Great Plains Chapter US Lacrosse
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2010

In attendance:
Justin Wetterer
Holly Milledge
Chris Kliewer
Eric Olson
Jay Coleman
Jason Ford
Mike Manns
Matt Wibbenmeyer
Jessie Hanna
Julie Wittman
Jennifer Slinkard
Joe Vasta

Meeting was called to order

Justin reviews chapter events:

PCA Workshop – we had about 18 people there. It went very well. Books are available to all programs. Contact Justin if you would like one.

Officials Training – will be held November 20 & 21st at St. Paul's Day School if we can use their field. If not we are looking in Southwest as a backup. Players will be needed for officials to get on field training.

Girls are having Umpire Clinic at the same time. They would like players for a 7 vs 7 play.

Equipment Grant – we have a boy's package available from our Fast Break program. Has to be a new boys program starting in the area. Holly Milledge can email application to those interested. **Deadline is October 29th**. dmilledge@aol.com

Eric Olson – review of Fall Face Off

- ESB had three games, youth, (Lee's Summit vs. BV Spartans) high school (BV West vs BV North) and Mizzou played KU.
- Youth Clinic was held for 45 boys by KU coach.
- Approximately 300 in attendance
- Vision is to have this every fall. Could be a fundraiser for HS teams.. they sell tickets to the event. More of a community lacrosse event. Eric would like to add girls next fall.

Hall of Fame Event:

- We received a grant of $2500 for a banquet
- $2000 to Boulevard Brewery for Brewhause Bar
- Event is Friday, November 5 7 – 10 pm
- Drinks and food paid for by the grant funds.

Nominations:

The Executive Board met by phone Monday evening to narrow down the list. Using the criteria... each person was left on if met the criteria.

Jason Ford – US Lacrosse member, list of criteria he felt was good. However, his concern was that not everyone on the board had the knowledge to make an education vote on such an important decision. Some of the nominee information was sparse and how can we have enough knowledge to actually vote on all nominees. Jason was under the impression this was to be done by separate committee.

This was recognized bye the Exec. Committee a Ballot (nomination) committee and Voting Committee would be in place for next year.

Jay Coleman – St. Louis has inducted five people over eight years. They have not inducted anyone in three years. Not something we need to do every year.

It was mentioned that having the criteria before nomination were called for would have changed many of the nominations. It would have made them more complete as well.
The group felt as though we were rushing this through.
Jay also mentioned St. Louis has other awards, not just Hall of Fame.

- Chapter Service Award
- Community Service Award

We could possibly have:

- Kate McKrae Women of the Year Award
- McGilley- Tillar Man of the Year Award
- Chapter President's sward – given by the chapter president to someone for their outstanding service during the past year

It was mentioned we were maybe setting the bar too low for this first class.

Eric Olson made the motion that we don not continue with Hall of Fame vote this year.
Jessie Hanna 2nd the motion.
The motioned passed unanimously.

It was decided we would continue with the event and take the remaining $500 to pay for food.
The event will be more of a celebration of our 1st year as a US Lacrosse Chapter.
Eric Olson will send out the E invite and will be open to all Lacrosse members in our chapter.
We will report on what we have done the past year. No awards will be given this year.

Lee's Summit Program
Justin reported for Eric that Lee's Summit will have youth, high school boys and high school girls teams this spring.
They have approximately:

- 30 HS girls
- 20 HS boys
- 2 youth teams

They will be affiliated with Lee's Summit West
They will play JV in Division 2 Missouri this season

Web Site – Julie Wittman
Joe Meyer and Lydia Bauer on her committee

She passed out a road map of our site
They would prefer to use a site with a template for easy updating and creating.
Cost would be approximately $200 to $300 per year
Julie will be sending out an email to board directors to obtain information about all teams, and league in order to get this on the site.
URL will be: www.greatplainslacrosse.org

Bylaws
Holly will work on the bylaws
We will vote on them at the next meeting

Future
We discussed what we wanted to accomplish in the next year.

- Eric suggested Justin reach out to other chapters to see what they have done to promote and grow the presence of lacrosse in their area.
- Suggested we do a Newsletter fall and spring to all US lacrosse chapter members
- Jason mentioned we should focus on local events, teams and camps
- Concern was that we need to keep the programs in KC going rather than out of town programs
- Tom Marachek possibly doing a coaching clinic in KC
- Our money is for this – to bring in top coaches to run a clinic in the winter.
- Jay – we need to keep US Lacrosse chapter relevant. It is not in St. Louis.
- Kansas City is in the running for the Youth Festival this summer. Games would be at Heritage Park.
- Tim Hannon is working on getting some qualifier games here as well.

Next Meeting – January