### **Great Plains Lacrosse**

# **Chapter Meeting Minutes**

# January 25, 2012

Present Holly Milledge – Secretary

John Bartel – President Chris Kliewer - Vice President

Eric Koford - Men's High School Bill Esrey – Youth Boys

Kelly Seibert - Treasurer Justin Wetterer – Past President

Julie Wittman – Website Communications

Jessie Hanna – Women's High School

Eric Olson – Hall of Fame Tim Hannon- Sportsmanship/Diversity

Dave Wiley – Collegiate Woman Joe Meyer – Post Collegiate Men

The Meeting was called to order by the new President John Bartel. We welcomed Bill Esrey the new Boy's Youth representative.

# **Board Reports**

**Youth Boys** – Bill Esrey stated the season begins March 24<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment for you boys will completed by March 1. There is a mandatory coaches meeting for all youth boys coaches on Feb. 11 from 9- 12 p.m. at Pembroke Hill. They will go over new rules. Youth is expecting a 15 – 20 % increase in numbers this year. There is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade All-Star game before the High School League Championship game on May 11 at Live Strong Stadium. They are working on details but are hoping each Team can have 5- 7 players. There will be an even amount of participants from each club/team.

**Youth Girls** – Jessie Hanna reported for Pennie Vasta. Girls have increased and this year there are 3 divisions. 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8<sup>th</sup>.

**High School Boys** – Eric Koford reported March 4<sup>th</sup> will be the opening with the Jamboree. It will be a Varsity event. May 11<sup>th</sup> is the League Championship at live Strong Stadium. The Semi Finals are May 9<sup>th</sup>. There are funds this year allocated to purchase a traveling Championship Cup. There is no blackout for this year. Lee's Summit, SME and Pembroke are all playing Omaha Teams this spring. South is going to Arkansas. Tulsa is coming to Kansas City.

**High School Girls** – Jessie Hanna reported on the newly formed Girls league which encompasses youth and High School. They have Bylaws in place and are working on their schedule. Next meeting is this weekend and coaches will attend. They have 8 local teams. They are also purchasing a traveling trophy

this year for the Championship team. That game will be played at the new St. Theresa's field. Pembroke will have a team this year. Games begin March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**College Women** – Dave Wiley - Women play in the Central Plains League. Midland University was voted out of the league and stripped of their title for violating some scholarship rules. They will join the NAIA league that allows scholarships. There is no Women's team in Nebraska this year. Missouri State has a new program. Iowa State has come back to the league after playing in the Minnesota league. K- State has some interested in starting a team. They fielded a team in 1997. Play starts this weekend for some, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> for the rest. They are renting the Nebraska facility. League Championships are April 21 in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

**Post Men's** – Joe Meyer. There has been some discussion that the Chapter take over the Men's league. They played 4 games last season. There has been little ownership taken by the men. Possibly require men to be a US Lacrosse member, bring revenue into the Chapter. GPLL could be split into North and South Division to create some stability and less travel. Joe and Justin will collaborate on this. They will also talk with Larry Diamond about running the league. The ownership needs to be put back on the players to show up for the games.

Umpires – Julie reported there are 10 returning umpires. 7 for High School and 3 for youth. They need to recruit more. We're hosting a **women's lacrosse umpire training clinic on March 2-4, 2012**, at St. Teresa's Academy, 5600 Main St., Kansas City, MO 64113. The clinic consists of classroom sessions, field demonstration, and on-field practice and ratings.

### **GENERAL AGENDA:**

Friday night: overview session
Saturday morning/afternoon: classroom and fieldwork
Sunday morning: review the 2012 US Lacrosse rules test
Sunday afternoon: field rating sessions
<ul> <li>Note that we have to travel to the Blue Valley athletic stadium at 135th &amp; Switzer in</li> </ul>
Overland Park, Kan., to do our field ratings this year.
<ul> <li>If we can't accommodate all umpire candidates that day, we will schedule other</li> </ul>
preseason scrimmages to finish rating candidates.

## COSTS:

Clinic registration fee is \$50 (pays for some food, materials, clinician fees, field rental).
US Lacrosse membership is \$50 (includes insurance coverage).
Local umpire board dues for adults are \$20 for first-year adult umpires and \$10 for youth umpires
under 18.
MSHSAA registration for adult umpires doing high school games is \$20.
Uniform and equipment (striped shirt, kilt/pants, whistle, flag, warning cards, etc.).

**Education** – Holly reported the Educational Weekend was a great success. There were 78 people who became certified in level 1, 2 or both. The chapter was not charged the additional fee for walk ups on Saturday. Therefore our bill from US Lacrosse for the \$20 per person subsidy will be approximately \$1200. Plus we will receive \$198 back for lunches that were paid for online. We spent \$549 on the party at 810 Zone. About 30 people showed up throughout the event. Dicks' will be sending us a check for \$500. The Trainers recommended we do the same training next year on the same weekend in January. This would be January 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wanting to volunteer to be Chair of this weekend please let

us know. This year Northland and PV/Lancer were co chairs. The trainers suggested we have a recruiting event Friday night for parents and players wanting to play in college.

Communications – Julie reported she will begin working on transferring our site to the US lacrosse portal. Please look at the current site and give her any updates so our new site can have the most accurate information. She also suggested that we need to look at purchasing our own email Marketing Service. This will enable us to email blast to certain groups and categories. US Lacrosse we can only send out 4 emails per year. We can have our members pick what information they want to receive directly from us. Julie will bring back a proposal. Right now were paying \$300 for a 2 year contract on our web site and the sooner we move over, we can receive a credit back. US lacrosse site is at no charge.

Hall of Fame – Eric stated the current committee is Eric, Jay Coleman, Jason Ford and Wade Muller. Anyone wishing to join the committee is welcomed. WE do have 2012 nominations that were presented last fall. Eric welcomes any additional nominations. It was decided we should have our 2012 induction at the end of this season. Eric will research a place and date. We will present Championship Trophy to high School boys and girls and possibly youth, All State teams and any All – Americans. We would like to increase attendance to this event. Eric will work on getting food and beverage donated. It was discussed that we have to charge something to attend the event. Not to the Championship teams, but to parents and others. A charge makes people commit to attending and pouts value on the event. It can be a minimal amount. The committee will look into dates.

#### **New Business**

**Participation Survey** – we are waiting on numbers from Nebraska.

**Convention** – Julie reported that at convention there was discussion about all chapters being consistent. They are setting benchmarks to determine how well chapters are meeting their goals.

**Benedictine College** – they have reached out to John, they want to start a college team. John will be in touch with them.

**Dusk till Dawn** – recap – Justin said it was good event. It concluded about 2:30 am. There were 4 men's teams and some recent High School Graduated. Justin is going to send survey out to those who participated. Eric commented about drinking at the event. Justin said there was drinking among the of age players for a short time. He stated there was not any drinking by underage attendees. We are expecting a \$500 check from Dicks for his event as well.

**Future** – John met with Justin and Joel Henning – John will meet with all the league presidents and see if we can continue to work together and keep one another informed of what is going on. Does the chapter need to help sponsors, volunteer at different events? Possibly have more youth watch HS game ect..

**Tom Marachek Tournament** – Justin reported it is taking place June 23 -24 at the Overland Park soccer complex. Our chapter does not need to provide volunteers. It is boys only U19, U15 and U13. He may want to do a coaching clinic in March. Justin commented this might not be the best time for him to do the clinic.

**PCA Grant** – we have received the code for 100 people to take the PCA course on line. Holly will distribute to league presidents and they can distribute out to their coaches. This is a different code from the one the Trainers provide to the attendees of the coaching certification classes.

**Justin Stine at the Overland Park Convention and Visitors Bureau** has reached out to us. John will be in touch with him to see if we can develop or earmark some lacrosse only fields.

Our next meeting will be February 22 at the Jewish Community Center, 7:00 p.m. Board Room