talked about going to the US Lacrosse Website. Different access levels can be set up for users to do updates. It is free to host. We have paid godaddy $300 to register and host the site. We would get some of that back if we moved over to US Lax site. On the US Lax site we will automatically get US Lacrosse information.

Umpire Grant

Julie Wittman presented a proposal to us for $250 to reimburse them to send her to US Lacrosse Convention for Umpire training. WE can pay after we received our next deposit from US lacrosse. They received scholarship from US lacrosse as well. John Bartel asked what happens if they did not go. Julie stated it was not recommended to miss the required training. We voted in favor of giving her the $250.

Girls League formation

Lydia went over the formation of the Girls League that will encompass youth and high school. They are meeting this Saturday.

Board Structuring

Justine presented his plan for a structuring of the board. Each director and officer would serve on one of three committees. The purpose is to ensure each director and officer has a designated role to fill. This could help us achieve our stated goals. Eric Olson stated we need to tap into knew people. Julie mentioned this would bring more accountability. Jay mentioned that we need to use "sponsored by US Lacrosse" more to ensure people in the community know events are put on the US Lacrosse chapter.

It was discussed and motioned that is be tables for now.

Bylaw Change

Eric Olson reviewed his bylaw change proposal. His request is the modification to the Bylaw to remove the statement ***"Only directors of the corporation shall be eligible to serve as officers"*** These bylaws seem fairly stringent and tied to a corporate for-profit structure and would stifle the opportunity for an individual who could be more than qualified to fulfill the role of an officer. Additionally I don't think the Great Plains chapter is in a position to limit the potential possible candidates who willing commit their time to grow the chapter and the game as well as finding someone who is willing to step up that is not tied to a team or special interest party, i.e. ESB, Blue Lion, Orange, True, Stickstop, etc.

This provided opportunities for parents or unaffiliated body to come in and be an officer. Eric Koford motioned we remove the sentence. The motioned was 2nd and the vote passed 6 to 3.

Elections for Officers and Directors –

With the bylaw change passed John Bartel was nominated for President along with Justin.

Voting took place on the below positions and and passed by majority.

Chris Kliewer as VP

Treasurer Kelley Seibert

Kevin Kelley as Events

Boys High School Eric Koford, Jay Coleman decided to stay as Education.

Boys Youth rep – Jack Yates was nominated. The discussion took place that youth boys should have another voice on US Lacrosse board rather than the youth president of KCYLL. The rep does need to attend KCYLL and US Lacrosse chapter meetings. A motion was made to vote and Jack did not receive a majority vote. Holly will ask for additional nominations for Youth boys rep and we will vote at the January meeting.

President –

John Bartel spoke – he played at K – State, was the SM South coach, US Lacrosse National Membership Committee. Took a break from Lacrosse and would now like to be more involved as he has more time.

Justin spoke about his accomplishments the last two years and how he would like to continue as President.

A ballot vote took place and John won the majority.

New officers will take over in January.

Our next meeting will be January 25 at the Jewish Community Center 7:00 p.m.