

MHSLA Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/12/2026

Time: **8:00 PM (Please Note Time Change for this Month)**

Facilitator: Todd Thesing, President

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Members Present: Present Members Highlighted in Yellow

Entity	Designated Representative	Other Representative	Other Representative
MHSLA President	Todd Thesing		
MHSLA Vice President	Pat Marron		
MHSLA Treasurer	Eric Sutherland		
MHSLA Secretary	Brad Koon		
Sheridan	Jeff Shideman		
Billings Beartooth	Desarae Detling	Mark Kary	
Billings Rimrock	Howard Ruzick		
Bozeman	Rob Leder		
Cody	Kevin Winters		
Jackson	Tori Hederman		
Last Chance	Nathan Nachtsheim		
Butte	Dan Carroll		
Great Falls	Jeremy Comstock		
Missoula Wild	Greg Howard		
Missoula Zoo-town	Elena Furrow		
Northwest Avalanche	Chris McLaughlin		
Cheyenne	Colton Rasmussen		

1. President's Report:

2. Spreadsheets have all been built and sent to coaches.
3. Trying to get someone local to help with Allstate
 - a. Nathan, Jeremy, Brad, Holly
4. Fill out the spreadsheet
 - a. Fill out as much before meeting as possible.
5. Open spreadsheet and we will get tally prior to meeting so a lot of the work can be done.
6. Will have a good idea on the voting side prior to the meeting.
7. Fill out spreadsheet 1st, 2nd, or honorable mention.

8. Boys Coaches meeting at Sacajawea Middle School at 7:00 PM

- a. Hopefully 2 games can be played at one time so all state can start at 7:00 PM
- b. Brad, Nathan, and Jeremy will run it.
- c. Next year, consider decreasing the number of Allstate awards
- d. Head coaches and assistants can show up. Space is limited.

9. Girls Coaches meeting at Highline Office at 6:00.

10. All State Forms Holly \$100 printing
11. Desarae will bring trophies
12. All State presenter
 - a. Dan Springer will be the presenter.
 - b. Rob will be up there to hand out trophies.
13. Trophy presenter and announcer
 - a. Dan Springer or someone else will be trophy presenter.
 - i. Boys V and Boys JV
 - b. Jackson has girls trophy.
 - i. Tory will get and give to Rob

14. Vice President's Report:

15. Treasurer Report:

- Current Stockman Bank Balance = \$20,558.38
 - Invoice for 3rd & 4th weekends of league play was paid 4/29 in the amount of \$14,568.58
 - This amount represents close to \$150 per team per game, so the officiating expenses are close to our budgeted amount of \$170 per team per game.
 - Regular season play is over, so we can begin reconciliation of officiating costs and amounts due from each Club.
 - Adjustments: it is my understanding that there is a combined Girls JV team including players from Missoula, Kalispell, and Helena. Should we divide up the costs for this team into 1/3s? Team Registration fee, Shared MOLA fees, and Officiating fees?
 - Adjustments: Some JV games only had 1 referee officiating the game. The cost for one official is less than the typical two official games, but not quite ½.
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- How many games actually had only 1 official and what should the adjustment be? MOLA pays refs ____ for a 2 official game and ____ for a 1 official game.
- CASH CALL. At this point we have received 2 checks for the estimated Officiating Costs totaling \$4,300. Through Sports Engine we have received \$22,500 for player registration (offsetting Team Registration fees). We need payment ASAP from Clubs.

16. Secretary Report:

- a. Comments on April 14, 2026 Minutes? (Posted on the Website):
- b. Sports Engine:
 - i. Season is wrapping up and I believe questions/comments on non-conference games/stats have been addressed by John.
- c. Can girl that was injured through the season be registered for Jackson B. She has been at practices with hand in sling. **Everyone good with letting her play.**

17. State Tournament:

- a. Flyer from Rob Leader.
 - i. Schedule
 - ii. Parking
 - iii. Game Format and Rules
 - iv. All State Awards Ceremony
 - v. Filed Location
 - vi. Athletic Trainer
 - vii. Food Trucks/Apparel & Vendors
- b. Dogs are allowed.

c. **8 v 8 Request for JV**

Helena:

Dear Board Members,

Last Chance Lacrosse Club respectfully requests approval for our JV team to compete in an 8 v. 8 format during this weekend's state tournament. Due to multiple injuries sustained throughout the season, our available roster for the weekend will consist of only 11–12 players.

As outlined in Section IX, Part O of the bylaws:

“Coaches, referees, and program leaders should recognize the spirit of JV as a developmental league and make game-time decisions that will get players on the field and promote the growth of the game.” Allowing our team to play 8 v. 8 would support the intent of this bylaw by ensuring these athletes still have the opportunity to participate, develop, and compete safely while continuing to grow the game.

We kindly ask for your consideration and approval of this request for the weekend. Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

Rhett Buckland

Board President

Last Chance Lacrosse Club

Executive board voted yes that 8's can be played if smaller team has less than 15 players. If team is playing Helena or Butte or any other team with 15 players or less, playing 8. If neither one of the teams playing has fewer than 15 players, play 10.

d. Other Team Requests?

i. In Rules Under Item X.G for State Championship Weekend:

1. Junior Varsity state championship games should be played 10v10 for boys and 12v12 for girls but may be played 8v8 (boys) or 10v10 (girls), pending approval from the MHSLA board.

18. Other

19. Next Meeting: June 9, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

20. Adjourn Time 9:17 PM
