Great Plains Lacrosse

Chapter Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2012

Present

Jay Coleman – President

Eric Koford - Men's High School

Bill Esrey – Youth Boys

Justin Wetterer – Past President

Holly Milledge – Secretary

Chris Kliewer - Vice President

Penne Vasta – Youth Girls

Lydia Bauer – Post Collegiate Women

Guests present – Tanner Briggs, Chris Harris, Mill Valley Board members, Gary Laskowski

The Meeting was called to order by the President Jay Coleman. We welcomed our guest and introductions were made.

Board Reports

Youth Boys – Bill Esrey reported the number of boys teams in grade 3-8 increased from 52 to 66 teams, from 875 players to 1023 players, a growth of 27%. Greatest growth is in 3-4 division.

The 8th grade all star game was a huge success and will be continued.

Youth is evaluating a move from grade to age based teams (U11, U 13...) and possibly an A and B division in older ages teams. Recommendations will come for am a board subcommittee and be discussed at the October youth meeting.

Youth will move to more coaching clinics in pre-season and focusing on new coaches and those did not play lacrosse.

There could possibly be three new clubs joining youth 2013 season, 5-10 teams maximum.

Youth Girls – Penne Vasta there are 6 clubs in youth girls 3-8th grade, 13 teams. Girls formed a governing body last year and it is working nicely. Girls are also talking about a move to U 11, U 13, ect..It might be more difficult because they are still combining grades into one team.

Field locations increased to two sites last season for games.

Girls would like to see An Awareness program to school districts and parents to grow the girls' game. We need to educate the school districts, to allow more practice locations through them. We discussed having a meeting with all Area Ads at some point down the road.

High School Boys – Eric Koford reported four teams to join LAKC 2013 season. Mill Valley, Olathe South, Platte County and Rockhurst.

The Livestrong event was a huge success.

Many teams are doing fall ball

LAKC meeting is next week.

High School Girls – Jay reported that HS girls are in the same situation as youth girls. Need more teams, coaches and fields.

College Women – Dave Wiley - The regional collegiate women's lacrosse club league, the Central Plains Women's Lacrosse League is losing Washington University this coming year because they are unable to field full squads for most of their spring schedule. It is hoped that Kansas State will make an application to join at this year's November annual meeting.

Under pressure from US Lacrosse, the league is likely to formally segregate into a division one and a division two structure. It is unclear what impact this will have on the league's championship tournament in April (currently played as a four team, four game championship tournament). I can provide more details on the tournament structure once it is available in case the chapter wants to try to bid to host the tournament

Post Men's –This past summer with the GPLL in KC under "renovation" the Omaha Men's League held a three team league that lasted from June through mid-August. The Omaha Rhinos, the Lincoln Salt Creek Tiger Beetles, and the Omaha Bombers competed for 8 weeks with the Bombers defeating the Rhinos for the league and their team's first championship. This brought the number of post collegiate men in the Nebraska area participating actively to about 110.

The Cornhusker State Games also offered a U13, u15, high School and Men's division this year with teams completing in all levels. Something to think about for next summer.

The Kansas City Post Collegiate Men had four teams as well. Boulevard, KC Orange, ESB and Moose Knuckles.

Jimmy Goetz organized and they played at OP soccer complex. It worked our great. Anyone interested in joining a men's team should contact Jimmy.

Post Collegiate women – Lydia Bauer –reported that they are stagnate. There is no participation right now. Any ideas for her would be appreciated to increase interest level.

Chris Harris – reported that he would like to see a Laredo event this year. Last year's was canceled and with more teams in Youth and High school this will be important. We will be tight on officials for 2013.

On field training is the most important. Justin and Chris will work together to get one organized around a tournament with 3 or more fields going at once.

Umpire – Tim Roderick reported that Julie will not be reffing any longer. More recruits are needed on the girls' side. He would like to send a few local refs to National Tournaments.

Education - The Education Grant is turned in for the Educational Weekend Jan.19th and 20th. We need two chairs. They work with US Lacrosse to organize the trainers, find a location ect.

Website – Julie is working on the getting the website moved over to the US lacrosse portal. This is a top priority for the chapter.

Hall of Fame – the event will take place this year in Early June 2013. We will do 2012 and 2013 Hall of Fame inductees, High School All Americans. HS Girls and Boys championship teams will be invited for free; All Metro players will be invited for free as well. This is not really a fundraiser. Any special Awards will be given out at the event as well.

We will need an Event Chair for this. The Hall of Fame committee will work on Awards and reviewing the HS All American Award process.

Treasurer Report - Current balance- $4224.77

Last deposit was in July for $595 from US Lacrosse and last month's expense was $50 for the submission of our Annual Business Report to the state of KS and $350 for Directors and Officers Insurance.

Business
Platte County – they would like to run $1500 through us. The money needs to be donated to a 501 C 3. After discuss ion, a motion was made and approved to allow this.

Platte County's request for funds to support their new team was tabled.

Open positions are:
Post Collegiate Men and Education

Chapter Goals – The chapter would like to concentrate on doing what we are doing better. We need to focus on the getting the web site up and running, the Hall of Fame Event and Education for current and new coaches and officials

Mill Valley – our Mill Valley guest reported that they have 71 players interested in playing lacrosse 4th grade through high school. They have approximately 21 HS players signed up.
They are putting on a clinic. Their team will be Mill Valley and Desoto school district.

Our next meeting will be September 25th at the Antioch Library 7:00 p.m Meeting Room

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