

MLUA Annual Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2018 (Joe Senser's Bloomington, MN)

- 1) **Call to order** – Tony called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2) **Treasurer's Report** – Fred Edstrom gave a summary of "Revenues and Expenses" for the fiscal year to date. The balance in the savings account is \$2,988, the balance in the checking account is \$10,467, for a total of \$13,455. Major expenses to be paid before the end of the fiscal year include Julie Carlson (assignor fee – approximately \$5,800) and the MLUA end of year meeting (approximately \$1,200). Revenue and expense figures will be finalized on 6/30/18 (fiscal year end).
- 3) **New Assignments** – Holly Souza briefly discussed a realignment by U.S. Lacrosse. Holly was formerly the North Central Regional Coordinator, and this position has now been subdivided and renamed (Midwest/Great Plains Coordinators). Tim Likes has accepted the position of Coordinator for referee development in 7 states. In addition, Adam Reitelbach accepted a position as State Coordinator, and will be involved with Level 1-2-3 training.
- 4) **STX Training** – Holly outlined the training, which will be held at Stillwater high school July 20-22. The clinic will be a level 3 / hybrid transition clinic. The instructors will be Holly, Lisa Fickert and Jen Dorff. Possible collegiate rating clinics will be scheduled in the future.
- 5) **Ratings** – A list of officials who need ratings was available at the meeting for review by those in attendance. Steve Kudebeh has completed a number of ratings, but quite a few will need to be done during the off season.

- 6) **Elections** – There were 3 positions up for election:

Vice Chair: Incumbent is Tim Likes, agreed to stay in the position. No other candidates.

Secretary: John Nicholson. No other candidates (Incumbent Adam Reitelbach will not be able to continue in the position due to his new responsibilities as State Coordinator with U.S. Lacrosse)

Member at Large: Kip Kilan. No other candidates (Incumbent John Nicholson is a candidate for Secretary)

There were no further nominations from the floor. Julie Carlson moved to close the nominations, Steve Connery seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

Emily Gray moved for affirmation of the nominations, Peter Heinrichs seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

The slate of candidates was affirmed

- 7) **By-law revisions** – The revisions were reviewed and discussed by the membership prior to and during the meeting. Tim Likes made a motion that the revisions be accepted, Bill Borchers seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 8) **Summer Assignments** – After bemoaning that the college season sucked, Mike Lawrow gave an overview of youth/high school leagues and tournaments for the summer. He stated he would work hard to give assignments close to official's homes, to avoid as much as possible the numerous construction projects.
- 9) **Assignor's report** – Julie Carlson summarized the high school assigning for 2018. There were 108 officials under the MSHSL site, of whom 8 did not work, and 11 were new officials. There were 1,494 games assigned (up from 1,407 in 2017). There were 348 turn backs (down from 360 in 2017). John Nicholson will review some of the chronic officials who turn back games to try and continue reducing the number for the 2019 season. The MSHSL

for 2019 list of registered officials will be used next year to analyze retention, and also to determine if any officials are registered and have paid all their fees, but due to unforeseen circumstances they cannot work in 2019, or have to greatly reduce their availability.

There continues to be growth in the sport, and areas in Wisconsin, Sioux Falls, SD and Fargo, ND will be in need of officials. Bottom line, we must continue to recruit and train new officials.

10) Training – Tim Likes gave a summary of the Bait Bucket training. There were 28 attendees, of which 7-8 expressed an interest in becoming high school officials. There were some college players interested in youth and high school officiating.

2019 training will be posted soon by U.S. Lacrosse. Julie Carlson was asked to request more intermediate training from U.S. Lacrosse. Julie mentioned that there will likely be major changes next year to the high school game, so that it mirrors the college games. This will include self-start and free movement.

There will be a West Coast Leadership Conference in Las Vegas November 30th – December 2nd. Tim stated it will serve as a “mini-convention”.

The National Convention for 2019 will be held in Philadelphia.

11) Local Board Chair Comments – Tony Lancette discussed the continuing need for recruitment, and that each member should look for opportunities to identify potential candidates. Professionalism was also discussed, in our dealings with players, coaches, fans, fellow officials. He thanked the members present for their hard work and dedication.

STEVE CONERY MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED, CRAIG STOCKEL SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED