

Budget

The starting balance as of September 1 was \$ 2,047.

The income received was low, at \$ 9600, due to low turn out for the February clinic.

Our total costs were \$ 6,741, and the actual end of the season money amount is \$ 2,859.

The question was asked if everyone was caught up.

The answer is yes. However, some programs still have not cashed their checks from last year...please cash those checks.

1257 players this year, up 10% form last year

#3. Nancy Mitrano – Injury Screening and Prevention.

There was a lot of interest in pre-season screening for injury, and for an injury fact sheet to be published in the website...i.e. what are “typical” lacrosse injuries and how to treat those injuries. Vinca offered to put a link on the website to allow programs to email Nancy, and have injury and training questions answered. Nancy and the other doctors offered to hold a pre season meeting to discuss injury and training topics.

Ideas of how to utilize our services?

No charge...putting back into the community, our way of introducing ourselves to the league.

Injury screenings for girls pre- season.

Get started on the website, want to be involved in the tournaments

Fact sheet about major lacrosse injuries

#4. Website

Things to look for...

Injury stats sheet. Vinca will contact Nancy. One page dedicated to injury, weekly update, Q&A for Nancy, and then have answers posted to the site.

There was a far amount of frustration with the field directions this year...i.e. directions being wrong or not there at all...there was no real solution offered up, just a general frustration.

Have field directions on the website and not on Sportability.

Layout wise, Vinca wants more pictures, Coach of the year, winning team, single people out a bit more and give some more recognition.

Alumni Site, the league wants to keep up with what our alumni are doing, we are encouraging coaches to contact Vinca with any relevant information about past players.

Is the site being utilized for job postings?

How do we link to the website, when googling? Can we make it higher on the google list?

Link the site to your own school’s lacrosse site, the more links to our website the higher it will be on the google hit list.

Send a follow-up email to coaches reminding them to send alumni information

#5. Refing (Maggie)

2007 429 games.

without an increase in the high school ref pool.

Wonderful to have high schoolers refing the middle school games

The JV league got the short end of the stick.

The critical part solving this problem is to change the scheduling for the high school games...change the game time.... 3:30 does not work!

The question was asked if we as a league could be pulling from other refing leagues, Girls basketball and soccer

Yes, and we can look into that further.

The comment was made that the consistency was better with the officials.

What are the expectations of how a Varsity A game should be refed?

Define the expectations of how the refs will be calling the game for a particular division.

Is it more important to have 2 games at the same location or is it more important to have the number of games covered?

Location is more important

JV games being held on the weekends? This option was not really a welcomed.... it would elevate some issues during the week, but realistically not really an option.

Move past the 5/19 date?

Girls select soccer moving to the spring next year.

Extending the season is not really an option.

Communicate Middle school schedule to coordinate if High schoolers can ref JV games on the weekend?

Want to have a free flowing/healthy communication between the coaches and the refs...

Solutions for next year (From the board)

50% of teams did not send ref's to be trained, and you will be notified of the \$100 fee.

We have to grow the ref pool

Supply an adult and a coach for ref training; JV got the brunt of this shortage...

Do JV and Adults get paid as a ref? YES

Co-locating games

When making the schedule, we will try as much as possible to group JV and Varsity games from the same program together.

If you are a program that has only one team, when you get your scheduling questionnaire in the fall, can you please supply alternate locations as to where you can play. Address the AD, and discuss the liability issues. Let Sue know as soon as possible

The question was asked if we could piggyback JV games on the weekends with Middle school games, but unfortunately that does not seem like a viable option.

Urban game times will be moved back...

All new teams have to bring 2 adult ref recruits to the pool, and ref 5 game minimum.

Can we supply two adults instead of having the JV or assistant coaches...YES.

The JV/Assistance is an emergency scenario ref. The Refs will need to commit to 5 games at the high school level.

TWO ADULT REFS ARE REQUIRED

What are the training commitments?

All day clinic in January. \$25 Fee

Field experience/rating

Continued support while on site

5 steps to becoming a ref...post as PDF on website.

Why are the refs of our league paid so little money...vs. the boys?

The question was asked of those who are developing a new team, as to who do they recruit to be their two adult refs?

Maggie's Response:

The adults that your program chooses needs to be an athletic body that is willing to run, blow a whistle and has the desire to learn the rules of the sport. They will learn the information about the game in a gradual way...as long as they are willing to learn and be patient they will be great!

Remember to Appreciate your Refs...treat them fairly or you don't have a game.

Residency Grid

There were questions concerning whom to contact in regards to Middle school girls moving into High school programs.... Issues that deal with players who are in Middle school, i.e. playing for a Middle school team, need to be sent to Doug.

Issues dealing with players at the High school level need to be addressed with the High School Board.

The question was raised what to do if your program does not have room for all the players who turn out... the solution given was to send the “extra” players to the appropriate school, according to the grid.

If your program is a no cut program, no matter how many players you have on your team, your players must play for your program.

There was a general consensus that coaches need to be responsible for knowing their player’s residency... Be aware of what is going on in your program.

The request was made to have a formal waiver PDF on the website... we will post that.

#7. League Alignments

The Varsity A division is shrinking, many teams are requesting to drop into the Varsity B division...this is not ideal. Ultimately we want the Varsity A division to be the largest division, and hope to encourage a higher level of play.

How do we as a league develop a stronger and larger Varsity A division?

Varsity B movement to Varsity A is not being enforced...that needs to be addressed.

Not all requests will be granted for movement from A to B...the board will address each request and make decisions based on the teams past years records.

However, this will not be a problem for us as a league in two years, when we become a WIAA sport...hopefully....

There was a request to make a East/West split for the Varsity B division... the follow up to that request was again for the board to consider moving more teams into the varsity A division.

The question was asked if league divisions could be based on population, not overall program record...WIAA is based on size, however smaller school are allowed to move up based on performance, but larger schools are not allowed to move down.

The question was asked if there could be a seating competition in the pre-season, and the answer was NO.

Please give the league feedback on your thoughts concerning league movement...

#8. Uniform Regulations Enforced next year

Next year the uniform regulations will be strictly enforced. The front of the uniforms must be 6” centered, and the back of the uniform must be 8” centered. Ideally all programs should have both dark and like uniforms.

The issue of money was brought up, in regards to not being able to get the proper uniforms. Money is a waiver issue, but number size is absolutely required. Several programs offered to help the team in question in finding cheaper uniform options...that was very generous.

The refs would really like to enforce the rule that undergarments for the upper body all match within a program.... coaches need to be the enforcers here.

#9. Timer/Scorekeeper/Stats clinic will be mandatory next year

We as a board are mandating that each program supplies one person to attend the clinic...does not necessarily have to be the coach.

The question was asked if the clinic could be added to the convention...there was no decision on this point.

#10. Fields Meeting Regulations

Fields should all be regulation and should all be checked before a game is to take place.

The request was made that Ref's be more "keyed in" to the field regulations...and the response was, that the coaches need to be the ones to attend to their programs field.

The rulebook has the official guidelines for Field requirements.

#11. Feedback System for Pre-Nominations for out standing players.

Coaches are to nominate players from opposing teams, if applicable. There were many issues brought to the boards attention about using that information to scout out other teams' players. This is a valid concern. We will address this issue with Vinca. Maybe we can have the nominations sent to a secure web location that can only be accessed at the end of the season. We as a board will look further into this issue.

#12. WIAA Proposal

We as a league will be submitting our proposal December 1st.

We need AD's to support our decision to be considered by WIAA...not only do we need their support, but also we need them to actually sign their name in order to be considered. In order to get more AD's on board, it is important to share with them the happenings of the girls lacrosse league...share information with your AD'S... We need the signatures of AD's from different districts.

We are applying to become WIAA for spring of 2009.

Many programs requested to have WIAA progress to be either emailed or posted on the website. Sue said that she would provide as much information as she had, in the form of an email. Specific programs wanted to know if their AD's had been contacted so that they were more informed when they themselves went to discuss the issue with their respected Ad's.

Important Dates of Note

Board Positions and Voting

All who were up for nominations for board positions were voted in.

President – Jan Hill

Vice President – Jamie Asaka

Secretary – Talia Klein

Treasurer – Jessanne Allen

Varsity A Rep – Meg

Varsity B Rep – Megan Toner

JV Rep - UNFILLED

Closing