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November 2019 IHSLL Board Meeting

November 19, 2019

Clubs in Attendance: Bishop Kelly (Phil Warchel and Neil Nelson), Boise (Dakota Duran and Andy Elliot), Borah (Scott Hawker), Capital (Alissa Lauer), Centennial (Brian Patton), Eagle (Khammouane Senethavilay), Kuna (Todd Moyer), Meridian (Bandon Pechin), Middleton (Dana Gunlach), Mountain View (Steve Goyen, Jerrid Verhaege), Rocky Mountain (Mike Almanza and Gary Wheeler), Timberline (Joe Dannenfeldt)

Clubs on the Phone: Borah (Jeff Christensen), Coeur d'Alene (Andrea Dittman), Hillcrest (Mark Elison), Idaho Falls (Nate Rolston), Jackson Hole (George Hein), Wood River (Don Robb)

Executive Board Members: David Donovan, Eric Holzer, Britt Talbert, Sheree Wheeler, Jane Anderson

Call to order 6:35 pm +/-.

October Board Meetings Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded and all were in favor, none opposed. Minutes from October 19, 2019 accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer read the previous month's balance (\$9,410.79), expenses (\$6,799), fees collected (\$3,832.31) and ending balance \$6,444.10). Clubs were informed that there was a discrepancy in the 2019 Fallball billing for referees – clubs were billed \$50/game when it should have been \$55. The difference will be billed in spring. Only two clubs haven't paid their Fallball fees.

Agenda Topics:

Capital players playing for Borah- Capital is disbanding due to lack of players and has requested to allow their players to join the Borah team for the 2019 Spring season only. Board member(s) motioned, second and were in favor, none opposed.

AED/Training Staff- Though not yet mandatory, all Clubs are highly encouraged to have an AED available at all (Varsity and JV) games. Sheree mentioned that there is a \$500 grant available. The Club would apply for the grant after purchasing the AED. Club members also discussed having trainers/EMTs present at all games. It was suggested that at least one coach for each team be CPR trained.

Player Affiliation- Following the Capital/Borah issue and approval, there was a lengthy discussion on the League's stance on player affiliation due to either:

1. Attendance at a school that does not have a lacrosse club;
2. Playing for a school where the player's parent coaches; and
3. Middle School feeder teams playing for a school in their district

In response to item #1, Eric Holzer stated that the current Policies indicate that a player must play for the closest geographical school if the school he attends does not have team. A recent email from a Boise High School parent was discussed: the player

attends Riverstone School, which does not have a lacrosse club. This player (and siblings that has since graduated) is a junior and has been playing for Boise since he was a freshman. However, he resides in the Timberline High School boundary. The current IHSLL Policies state the following in Section I:

B. Player Assignment

- a. *All players must associate with a high school lacrosse club that is a member of IHSLL.*
- b. *A player must play for the team affiliated with the school that he attends. If a player attends a school that does not have a lacrosse program, he shall play for the program closest to his residence and within the same school district as his residence if applicable. If not applicable it will be the closest school to his residence. Approval of such by the IHSLL membership*
- c. *Schools or programs that do not have sufficient players for any of the high school level teams may combine their players into a team at the appropriate level, and play as a combined team on a season by season basis approved by the IHSLL membership.*

Andy Elliot, President of Boise High School Boys Lacrosse Club, stated he will talk with the family mentioned above to determine if a motion will be brought to the Board for variance for this player. Both David Donovan and Britt Talbert mentioned that to evolve, the League must be consistent in their rulings. Eric mentioned that both the IHSLL By-Laws and Policies are currently being updated by the assistance of Bishop Kelly and an attorney. The draft version of these documents will be on the IHSLL website by the end of December so they can be voted on by the Board in January. Neil Nelson indicated that IHSLL Policies do not just rely on IHSAA rules.

Item #2 was discussed that asking for a player to play for school that he doesn't attend, even though his school does have team, due to his father coaching also needs to be brought to the Board for a vote. Sheree Wheeler stated that in the past, this variance has only been approved if the father was the head coach.

In response to item #3, there was a long discussion regarding the new Middle School league, especially in regard to 8th graders and which feeder teams they are supposed to play for in the Spring. However, the Executive Board Members reiterated that though we want to be supportive with this new league, the IHSLL is not responsible for the decisions of the new Middle School. Brandon Pechin with Meridian High School was not in agreement that 8th graders have to play for the Middle School team that would be associated with the high school the player would attend.

Officiating Payments – IHSLL will invoice the Clubs for the full amount due for their games at the start of the 2020 Spring season. The cost is split between the two teams playing. As of the meeting, the Executive Board Members had not heard back from ILOA on upcoming fees.

Schedule update – Only 17 of 25 Clubs had submitted their draft schedules. We asked all Clubs to finalize their schedules and return them to Eric as soon as possible.

Championship Game – The 2019 Championship games were played at Donna Larson field and IHSLL received all the fees. Further discussion is needed for 2020 Championship games such as host, location, date and structure.

Final Comments – Andrea Dittman from Coeur d’Alene stated that it was very difficult to hear the comments during the meeting. She also stated the Northern Idaho clubs (Coeur d’Alene, Lake City, Moscow, and Sandpoint) were working together to finalize their schedules, which may include games on other days instead of just Wednesdays and Saturdays, since they have referees from their area. Finally, the Northern Idaho teams were disappointed that their phone calls weren’t being returned from Treasure Valley Clubs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

The next meeting will be held on December 17, 2019. More details to follow soon.

Please note new email addresses for Executive Board Members:

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