

Minutes from the 2009 summer MCLA meeting

1. All conferences were represented: GRLC – Mike Martin, LSA – Jason Zantjer, PNCLL – Jason Stockton, PCLL – Ben Clark, SELC – Mike Cummings, UMLL – Adam Gamrette, RMLC – John Robinette, WCLL – Gary Podesta, SLC – Matt Hollman, CCLA – Owen Blank. President - Tony Scazzero, Vice President – Doug Carl, Treasurer – Ken Lovic. Guests: Charlie Mark – Dayton, Sonny Pieper – College Lax, Officials - Tom Fitzsimmons.
2. Vacant Board position. Treasurer. Ken Lovic nominated, seconded and elected by acclimation. We are continuing to solicit names for the executive board.
3. Conference meeting dates
 - a. WCLL. Oct. 3 fall meeting date
 - b. SLC. Oct. 3 fall meeting date
 - c. PNCLL. Oct 10 fall meeting date
 - d. LSA. Sept. 26 fall meeting date
 - e. GRLC. Sept. 26 fall meeting date
 - f. CCLA. Sept. 20 fall meeting date
 - g. SELC. Sept. 20 fall meeting date
 - h. PCLL. TBA
 - i. RMLC. Sept. 26 fall meeting date
 - j. UMLL. TBA
4. 2009 tournament review
 - a. 3 teams/coaches were sanctioned by the board for actions at the tournament. Letters will go to each team.
 - b. Working scoreboards for every game. Better PA system. Ball nets
2010 suggestions
 - c. Water bottles, sponsor banners, better brackets, daily staff meetings, better interaction with NDP staff.
 - d. Warm--up times and field coordination, water at practice fields
 - e. Red Shirt players can play in consolation bracket games.
13. Dates for 2010. May 11 through 15, 2010. Dick's Sporting Goods Park, Denver, Colorado. We are in the second year of a 3 year contract.
5. Forfeit/Cancelation/No Contest
 - a. Dec 1 is the date after which games are officially scheduled.

b. **Bilateral Decision** no contest is possible if both teams agree and will split any costs incurred

c. **Unilateral Decision.** Game costs for OOC games incurred to be borne by offending team, who has the right to appeal, contest administratively counts towards offended team's OOC contest requirements. Additional sanctions/fines may be levied by EB and approved by BOD, an additional fine of \$2500 per OOC game forfeited can be levied.

d. OOC contests that are cancelled to Act of God administratively count toward both team's OOC contests requirements.

e. Each team will have back up field identified on 2010 team application

6. Budget review and proposal: This will be the second year in a row the MCLA has been in the red. Total Expenses are 303,566.32 currently with appx 10,000 in outstanding bills. Total Revenue was 311,860. Net loss of 2, 000 to 3,000 dollars. Expenses were reduced \$40,000 dollars in FY2008 but this was offset by loss of \$40,000 in sponsorships.

7. Division Two tournament field. Expanded to 16 teams for 2010. This adds 2 games to the national tournament schedule.

8. Strategic planning report. Where is the MCLA going? Each conference director will prepare for the winter meeting their thoughts and the thoughts from their conference members.

a. What are the priority of the BOD? Conf integrity, or competitiveness to NCAA? Developmental league or self standing entity?

9. New Stick Head regulations will be in place for 2010. The Jersey number height regulations are waived till 2011

10. Tournament Selection Committees, D1 and D2

a. Names to tony by DEC 1, for approval at MCLA winter meeting.

b. Scholastic Achievement—get names to tony by DEC 1, for approval at winter meeting.

12. Officials – Conference reports;

WCLL good officials, RMLC not enough in far-flung areas, PNCLL all refs on west side, need more refs, UMLL quality is good but varies, getting better, LSA game changes some problems, GRCL good and bad, CCLA have good refs, travel costs, SELC no real problems, PCLL good refs.

Tom: need more feedback. Use officials feedback forms. The ref representative was asked to leave the room.

Proposal: Hire our own MCLA Supervisor of Officials. Game fees would remain the same, travel calculated by distance driven. The Conference assignor would be selected by the MCLA Supervisor of Officials and the conf dir/pres. Proposal was made to create the position and hire our own supervisor of officials as every other college sports is put forth, seconded and passed. We will include the officials' web site into www.mcla.us and get a programming cost for this. Game reports and officials evaluations will be done on the www.mcla.us site. Only one game database will now exist for the MCLA solving some annual re-occurring problems.

Web site presentation; www.MCLA.us had 4.6 million page views during the 2009 season. Want to move all 10 conferences to www.MCLA.us at no cost to a conference. Live scoring will be available for every regular season game (ala national playoffs). Our attorney's are drawing up a contract with the Lax Mag.

Motion to raise dues to \$2000 per team and have them remain for 2010, 2011, 2012. No additional fees will be charged, ie: Web site, magazines, officials programs, arbiter fees. Passed Website up and running, conf websites on MCLA, 20 magazines per team, database maintenance, archival records are being integrated into www.mcla.us. Other features will be rolled out before the season.

All ten conferences agree to move to the MCLA.us (keep .com). Conference sponsors and features will remain the same if so desired. All MCLA official stats will populate each conference site.

A code of ethics and expectations for players and coaches will be in place by the winter meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Simon Fraser's forfeit is removed from their 2009 season.

Students must be enrolled for every academic term in which the team competes.

Graduate school eligibility remains 12 credit hours but a school can appeal eligibility if that school mandates fewer hours.

Adjournment 6pm Saturday August 8, 2009