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## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS**

### **ARIZONA CHAPTER OF USL (ACUSL)**

**6/14/2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM. In attendance were Board President Marie Baca, Vice President Laraine Pizzi, Treasurer Lou Kissling, and Board members Jessica Livingston, Steve Adamick, Bill Casey, Paul Schettino. Absent were Board members Warner Orr and Gordon Beyer. Also present was ALOA President Charlie Obermayer and AWLUA (AZ Women's Lacrosse Umpire Association) president Tyna Murphy

**Minutes** of last meeting..... approved.

**Treasurer Report** (presented by Treasurer Lou Kissling).....No change from the last report, as no income or expenses had occurred. Balance is \$7,100

**Cactus Cup (JHS)** Financial Request.....after review of the P/L figures from the Cactus Cup, it was determined they did not need ACUSL assistance. They made money

**Desert Classic (HS)**.....no request for funds from AYLL

**Vail Teams for AYLL** .....AYLL had pre-paid appx \$1,500 registration fees for Vail for 2 teams, and when not enough players signed up to play, the trip was cancelled. Registration fees are not refundable, AYLL asked the ACUSL to help with this loss, and the Chapter felt it was not our responsibility to assist AYLL in this financial decision.

### **New Business**

Mickey Cummings from Arizona Sports Concussion Center made a presentation. His firm proposes to do testing all AZ USL players, establishing a baseline for concussion measurements, and thus giving medical experts a unit of measurement to establish when kids might be able to safely return to play.

The service is USL approved, and also used (per Mr. Cummings) by the NBA, NHL, AIA, and others.

The USL website is.....

<http://www.uslacrosse.org/UtilityNav/AboutTheSport/SportsScienceandSafety/ConcussionManagement.aspx>

Issues for ACUSL include cost for first test (appx \$25), costs of follow-up tests (appx \$35+/- each), who certifies the player is ready to return to play, covered by insurance, etc. No decision was made on the service.

**AGLA Update** (by Laraine Pizzi, AGLA Board President):

- Successful AGLA season
- Estrella and Boulder Creek are possible expansion teams
- Looking into trying to dovetail their season with AIA spring sports to foster greater participation by AIA athletes
- WDIA (i.e. college club national championships for women) held in Scottsdale was a huge success per both AGLA and USL. Youth clinic that was part of this tournament was also successful and was paid for by USL
- USL would like to return to Scottsdale, but they typically do 2-year stints in cities and move on. This was year 2 in Scottsdale
- Phoenix-area HS select team at WDNT (Women's Division National Tournament) finished with a 3-3 record. Event provided a good college-recruiting venue for our players (none of whom are seniors)

**ALOA Update** (by Charlie Obermayer, president of Ref's association):

- 41 refs this year, but really only 20+/- in consistent use
- Need to do more training....classroom and on field. 8 total are planned
- Will be offering ALOA assistance at AZ Burn camps this summer, so that will be good training for the newer refs.
- Evan Bejar going to level 3 training this summer, which will certify him for a senior HS official status (but not college)

**AWLUA Update** (by Tyna Murphy, president of umpire's association)

- 4 new umps in 2010. Improved training in place, and they have enough experienced umpires at this time

**WINSLOW** (via e-mail from Board member Gordon Beyer)

- Flagstaff HS is doing well
- Winslow will be discontinued at the end of 2010. Not enough support. Will transfer all support to a second Flagstaff team

- With Flagstaff high schools going through a major restructuring and downsizing (and closing of one HS), there may be sports opportunities in lacrosse for kids who are losing their HS team (track, baseball etc)

**AYLL** (presented by Marie Baca, president of AYLL)

- Successful season/playoffs/attendance at playoffs/finances/etc

**Lacrosse on Hopi Reservation**

- No update from former AYLL coach Lance Polingyouna

**New Mexico Lacrosse (a part of this chapter)**

- Clinic was held in Albuquerque June 11-13
- Appx 40 kids attended

**Fast Break Initiative** (the USL clinic)

- USL-sponsored clinic for coaches/refs/beginners/PE classes etc
- Primarily a boy's event.....i.e. AYLL
- Date is set...first weekend in November (5-7)
- Need facility with....1 field for boys clinic, 1 for coaches, an auditorium for meetings, plus rooms for breakout meetings.
- Location either Grand Canyon University or maybe a Scottsdale location
- LAREDO (ref) training is NOT part of this clinic, but a general ref training session by ALOA is planned with coaches/parents/etc
- Mandatory attendance is being considered for all AYLL and AGLA coaches
- Players from the US national team will be here as part of the clinic
- Level I coaching clinic is likely (both AYLL and AGLA), and if we get good attendance numbers, this will set us up for a Level II clinic in 2011
- Charlie Obermayer is trying to secure a prominent referee who will come in and address the group
- ACUSL wants to make "sportsmanship" a major point of emphasis
- Corporate sponsorship (or grants) are being considered as a means to finance the cost of the Fast Break Initiative (above what USL provides)
- Also might consider getting a guest speaker from USL (along the lines of the two D III coaches who came and addressed our coaches several years ago)

**General Info.....**

## **Equipment Grant**

USL has grants for 2 teams with very basic equipment for 20+/- players for each team

- Grant is to be team-specific (i.e. a new team), but President Baca will ask USL if we can qualify for the grant as a Chapter and then parcel out the equipment to teams as needed.....i.e. maybe the new Flagstaff AYLL team, for example

## **Physical Education and Dance Program**

- Program set up at Phoenix Convention Center by greater Phoenix school system thru its PE department
- USL will pay \$400 registration fee for us to have a table/booth and will provide loaner-equipment for demonstrations for new kids
- Date is October 20-21
- We will inquire of USL if they have a PowerPoint presentation or some such video for viewing at the booth
- Hope is to get kids signed up and involved

## **Sportsmanship** (Charlie Obermayer)

- Issue brought up due to ref/parent incident at end of AYLL season
- Lots of discussion
- Need greater Code of Conduct training/enforcement
- Charlie presented a Spectator Guide from Minnesota that is a helpful handout for fans.....something we might adapt here

## **Dick's Sporting Goods** (Bill Casey)

- Overall program with Dick's was not as successful as hoped.....i.e. sales volume increase at the Dick's store in Tempe that carries lacrosse equipment
- We did get 25 "sports packs" (balls, pennies, cones, clipboard etc) from them, with 4 left to give away
- 2 will go to Gordon Beyer in Winslow/Flag

## **Request to Add Board members** (Steve Adamick)

- Tom Fitzsimmons has requested to be added to the Board.
- He is currently a ref in our ALOA and the president of the North Texas Chapter of USL
- No vote taken, but feeling of some Board members was he was fully involved in Texas and might be spread too thin being on our Board also

- Tom is invited to our next Board meeting to discuss further

**New Board Members**

- Charlie Obermayer and Tyna Murphy, as head of the official’s/umpire’s groups at AYLL and AGLA respectively, were unanimously added to the Board

**All-American (i.e. AA) Selection Process for AYLL** (Steve Adamick)

- Steve had been asked by a “constituent” to clarify the AA selection process, as it was alleged by the constituent that there were errors and flaws with the current procedures in place.
- President Baca, who oversaw the AA selection process, explained that this issue had gone all the way to USL in Maryland (via an AYLL parent, not the Chapter). USL reviewed all the correspondence provided by President Baca, and USL then supported the Chapter 100% in its procedures and final decision.

**Next Meeting**.....July 26 @ 7 PM at the same location

**Meeting adjourned**.....11 PM

A note regarding action after the meeting.....Board president Baca noted that we had two board members whose terms were expiring 6/30/2010. And we had not addressed it. So to wrap everything up in one vote, on 6/17/2010 the Board, via e-mail, unanimously approved the motion as follows:

- extend the term of office for Bill Casey for 3 years to 6/30/2013
- extend the term of office for Jessica Livingston for 3 years to 6/30/2013
- confirm the Board appointment of Tyna-Marie Murphy for 3 years to 6/30/2013
- confirm the Board appointment of Charlie Obermayer for 3 years to 6/30/2013

**4/5/2010**

Meeting called to order at 7 PM. In attendance were Board President Marie Baca, Vice President Laraine Pizzi, Treasurer Lou Kissling, and Board members Jessica Livingston, Steve Adamick, Bill Casey and Warner Orr. Absent were Board members Paul Schettino and Gordon Beyer. Also present was ALOA president Charlie Obermayer

**Minutes** of last meeting..... approved.

**Treasurer Report**.....brief. No change from the last report, as no income or expenses had occurred.

**Cactus Cup** Financial Request.....we were expecting a request for funding, but none was presented.

**SW Heat Flyers** for AGLA.....board discussed financial help, but amount undetermined.

**AGLA Update** (by Laraine Pizzi, AGLA Board President):

- Successful AGLA season coming to a close
- WDIA (i.e. college club national championships for women) coming to Scottsdale for 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.
- AGLA is proposing a refs clinic during the WDIA
- AYLL wants to do a similar “LAREDO” training here in Phoenix, but we need to have a big tourney in December to do so and that is difficult timing.
- Heat tryouts for WDNT (Women’s Division National Tournament) national HS tourney (May 29-30) are finished. Team selected and is listed on AGLA web
- AGLA referees do once/month meetings to discuss rules/techniques. Plus in-depth evaluations once/yr.
- Ref evaluators work as follows: evaluate a game and get paid the standard ref fee, while the ref being evaluated does not get paid that game. Interesting

**ALOA Update** (by Charlie Obermayer, president of AYLL ref’s association):

- 41 refs this year, but really only 20+/- in consistent use
- Lots of coaches helping out also as part of the 41
- Trying not to use new refs in a varsity game
- Not enough time to do a proper evaluation
- Training budget was spent. Would like to do more, but time availability and money are in short supply.
- Flagstaff is an issue for refs...i.e. the distance

**LAREDO** is the USL- sponsored official’s training program for men

- Level 3 LAREDO is for the 3 man game, Level 2 for the 2-man game at the better HS competition
- LAREDO teaches mechanics, and the purpose is for the trainee to take that info back to AYLL and share it
- AYLL wants to do a LAREDO Level 2 training here in the fall, with a high-end tourney. Round robin, refs work 15 +/- games, 4 days
- Current local training is only Level 1
- Charlie will go to Vail this summer and work on getting LAREDO here in the fall.
- Question was brought up----any grants available for LAREDO? No answers

## **WINSLOW**

- Flagstaff HS is doing well
- Winslow will be discontinued at the end of 2010. Not enough support.

## **AYLL**

- No issues brought up
- Playoffs set, on website
- Talk of a fund-raising committee

## **WDIA (Women's Division Intercollegiate Associates)**

- This is the college club division for women (i.e. not Div I or II or III)
- Tourney is in Scottsdale again
- There are some AGLA and WDIA coordinated events early in the week
- On Saturday is a clinic for 75+/- beginners, with sticks and goggles provided free by a manufacturer
- Vendors will be on site
- WDIA needs 10 goals
- Location is Scottsdale Sports Complex
- Saturday will also be a coach's clinic, using AGLA players, to review plays/drills/training. This is separate from the players clinic

## **WDNT (Women's Division National Tournament)**

- This is a chapter-based HS team, called SW Heat (9-11<sup>th</sup> grade girls)
- Largest HS tourney in country, in Baltimore May 29-30
- \$700 cost per player to attend.
- Request was made that the Chapter front the money for the airline tickets and get reimbursed once the players sign up. No decision on this

## **Lacrosse on Hopi Reservation**

- Former prep player on reservation wants to start a girl's team. Former AYLL coach Lance Polingyouna is involved also

## **New Mexico Lacrosse (a part of this chapter)**

- Being promoted by a former player from back east (a preppie and a Yale grad)
- Wants to build a sports complex in the Taos area
- Recreational/club only at this time
- Trying to get some activity for summer 2010

### **Select Teams (formerly AZ Burn)**

- 4 regional teams in each category of.....6<sup>th</sup> grade and under, then 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade, then 9-10<sup>th</sup> grade and finally 11-12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Cost is \$600/team

### **USL Sponsored** Info as follows.....

#### **Fast Break Initiative**

- USL sponsored clinic for coaches/refs/beginners/PE classes etc
- Could be level 1 or 2 coaching clinic
- Plus program admin clinic, with emphasis on 501 ( c ) 3 issues
- Athletic director coordination
- Nov is deadline for the event, so we need to act on any AZ proposal by early June

#### **Safety and Sportsmanship campaign by USL**

- Includes a test for concussions, via computers
- Establishes a benchmark testing # for each kid

#### **Regional Qualifier for U15 (boys and girls)**

- In Fla
- Team from AZ would be invited

#### **Financials**

- Chapter info due to USL by May 15

#### **General Info**

- **3 websites**....any way we can integrate them?
- **Dick's Sporting Goods**-----we have 40 "coaches packs" with pennies/balls/clipboard/duffle bags etc. These were for an AYLL marketing campaign that got sidetracked. Bill Casey has these packs for any use...all we have to do is ask for them
- **Medi-Temp**.....a parent-sponsored injury relief program, already signed with AIA and wants to get into lacrosse. Has stickers, wants to do advertising on our website, etc. Very vague on info at our Board meeting
- **Website**.....someone suggested pop-up icons for the most popular AGLA and AYLL pages, letting the user know about another related aspect of the website. No further discussion.

Meeting adjourned.....time unknown

**2/08/2010**

Meeting called to order at 7 PM. In attendance were Board President Marie Baca, Vice President Laraine Pizzi, Treasurer Lou Kissling, Secretary Gordon Beyer, and Board members Paul Schettino, Jessica Livingston, and Bill Casey. Absent were Board members Steve Adamick and Warner Orr.

It was observed that Board member Bob Kosower is not an active member, and that his role on the board is more as an intermediary to AIA in the event that issue comes up for discussion. Accordingly, he is not expected to attend Board meetings.

**Minutes** of 12-09-2009 were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report**.....no changes from finances of last meeting. We are awaiting only one invoice----for the website. Est at \$500. Pres Baca reported that the Chapter revenue is basically a function of \$1 for each AZ player and \$3 for each AZ coach who registers with USL. We currently have in AYLL about 1,500 players, 130 coaches, and in AGLA close to 400 players and another 50+ in the youth programs.

We discussed the discounted purchasing of USL material (online) and then re-selling for a profit within our organization. It was felt USL would disapprove of this

It was noted at this time that the cookies at the meeting, brought by Pres Baca, were lemon pecan and oatmeal butterscotch and were excellent

**General Business Matters**

**Northern AZ**.....Gordon Beyer reported that Flagstaff is closing a HS and this could work to the benefit of lacrosse in N. AZ, as kids look for other opportunities for sports.

In Winslow, his team is 17 players and money in the community is a bigger issue than ever. They have a 4 Corner's Tourney coming up

**AGLA**.....JV games start 2/9 and HS on 2/20. The SW Invitational Roundup on Super Bowl weekend was not as successful as hoped for. Only one outside team came to the event, and the competition with the Super Bowl could have been a factor.

On 3/27 the Chapter will oversee tryouts for the WDNT (Women's Division National Tourney) selection of a SW chapter high school team to compete in the national tournament in May.

All umpire training for AGLA is done and areas of importance have been shared with AGLA coaches and the league.

**AYLL**.....seem to be in good shape on refs, particularly in Tucson which in the past has had a shortage. U 6<sup>th</sup> uses HS players as refs, and these refs get some credit at their school for community involvement in addition to \$25 /game. And they are trained in the contests by official league refs.

April 17/18 is a Winslow tourney and they are in need of refs.

Cactus Cup coming up soon, and this year the traditional end of the JHS (and U 6<sup>th</sup>) league will combine with 4 HS games to give the younger kids a close-up of the game at a higher level. HS games include Brophy-Chaparral (opening game of the season for the finalists from last year's DI finals), Horizon vs. Salpointe (repeat of last year's DII finals), Glendale vs. Flagstaff and Mesa vs. Chandler

### **USL GENERAL...**

**Convention**..... Marie Baca and Laraine Pizzi went as the AZ Chapter reps. Convention is geared to coaches and officials. There was an excellent PowerPoint presentation and we are going to see how we can get more AZ personnel to watch it. Per Marie, PowerPoint presentations and handouts *from each speaker* are available for attendees of the convention on prolibraries.com with a user name and password. In the past, this has been made available to all USL members, and Marie will see if that is the case this year.

**Sportsmanship**..... President Baca got an e/m from USL about sportsmanship and safety and the importance of every chapter placing greater emphasis on these aspects.

**USL Level I Online Course**..... Still on the AYLL website, still free. Until the end of April. It is REQUIRED for both AYLL and AGLA. Feedback from some AGLA coaches was the program is too basic. Nevertheless, it is required to move on to Level II

**Fast Break Initiative** ..... this is a USL-sponsored event they are offering the AZ Chapter. It involves a coaches Level I clinic (on field), a refs clinic, a PCA workshop (Positive Coaching Alliance), works on admin issues (dealing with Parks and Rec, or AIA, parents etc), discusses equipment assistance, etc. USL wants at least 30 participants if they are to hold such a meeting here in AZ. Feeling of the Board.....we should get 100+/-

**USL Admin**.....they are re-structuring internally to get more streamlined and eliminate extraneous committees and non-functioning groups.

**WDIA**.....for the second consecutive year, this Women's Division Intercollegiate Association national championship tournament is coming to Scottsdale. This is college club lacrosse and is the ladies' version of the MCLA tourney for men (like U of A and ASU). To be held May 4-8 at Scottsdale Sports Complex, with games at night (to avoid the heat problems of last year) and to encourage greater fan attendance. Volunteers are needed. And USL is already working with greater Phoenix "Chamber of Commerce" type organizations about being here and promoting the event

**Communication with School Admin**.....Paul Schettino reported that league coaches need to more cognizant of keeping strong relationships with the schools that we indirectly affiliate with. Working with principals or AD personnel to understand the issues or problems lacrosse may add to the school programs. Since lacrosse is not a school sport, the rules for our being allowed to participate with school fields or having kids on school buses with lacrosse sticks (i.e. "weapons") will vary according to how well we manage the issues.

**Dick's Sporting Goods**.....Bill Casey is trying to finalize the Dick's offer of...1) 50 free team bags of assorted sports goods and 2) coupons to be used by AZ Chapter kids at their Tempe store. Dick's want a sale day picked. It is important to recognize that for the most part, the sales at the Tempe store will generally NOT be lacrosse items, as this is not the primary business of Dick's. The Chapter is looking at this relationship as.....the 50 free team bags represent Dick's sponsorship for this year, and if the sales at the Tempe store are good, then next year maybe we could get them to step up as a corporate sponsor (with some money) for something like the AGLA SW Roundup or the AYLL Cactus Cup

Next Meeting.....set for April 5, 2010 tentatively at the same location

### **December 8, 2009**

Meeting convened at Scottsdale senior Center, 1700 N granite Reef Drive @ 7 PM. In attendance were Board members:

- President Marie Baca
- VP Laraine Pizzi
- Treasurer Lou Kissling

- Bill Casey
- Jessica Livingston
- Paul Schettino

Absent were members Kosower, Adamick, Beyer and Orr

**Treasurer's Report**.....handouts showed FY end June 30, 2009 and current YTD info through November 30, 2009. Cash balance as of 11/30/09 is \$7,147.58. It was noted that last fiscal year the Chapter was flush with funds and underwrote a lot of local events, spending almost \$10,000 more than the revenue we collected. The events were worth while, but such continued expenditures are impossible. Typical revenue for a year is \$2,000+/- from chapter rebates. That is it....total.

Using this projected income, and recognizing that we have surplus funds, the Board adopted (loosely) a proposed budget for the current fiscal year:

- Insurance @ \$385
- Website @ \$50/mo x 12 = \$600
- LAREDO ref training for boys NOT TO EXCEED \$500
- USL Convention ref training for girls NOT TO EXCEED \$500
- Year end award to both a boys and girls recipient for criteria (to be determined) that goes beyond on-the-field accomplishments. \$250 each for boys and girls. Tentative name is the McAbee Award, honoring our past president
- Total budget here is \$2,485. Keep in mind this is a budget only, subject to review

**USL Level I Online Coaches course**.....now free for 2010. But not for individuals, but rather for member groups. Like AGLA and AYLL. So these league need to go online with USL and follow the procedures for getting "member" status and then conveying that to its coaches.

**Terms of Office**.....merely confirmed the ACUSL Board terms as they are listed on the website.

### **Marketing/Promotion...**

AGLA report:

- 7 teams in JV
- 15 in High school
- SW Roundup (pre-season) showing some growing pains. Is used as a training program. Very valuable

- Using a “student board” (i.e. student players) to help promote the sport at new areas in town. Having very positive feedback.
- AWLUA (i.e. AGLA refs association) is organized and providing a good training program for all refs

AYLL report:

- PE classes being explored, primarily by Bill Casey. 15 to date, 18 more on his list. Bill got a \$1,250 USL grant for equipment for these classes
- Issue for the PE classes-----getting enough money for enough equipment.
- And handouts (actual USL glossy, colored books) from USL are expensive
- Having trouble getting lacrosse into the PE curriculum.
- Suggestions also include targeting Boys/Girls Clubs and YMCA
- Question about effectiveness of videos. Bill Casey reports there is a USL video online which can be an effective tool in trying to gets kids interested.
- Team report is.....
- 3 new JHS teams, less one consolidation
- 3 new JV teams
- 3 new high school teams
- AYLL saved some money by cutting out the required EMT service at games , as the effectiveness (and actual EMT attendance) last year was questioned
- New youth league below JHS program is up and running for this year, with results not yet in. Money is still an issue for new teams

Media.....general acknowledgment that ACUSL and AYLL and AGLA do not get much press. Lacrosse has not caught on with the media, but we need to still send them relevant, important info and see if they can fit it in. Bill Casey has a media list that we need to tap into

**Reimbursement for Various Programs**.....while ACUSL has in the past helped fund ref training programs for AYLL, it is now apparent that everyone wants a piece of the ACUSL money. For ref training, for attendance at the USL annual convention. Etc. The money is simply not there at this time to budget beyond what we have listed earlier in the minutes

**501 (C) 3 Requirements**.....still a huge gray area. At one time, the ACUSL promoted the fact that it was a 501 (C) 3 organization and therefore the leagues under its guidance and also the teams could use this classification.

That is wrong.

First, the 501 designation is an IRS matter. It has nothing to do with incorporation or for-profit vs. not-for profit status.

The current situation is USL (in Maryland) is the head organization. With its 501 ( C ) 3 designation. And all member organizations (like the AZ Chapter) get to dovetail off this member or group number. BUT THIS TRICKLE DOWN EFFECT DOES NOT GO TO THE TWO LEAGUES WITHIN ACUSL

Therefore, AYLL has established its own 501 ( C ) 3 organization. AGLA has applied for its own and will get it approved soon.

Next, the USL rep Kissling spoke to this fall said there are----unfortunately---- no USL guidelines for how individual teams should be set up within these leagues. In fact, he said that in Florida (where he is located and is a CPA and a Chapter rep), most teams are set up as for-profit LLC's. With no concern for 501 (c) 3 status

Bottom line.....ACUSL does not have good advice at this time as to how teams should start up in terms of corporate entity.

An IRS handout is included on the ACUSL website for those who want to review it.

**Next ACUSL Meeting Dates:**

- Feb 1, 2010
- April 5, 2010
- June 2, 2010
- August 2, 2010

**USL Compliance Documents Packet Sept 2009.....**

This is a detailed USL package with info to be supplied to USL by the Board (in our case, Marie Baca). One question is what issues are we struggling with and the answers are:

1. Money
2. Need USL coaches clinic for post Level I and we need to have mandatory attendance to make it financially worth it to USL and ACUSL

**Fundraising.....we note:**

- We are woefully deficient here
- We need to coordinate more with Albin (and others) and his efforts in the Cactus Cup. And other events not even on our radar at this time.

- We might want to re-consider the fall camp like the one Rich McAbee used to promote...and require a blackout of any other camps at this time.
- There are so many fall camps right now that the competition is making all of them very suspect as to profitably
- We may want to charge some nominal fee for teams wanting to list a camp on the AGLA or AYLL or ACUSL websites.

**Meeting adjourned.....9:45 PM**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**ARIZONA CHAPTER OF USL (ACUSL)**

**Oct 15, 2009**

Meeting convened by teleconference. In attendance were Board members:

- President Rich McAbee
- VP Marie Baca
- Secretary Gordon Beyer
- Treasurer Lou Kissling

- Bill Casey
- Jessica Livingston
- Warner Orr
- Paul Schettino
- Laraine Pizzi
- Steve Adamick

Absent were Bob Kosower and Yvette Moreno

**Treasurer's Report**.....for FY 2009 (ending 6/30/2009), revenues were \$4,300 (rounded), expenses \$14,300 (rounded), net income a \$10,000 (rounded) loss. This left ACUSL with \$6,000 balance at FY end. We have no budget per se. Casey suggested we budget for USL national conference attendees

**AGLA**.....President Laraine Pizzi reported:

- The SW Roundup Tourney/camp/clinic is set for Feb 2010. Possibly 2 college games as the marquee event
- Some AGLA progress on new teams.....maybe 3. New total could be 16 for 2010
- But also some possible drop outs
- Going forward, the player growth is stagnant. Need to market better. Schettino suggested getting into PTO groups via mailers.
- AGLA is weak on feeder groups at the JHS level, with only Jessica's camps/clinics offering youth lacrosse opportunities
- How do we get the word out...newspapers are considered NOT a good option. However, Bill Casey does have contacts here and we should explore them. And USL has an article (Adamick to forward same to Kissling) about how to market the sport via the web.
- Warner Orr will be promoting info about an AGLA ref clinic at the Nov camp in Glendale. And this info will be on the ACUSL website

**Glendale Lacrosse Program**.....Bill Casey reported:

- He has started his PE Program with westside schools (and a small exposure in the east valley)
- Has a USL grant coming for sticks
- Jessica and Bill agree there should be an AGLA connection here to cater to girls lacrosse, as the PE classes are coed
- Discussion of how to get this into the PE curriculum on a larger basis....do we: 1) fight to get it into the curriculum first and have it trickle down or 2) continue at the PE level and hope it trickles up to the curriculum level.

**Northern AZ Lacrosse**.....Gordon Beyer reported:

- Economy is a killer in No. AZ
- Winslow wants into AYLL, but not quite ready with numbers
- Will continue to concentrate on New Mexico, Vail and Nevada connections
- 23 players now, with 7 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, so fielding a HS team for AYLL is tough

**Coaches Clinic Oct 31 in Glendale**.....Bill Casey reported:

- This is the camp with Div 1 UMBC head coach Don Zimmerman
- AYLL coaches are required to attend. Possibly 200+/- coaches
- Current player registration is slow in AZ and more are registered from out of state
- ALOA will be providing a ref clinic

**AYLL** .....President Marie Baca reported:

- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade program is starting up, with possible HS players as refs
- New teams for 2010 include Glendale and Boulder Creek and possibly Flagstaff for HS, then Oro Valley and Estrella for JV, and finally Oro Valley and Mtn Pointe for JHS.
- Overall growth in terms of number of teams and players is stagnant, like AGLA
- Issues are money, dues and the economy.

**ALOA**.....ALOA rep Steve Adamick reported:

- He has read a USL study that reports that marketing in newspapers is NOT the best way to get the lacrosse message out, but rather websites are better
- President Charlie Obermeyer is working on the AYLL contract, working on clinics, and is promoting the idea of HS players refereeing the youth league of 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders
- NYS is promoting lacrosse locally for below the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades. But it will be tough for the ALOA to provide/train refs because of the short notice. The HS player ref program will be instituted in the NYS in the future.
- MCLA (men's club lacrosse) is taking on the administration of its referees for its games (i.e. taking it away from USL) and this is causing some dissention with USL and COC (Collegiate Officials Committee).
- Ray Valle will be attending the LAREDO ref clinic on behalf of AYLL. Earlier requests from ACUSL were that ALOA/Valle prepare a written summary of the clinic that could be shared with ALOA members and also with AYLL coaches and both the AYLL and ACUSL boards.
- It was reported by Marie Baca that ACUSL and ALOA and AYLL would split the cost of Laredo 1/3 each, but Steve was not aware of this arrangement

**New Officers**.....President McAbee opened up the officer election process:

- Initial discussion of board terms, staggering terms, etc.
- Unanimous note “for” motion to have all officers elected for 2 year terms and new board members would vote later how to set up the stagger.
- It is already established that board members are elected for 3 year terms (section 3.2 of our By-Laws) and again the new Board will meet later to decide how to stagger the current members for termination.
- Vote for President was held. Two candidates: 1) Tom Fitzsimmons and 2) Marie Baca. Resumes were received from both candidates, and open discussion was held on both candidates. Marie Baca was elected by unanimous vote of the Board
- Former President McAbee spent a moment thanking all for their support in his 11 year run as president. He also noted that he took the job for one year initially just to help until someone else took over!!!!
- Vote for Vice President was held. Two candidates: 1) Steve Adamick and 2) Laraine Pizzi. Brief discussion by each candidate and then by members of the Board regarding each candidate. Laraine Pizzi was elected by a 4-3 vote (Steve Adamick abstained from voting, as did Laraine Pizzi, as did President Baca)
- Board member Lou Kissling was re-elected as Treasurer
- Board member Gordon Beyer was re-elected as Secretary

**Goals/Objectives for ACUSL**.....general discussion

- Expand Bill Casey’s PE curriculum program
- Bill will try---next year---to get ACUSL into the Phoenix PE teacher’s convention held annually at the Phoenix Convention Center. He is now on their e-mail list
- More electronic (i.e. website and e-mail) flyers
- Budget----need to establish a line item annually for AGLA and AYLL reps to attend annual USL national convention (February???)
- Continue to enhance our ACUSL website with news, stories, etc
- Next Board meeting.....try to have it “in person” and not via teleconference. Date TBD

**Motion to adjourn**.....

# **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**June 4, 2009**

**AZ Chapter of USL**

Board meeting was called to order by President Rich McAbee. The meeting was telephonic in nature, starting at appx 5 PM.

Attending were.....

- Rich McAbee
- Lou Kissling
- Marie Baca
- Laraine Pizzi
- Steve Adamick
- Geoff Larsen (20 minutes late)

Reports by Board members included:

Finance (Kissling—treasurer)

- Discussion of finances.....\$16,000 (rounded) BOY (beginning of year) balance, added \$4,300 during the year (principally chapter rebates and a USL grant), spent \$12,300, EOY balance is \$8,000.
- Not yet expensed was the \$2,000 owed to AYLL for the Cactus Cup (which check was cut later that night and presented to AYLL at their Board meeting)
- Major expenses (before the Cactus Cup check) included almost \$8,000 for camps, clinics, etc that were split evenly between AGLA and AYLL
- Copy of Excel spreadsheet for FY 2008-2009 finances is attached.
- Financial report approved unanimously by board

ALOA (Adamick---ALOA rep)

- Requesting \$1,000 for continued training of an up-and-coming AYLL official at LAREDO
- Charlie Obermeyer went last year and results were positive
- Possibly Mark McElfresh will go this upcoming season
- Motion for \$1,000 approved unanimously

- Overview of 2009 season by Adamick was good, but with some growing pains by the new ALOA organization. # refs is up, no major issues.
- Minimum training standards were met, but could always be improved
- Certified clinician for AYLL in AZ is Tom Fitzsimmons
- Laraine Pizzi of AGLA made a request for a similar type of ref training fee as awarded to AYLL. Exact figure not known, but should be much less than AYLL's \$1,000
- USL was upset with AGLA for not attending a ref clinic in '09, so this is a must
- Prelim board approval for funds for AGLA ref training, subject to formal request

#### AGLA (Laraine Pizzi, Board VP of AGLA)

- Just completed season-ending meeting last week.
- Laraine to be new AGLA president next year
- Possibly 2 new teams, but also possibly two losses (neither of which has a feeder program)
- Desert Stix program of Jessi Livingston is excellent for K-9 girls
- New AGLA expansion committee is now up and running
- WDIA college finals here in Scottsdale was good exposure for AGLA
- Financials are very good....appx \$6,000 surplus
- Finding fields is always an issue

#### AYLL (Marie Baca, Board VP for AYLL)

- All proposed new teams for 09 never made it. Various reasons
- Should have some new HS teams next year as existing JV programs step up
- Flagstaff has made inquiries into joining AYLL. The Board will review this and see how they can fit into our Div II program.
- Winslow program still performing, now with kids as old as sophomores. So they might be a candidate for AYLL also in a year or so
- Later start of AYLL games (early March instead of late January) makes these northern AZ teams more viable for an AYLL schedule now

#### AYLL (Geoff Larsen—Board Pres for AYLL)

- AYLL financials are good
- Big thanks to Chaparral HS and its lacrosse program for allowing us to use the Chaparral HS field for semi's and finals. Chaparral made money based on concession sales and AYLL made money on ticket sales. It was a win-win.
- It was suggested that AYLL find some suitable gift for Chaparral HS to thank them for the use of their facility

Gordon Beyer (board member) made a request thru President McAbee that the Chapter try to help out with a ref clinic up in the Flagstaff area

Election of new officers was to take place tonight, but due to the lack of a quorum, it was postponed. President McAbee has notified that Board he is retiring at the end of this fiscal year (June 30), so we need a new president. Marie Baca has indicated her interest in running, and President McAbee indicates there is at least one more candidate

President McAbee noted:

- Our chapter, on behalf of USL, does select an academic AA (AAA) and another “best player” type All-American (AA) award winner from the boys AYLL program
- The AAA is already selected and it is Matt Mahoney of Chandler.
- Candidates list was 7 deep
- Separately, the AA nominations are on-going now and voting should be completed and the winner announced by June 10
- USL has other national awards for coach of the year or person of the year. But the west coast does not get much consideration for these honors---especially in AZ where we are not even a sanctioned sport.
- AGLA has their own AAA and AA awards, so the AZ Chapter of USL is not slighting the AGLA. AGLA has made their selections and these are noted on their website (<http://www.azgla.com>)

General discussion:

- Correct the spelling of “legal” on the website
- Add Steve Adamick as the ALOA rep on the website
- Remove Albin Haglund from the AZ chapter Board list on the website
- The new Board (post Rich McAbee) needs to prepare a clear, concise calendar of “to do’s” for the new Board and President McAbee offered to help in this area.

Motion to adjourn at appx 6PM.....