

Mars Lacrosse Boosters Board of Directors Meeting
Open Session
Wednesday November 4, 2015

Attendance

Clay Morrow	Lisa Doyle
Jolene Soergel	David Condrick
Chris O'Connell	Cathy Grieco
Danielle Metzger	Craig Thompson
Courtney Hetzler	Ed Monahan

Meeting opened at 5:40 PM

10/14/15 minutes were approved.

Team updates

Boys-Coach Ed Monahan Boys won both fall tournaments. He is interested in purchasing helmet decals at \$6 each and pinneys at \$14 each from LAXwear for next season. Players would keep. He is asking the athletic department to pay for these items. Clay Morrow asked who is attending conventions. No Boys coaches attending Ohio convention. Coach Ed attended last year. All three Boys coaches will be attending Laxcon in Baltimore. Chris O'Connell asked about gray shorts. Coach Ed stated all gray is fine. Coach Ed stated he will be asking Coach Heinauer for permission to increase the roster from 40 to 45. The ensuing discussion brought up the pros and cons of expanding the roster. Expanding the team would allow Coach Ed to keep good players. He is concerned if he cuts good players this year, some of these players and many future players may change schools to play lacrosse. Good Mars players could become competitors at local private schools Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic and Vincentian Academy. Coach Ed discussed presenting lacrosse as the fastest growing sport. Danielle Metzger, Chris and Clay all expressed concern about cutting good players. Coach Ed spoke with the Moon and Pine Richland lacrosse coaches about roster size. Moon has Varsity, Junior Varsity A & B teams allowing a roster greater than 50. Pine Richland also has 3 teams allowing a roster greater than 50. Coach Ed's goal is to roster a Varsity team, Junior Varsity team and a Freshman team in the next few years. He is creating a PowerPoint presentation for Coach Heinauer to show the sustainability of the three teams over the next ten years. He is compiling the numbers from Mars Youth Lacrosse of youth players by age group-U9, U11, U13 & U15. He wants to show Heinauer even if you drop to X amount of players, he will still have to cut a significant amount of kids. He asked if 5 more players can travel on the bus. Lisa Doyle stated Coach Heinauer is concerned about complaints about playing time. Lisa stated a counterpoint is if you cut too much the team may lose out in the long run. Cathy Grieco stated Coach Heinauer has kept soccer rosters at 40 players. Many years there were huge numbers for soccer presented for increase to the School Board. Chris gave an example regarding the basketball roster. She mentioned the need to show at least two to three years of sustainability beyond the incoming class. Cathy suggested that the term "freshmen" should not be used. She stated Coach Ed should mention he would have to cut existing sophomores that are ineligible to play U-15 club lacrosse. Coach Ed is requesting the five spots to not cut freshmen. Coach Ed is also planning to have a meeting with freshmen and families. He will encourage players who are U-15 eligible to play on the U-15 team freshman year. There will be many graduating seniors this upcoming season. Tryouts will be 3/7/15. Craig stated the both fall tournaments were very organized. Bethel Park had three turfed fields with scoreboards. Player meals were good.

Girls-Chris and Lisa spoke about the Girls fall tournament. Varsity won 3 lost 1. Junior Varsity won 2 lost 2. Both teams went to the playoffs. Coach Flavion has requested more balls and a collapsible crease for

spring training. The crease can be shared or a new crease can be purchased for girls. Clay and Craig agree. Lisa is willing to move crease between boys and girls training. One coach may be added this upcoming season, a goalie coach. She is in discussions with Coach Heinauer. Chris discussed Southpointe and Saturday workouts. Chris went over details about the spring training trip. 24 girls signed up-double roster with subs. Flights are on hold with Southwest Airlines at \$241 round trip. Current cost estimate is \$925 each includes four nights, quad occupancy, three days of meal tickets and plane tickets. Southwest has requested 30% deposit via Echeck by 11/18/15. Changes can be made to plane tickets until 1/26/16 based on availability without penalty. Name changes can be made up to three days prior to departure. 24 attending players are paid in full. Chris does not know if all deposits have been made to boosters' bank account. There is no budget to pay for chaperones for training trip. Chaperones will pay their own way plus cost of clearances.

Fundraiser-Christmas Babysitting Drop Off 11/29/15 12:30-5:30 pm. Money earned will be credited to girl's accounts. Lisa asked if current balance Excel spreadsheet was sent. Danni stated it was not.

Scholarship-Dave Condrick was not in attendance when meeting was in session. Initial discussion-Clay stated that Brian and Dave are looking for \$50,000 from one donor. Donor wants to see our core values. Dave wanted to get the ball rolling with the food drive. Lisa wants to have the food drive. Dave and Brian know not all kids will participate in all events. We do not know if Dave paid to rent the Adams Ridge Clubhouse. Lisa still wants to send out the flyer. She has the flyer, none of the other members have seen it. Cathy stated we can't have too many kids in the basement space at maximum 30. We can determine who can be invited to manage number. Returning players and fall player will be invited. Courtney Hetzler has a Boys fall list. Cathy stated we were trying to get kids to volunteer their time and skills. This event does address that. Lisa stated mentorship will be addressed. The food drive was the first step. Lisa will clarify with Dave.

Dave arrived during the closed session. The session was reopened to discuss scholarship. Dave stated the company he works for was sold. The CEO received a large buyout. Dave asked him for \$50,000 for the scholarship. Bob, the donor, is big on words because he is a Scientologist. Scholarship must be named "Betterment of Others" scholarship. Dave sent a proposal. Bob sent it back with red lines to be answered. He expects funding when the answers are provided. Dave suggested each side distribute \$5000 in scholarship, split three ways. We can fundraise to sustain it. If the donation is received, the first five years are funded. Chris suggested disbursements of \$2500, \$1500 & \$500, lowering year to \$4500 per side. Selection committee-Dave would chair but not vote, a coach, two teachers, community member(s) and one sponsor. Candidates would need 3.5 GPA or better and would write an essay. Clay stated we should set up a separate account for the scholarship fund. Dave wants to table the 11/15 food drive, may be moved to January. St. John's wants kids to volunteer time. The Lighthouse needs jackets. Courtney asked if the Lighthouse wants student volunteers. Lisa expressed concern about students seeing fellow students using the food bank.

Mentorship-all volunteer not required. Ninth graders don't necessarily know older players. Vince Grieco wants to match Youth players with High School players by position. Older players can help with coaching. One concern is overlap in seasons. How often would high school players be available for youth players? High schoolers would not need to attend everything. Greta Huggins from Girls Youth has done youth nights on Sundays.

Fundraising-Moe's will do certain % need list of available dates. Chris was contacted by Cheeburger Cheeburger.

Lakeview indoor-dates reviewed last meeting. Craig stated 32 boys have signed up for off season training. He expects more players (at least 40) to sign up as the deadline approaches.

New apparel options-Bill Scurci, Chris O'Connell and Wendy Moyer met with Red Oak about one all-encompassing website. Mars Youth Lacrosse and Mars High School Lacrosse would be sold on the website with tabs for Youth Boys, Youth Girls and High School. A few issues to be addressed-sale dates, items to be offered, not sure how to manage our logo.

Sale dates-One to be determined date will be given as final day to order. The date will be after girls' tryouts 3/11 to 3/15. On or around 3/7 an email will be sent with link, samples and sizes to players. Our first play date is the Monday before Easter. Estimated order date is 3/18. Lisa stated it will be a short window for people waiting to make the team.

Items offered- Chris and Wendy will select items to offer from Red Oak. Chris stated we will also continue to buy items from previous vendors to match items from the past. We can manage both. Chris will not have to collect money for website purchased items. There will be a rep assigned to the Mars Lacrosse account. The rep will manage errors and back orders. Chris said she is getting estimates for Swag items-gray hoodies and pants.

Logo management-Is the credit for logo purchase based on who is purchasing the item or by the item purchased? Lisa motioned that all proceed from the sale of Mars High School Lacrosse branded items should be credited to Mars High School Booster account. Jolene agreed, Craig seconded, all member voted aye. Cathy stated Youth players will want to order High School logoed items.

Treasurer's Report-Craig asked what expenses are still outstanding. All coaches still need to be paid for fall tournaments at \$15 per hour. Mars Lacrosse Boosters made very little money this fall. Lisa stated Mark bought new software so the format of the report will be different. With the software change, it is hard to know if account is liquid. The money for the Girls Spring Training trip is in the account. Recent expenses paid were \$1500 for convention and \$1000 for coaching. Clay stated we need to file the tax return. It is completed. The long form is not needed as long as income stays under \$50,000. Chris asked if Coach Flavion is getting the money for Spring Training Trip that was allocated to LAXCON. Lisa stated Mark has the money in "buckets" and will allocate. Chris needs an electronic check for Southwest Airlines.

Mars High School website does not have a contact for the Boys team. Should Courtney be the contact? The contact will be listed as Mars High School Boosters. Josh Schowbel will notified.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Meeting reopened at 6:50 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.