

lowa Lacrosse Association Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 7:00 pm - Zoom Conference Call

Attendees: Beech Turner (West Des Moines), Sean Mahoney (Waukee), Tim Mohrfeld (Waukee), Marc Schulman (Ames), Vince McGee (Quad Cities), Bruce Maxwell (Ames), Meghan Gruver (West Des Moines), Chris Maddox (Ankeny), and Dave Hankins (Ankeny).

Meeting was called to order by Beech at 7:04 pm, Dave motioned and Meghan second.

July minutes were presented for acceptance. Motion was made by Dave and seconded by Meghan.

Treasurer's Report

We have \$4871.53 in the bank account. Next major expenditures upcoming are insurance and SportsEngine website renewal.

Returning to Play/COVID-19

Most schools appear to be preparing for at least some in-person classes & fall sports are underway. On the medical front, Marc identified that a cardiac issue has presented in some people who have tested positive for COVID. Marc recommended that the athlete wait 2 weeks before returning after positive test and that the return be a gradual return to play.

Here are updates on what member clubs are doing and their COVID plans:

WDM

- Offering Fall Ball, Boys and girls; from grades 3-12
- Board members are assisting with COVID screenings
- Created WDM Covid19 Action Plan (CAP) following guidance from ILAX CAP
- Boys to practice Tuesday and Thursday nights
- Girls Monday and Thursday nights
- Interested in scrimmaging

Ankeny

- Offering Fall Ball

- Following US Lacrosse and ILAX guidelines
- Practicing Saturdays
- Interested in scrimmaging

Waukee

- Offering Fall Ball, Boys; from grades 3-12
- Following guidance from ILAX CAP
- Boys to practice Tuesday and Thursday nights
- Interested in scrimmaging

Ames

- Unsure if they will offer Fall Ball; coach is leery of COVID
- Board to reach out to parents to see if they are interested in participating, if not enough then those that want to play may combine with Ankeny

Quad Cities

- On the field now, working through drills and 3v3 speed lax games
- Following ILAX CAP guidance
- 2 weeks into it at the time of board meeting
- Process has gone well and check-in has gone smoothly
- 33 total registered (high for them, for the summer season)
- Sent a survey to parents about Fall Ball, have received no negative push back
- Plan to start Fall Ball after Labor Day

Meskwaki and Dubuque club plans are unknown at this time

Also, ILAX-recommended thermometer is no longer available on Amazon

Cedar Rapids/Iowa City lacrosse development

- City of Solon Parks & Rec Department is hosting clinics for HS and youth in the area and looking at boys only right now
- Jeff Kueter to provide an update to the board

US Lacrosse League Management System WebsiteCould be a website option for ILAX

- Beech & Sean took part in a demo
- Most local clubs are on Sports Engine, but that could be changing
- Platform is free to use by members
- No App Feature yet
- No Stats feature
- Split Pay capabilities
- No credit card fees, if individual pays, team pays then some nominal fees
- Simple page layout
- Ability to link to Arbiter, officials scheduler

- Can ask up to 4 questions now in registration process, but looking to potentially increase to 10

Motion brought forth that ILAX move forward with exploring the use of US Lacrosse website Voted on by members, all in favor of above

ILAX Budget for 2020/2021

- Much of 2019-20 funding was not spent due to COVID19 & season cancellation
- Have reoccurring costs of insurance, website, possibly conventions
- Do not plan to charge clubs ILAX membership dues for spring of 2021
- Motion to suspend membership dues for 2020/2021 made by Dave and 2nd by Bruce; all members voted we will NOT collect dues for the upcoming year

Next Meeting - Wednesday, September 9th at 700pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 842pm Motion - Dave; Second - Marc