

US Lacrosse - Richmond Chapter
Board Meeting – 8/14/2017

Present:

Bill Karn
John Titus
Sam Stevenson
Meredith Turner
Bill Shirey
Jake Wells
Heather Strausburg
Heather Quinn (remotely)
Ross Baker (remotely)
Kate Sirc (remotely)

Absent:

Nick Braun
Jesse Springer
Scott Heslink
Paul Amos
Kathy Peck

1. Welcome Kate: The Board welcomed Kate Sirc to the Chapter board as the new Officials' Representative for the women's game.
2. Minutes: The minutes for the 6/26/17 meeting were reviewed. No changes were recommended. A motion to approve the aforementioned minutes was properly made and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. Financial Report: Bill S. reported on the Chapter finances. As of 7/28/2017, the Chapter balance is \$28,734.09. Of that amount, \$20,547.09 is unrestricted, and \$8,187.00 is being held for the benefit of the KG Braun Scholarship Fund.
4. All America: Bill K. reported that Ted Palmer from Douglas Freeman was added to the list of All-Americans and All-Academic honorees.
5. Town Hall meeting: The Board reviewed the recent Town Hall meeting. Sam S. was lauded with praise for her excellent work organizing the event. There were about 30-35 people in attendance, including several high school and college coaches, officials, and leaders from both rec and travel programs. Of note was the attendance of Coach Steve Shoul from Highland Springs and one of his players, MJ, who shared his lacrosse story with the group. On the lacrosse side, the themes and ideas that emerged were:
 - a. The college coaches expressed an interest in helping with coaches' clinics.
 - b. Increasing Chapter visibility by hosting tailgates at college fall ball games.
 - c. Officials would like additional opportunities to work games or scrimmages in the fall. The earlier games would allow them to push up their training timeline so the officials can be prepared for the spring season. Chapter agreed to help make connections with the Travel programs to help with this.
 - d. At the high school level, concerns were expressed about the paucity of off-season training and playing opportunities for high school kids not playing travel ball.
6. Sportable: Bill K. advised the Board of an opportunity to support the Sportable wheelchair lacrosse team as it prepares for its upcoming national tournament in Buffalo. The Chapter plans to attend the team's final scrimmage on 8/21 to show support. Several board members will have the opportunity to participate in the scrimmage.

7. Hall of Fame: The upcoming Hall of Fame event was discussed. The need to update the website content regarding the nomination and selection process was discussed. Plan is to call for nomination immediately following the next Board meeting.
8. Board Members: Bill K. nominated Kerry McAvoy to serve as the Board's Secretary. The nomination was properly seconded. The Board approved the nomination. Bill K. nominated Hanna Slough to serve in an At Large position on the Board. The nomination was properly seconded. The Board approved the nomination.
9. Website: As stated above, the Board targeted the Hall of Fame portion of the website for an update. Nick B. was tasked with providing Jake W. with biographical information regarding his father for inclusion on the Hall page.