



US Lacrosse Tidewater Board Minutes – Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 7:00pm

Attendance: Dan Neumann, Neil Duffy, Scott Holava, Frank Logan, Kelly long, Billy Hannah, Heather Holt, John Crumpler, Barb DiArcangelo, Steve White, and Waightstill Avery

Guests: Mike Grogan, Toni Green, Caddie Hardy, and Alex Hardy

Minutes from August 14, 2018 were approved

Exec Committee Reports –

- VP report: Nothing new to report. Remember to keep everybody involved
- Treasurer report: Mark Eissele has put a budget together. Annual Social may be included in budget. Tidewater Board has \$138,000 in the bank. \$100,000 earmarked for HS teams moving to VHSL. Schools can request the money. Per minutes of 2/7/2018 *“Moved and approved to add \$50,000 to existing \$50,000 (Total \$100,000) for New HS Varsity programs. Funds to be allocated equally for girls and boys programs(\$2,500 each). Allocation to be reviewed and approved annually with budget submission.”*

Committee Updates –

- CEP Training: set for January 26-27, 2019 at Norfolk Collegiate
- VHSL Update: There are roughly 18 Girls and 30 Boys Varsity teams. Movement to VHSL will most likely occur with each school having both a boys and girls team.

USL Liaison Updates –

- Woman’s Officials: Still waiting for USL approval of Tidewater Board separating from the Richmond Board. Alice Hartwell will stay on as assigner. Plagues for the Sportsmanship Awards were purchased for \$130. Teams will be recognized at the HRLax rules meeting. The 4 coaches will be invited to the annual Social. A motion was approved to donate \$500 to help defray the costs of materials and training for new officials.
- Men’s Officials: Expecting new officials to sign up. There is the possibility of 2 new teams on the southside. Letters were sent out to Western Branch and Norfolk Christian informing them of

being awarded the Sportsmanship award. A motion was approved to donate \$500 to help defray the costs of materials and training for new officials.

- Boy's Game: Commented on the mandatory background check. New rules include an emphasis on cross checks, warding, and sportsmanship. Targeting the Neck and Head is now a 3 minute, non releasable penalty with possible expulsion.
- Girl's Game: Gathered email contacts for the Coaches, Parents and players on the High School, Middle School, and youth teams to open up communication about more opportunities to play. Upcoming clinic prior to the ODU v. Germany game on Oct. 21. Still have a need for coaches in HS and youth. Club teams at Colleges are a possible resource for coaches. Old Business –
- Board positions and nominations: Formalizing a strong structure that includes President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Other positions include Mens Officials, Womens Officials, Girls Youth Liaison, Boys Youth Liaison, High School Girls, High School Boys, VHSL, Communications, Coaches Education, and Ambassadors. In the absence of a nominating committee, the Executive Committee will put forth a slate of nominees. Slate will be presented at the November meeting. Positions will be for 1 year from November to November. Major groups in the area need to be represented. Outside of the positions on the Board, committees can be formed to work on tasks.

#### New Business-

- The Board declined a request for financial support of a Newport News Try Lax event. While it was already sponsored by US Lacrosse, there wasn't enough information about the event to approve the request.  
Strategic Plan through 2019 will be passed out to the Board for endorsement.
- Need to establish an internship for media outreach which includes a monetary payment with written expectations. Need guidance from USL for posting. The possibility of an Internship through the Sports Management program at ODU.
- How do we grow the sport as we provide equal resources to all?
- Next meeting November 13, 2018