

Adirondack Chapter of US Lacrosse
Youth Council Meeting 12/13/12
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: D. Wardwell; G. Govel; K. Risko; G. Griskowitz; G. Senez; G. Duca; J. McHerron; D. Bach; J. Stefanko; P. Wyman; J Flood; B. Dollard; G. Leveille; T. Brock.

Bill Dollard kicked the meeting off at 7 pm presenting a full agenda. He offered to review items 1-4 with the group but no one deemed that to be necessary. Bill discussed a couple of key points: the chapters focus on youth lacrosse; the upcoming USL CSB meeting on January 17th.

Each program in attendance received a \$200 check for each boys and each girls program. The board had agreed to issue these checks at the November 2012 board meeting.

Bill discussed this year's ADK classic and asked the folks in attendance for their help. He emphasized that it is the youth programs / youth council that in the end benefit from the success of the ADK Classic.

The following attendees volunteered to be part of the Youth Council Steering committee:
David Bach; Ken Risko; Kyle Randall; Jake McHerron; Greg Griskowitz; Jeff Stefanko; G. Govel; G. Duca.

The various program representatives were split into discussion groups and given roughly a half hour to talk about the present conditions of the youth league / teams; the Desired Conditions; the preferred conditions and Helping / Hindering factors:

Present Conditions:

- Different factions have formed and it is generally felt that the CDYLL is unraveling.
- Last season did not feel cohesive- was confusing especially when it came to scheduling and referees.
- 2012 lots of mixed messages- scheduling was a negative; too much travel not enough opponents.
- Girl's side is much more cooperative.
- Boy's too much infighting among programs
- Concerns on everyone buying into the ADK/Youth council idea.
- Game Scheduling and improved coordination of officials will always be priorities.

Desired Conditions:

- Unified scheduling
- Who wants to host? When?

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- Look at scheduling more geographically so travel time is reduced especially during the week, i.e., North / South divisions.
- Once the schedule on the girl's side is set they stick to it. Need the same approach for the boys.

Preferred Conditions:

- Get schedule out earlier
- More officials trained to call youth level games.
- More consistency- everyone on the same page.
- Get the schedule firmed up and out earlier.
- Consistent rules
- Coaches training
- Uniforms left to the individual organizations not a Youth Council Concern.
- Decision to play or practice on weeknights should be an individual organization decision.

The group came back together after about a half hour and shared the above via a larger group discussion, no consensus was reached but it was deemed a healthy valuable discussion. It was also suggested that maybe the week days are just practice time and the games would be more weekend oriented via round robin tournaments.

Greg Griskowitz stated that the youth council's three overarching needs are:

- Rules
- Officials
- Scheduling

George Leveille advised the group about the US Lacrosse Folks visiting here on January 17, 2013 to hold a Constituent Support Budget (CSB) meeting aimed at trying to bring the various Chapter constituents together with the Chapter to form a mutually beneficial working relationship stronger.

Teams that have the resources were urged to create a travel team to participate in the ADK classic on Sunday June 2nd, 2013. It was suggested that we not limit or dictate which day's team's play on.

There was agreement that there would be a coordinate scheduling meeting scheduled for Burnt Hills High School.

The undersigned was asked to reach out to Steve Hart for details on the girls scheduling meeting. As of this publication no details have been received.

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