MLA Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, December 15, 2013
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
779 Raymond Ave. N., St. Paul, MN

I. Meeting was called to order by Matt Myers at 7:08 PM
II. Roll Call: Matt Myers, Scott Hugdahl, Andy Arlotta, Matt Dempsey, Kristy Visich, Chris Jensen, Aron Lipkin (7/8 members present for quorum)
III. President’s Report
   a. Secretary position vacated this month
      i. BOD approved placement of Kristy Visich through December 2014
   b. Men’s Official representative position vacated this month
      i. BOD approved placement of Matt Dempsey through December 2015
IV. Reports from US Lacrosse
   a. Distribution of funds to be announced in January or February 2014
      i. 70% of funds will be released by April 30th
      ii. 30% of funds distributed by September 30th
   b. Chapter certification documents are due May 31, 2014
   c. Request for local US Lacrosse Minnesota Convention
      i. Single most requested item by groups was to host a local convention
      ii. In discussion for 2015
      iii. MN Officials are holding their own convention in 2014
V. 2014 Priorities
   a. Work with the St. Paul Parks and Recreation initiative
   b. Increase level of communication
   c. Improve website
   d. MSLax would like to see more training opportunities for coaches
      i. Level 1 & level 2 request
      ii. April 1 & 2 is target training date for local coaches
      iii. June time frame for college girls returning from school
   e. Developing outstate lacrosse programs
VI. By-law Review Committee
   a. The MLA adopted the recommended US Lacrosse template for by-laws
      i. Generic, vague, questionable term limits & overall confusing
      ii. Matt Dempsey will head up this sub-committee
         1. Mark Erickson & Harold Buck volunteered to assist
      iii. Applications are now on record for all BOD members and officers
         1. Moving forward, all interested BOD applicants will complete an Application Form
            a. Form distributed by US Lacrosse
VII. New Business
   a. St. Paul Parks and Rec Sports Foundation – Leo Lewis
i. SPP&R would like to participate in league play
ii. Upstarting a youth program and looking for equipment at the youth level
   1. Gott to Lax Initiative may be a resource to provide used gear
iii. Many questions regarding officials and how to modify the game for indoor play, as well
b. Gott to Lax Initiative Update – Kristy Visich
   i. The first annual Gott to Lax Tournament distributed over $10,000 in scholarship monies to 9 collegiate club lacrosse players in November
ii. Tournament has transitioned into a non-profit organization, Gott to Lax Initiative
   1. Scholarships
   2. ATG Legacy Project to assist underserved or in-need populations both locally and globally
   3. “Give-n-Go Gear Drives” will be held throughout the year to provide those in need with gear needed to participate
      a. MN Swarm volunteered to host a drive
iii. Interested in seeing participation from MBSLA teams, as well

c. Homegrown Lacrosse/MBSLA Convention – Aron Lipkin
   i. Partnered with MBSLA to hold a Leadership Summit at UST on March 8th
      1. Target audience: coaches, parents, and players
      2. Keynote speaker
   ii. Additional component includes the Captains Cup Leadership Summit
      1. 1-2 seniors nominated by their coaches from across the State and placed on teams for a showcase
         a. Boys Showcase: March 8th
         b. Girls Showcase: March 22nd
   iii. Muscle Milk has committed $5000 toward the event
iv. Additional donation of $8000 was committed to the event
v. Looking for indoor location to host both boys and girls events
d. BOD needs to improve the MLA Calendar of Events due to the number of events and activities available across the State

VIII. Elections of new BOD members
a. Received 6 applications for 3 open BOD positions
   i. A nomination committee comprised of 3 BOD members and 3 individuals within the lacrosse community reviewed the applications – applicant names were excluded from review and applications were coded. Review of applications was to focus only on qualifications to hold a position
   ii. Nomination committee recommended 3 individuals
1. Mark Erickson objected to how the process was handled. He requested the release of the names of all applicants.
2. Aron Lipkin indicated that as a member of the nominating committee he did not read applications or provide his rankings of applicants. He also opposed the process. Aron also wanted to make a motion to just add all 6 applicants to the BOD.
3. Matt Dempsey opposed naming the BOD positions also as Officers, as January elections will determine officers. He indicated that the 3 nominees should only be taking board seats.
4. Matt Myers reported that he was following the US Lacrosse By-Laws, which the MLA adopted. While the application and by-laws seem to contradict each other, we must proceed currently with this format. At this time, the ability to make a motion to add all applicants is denied, as the Chairman had already moved past New Business to the next agenda item.
   a. The six applicants include: Andy Arlotta, McKenna Borg, Julie Carlson, Mark Erickson, Scott Hugdahl, and Alex Ross
   b. The nominating committee recommended: Andy Arlotta, McKenna Borg, and Scott Hugdahl
5. Kristy Visich raised a motion to accept the 3 nominated applicants to the BOD and table the discussion on BOD member expansion until January.
   a. Matt Dempsey - yes
   b. Chris Jensen – yes
   c. Aron Lipkin – abstain
6. Motion made by Aron Lipkin to vote on adding all applicants to the BOD was denied.

IX. New Board Members
   a. Three nominated and approved board members include:
      i. Andy Arlotta
      ii. McKenna Borg
      iii. Scott Hugdahl

X. Adjourn
   a. Motion to adjourn by Chris Jensen
   b. 2nd by Matt Dempsey
   c. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristy Visich, MLA Secretary