



WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors On September 29, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Massachusetts Chapter of U.S. Lacrosse was held on September 29, 2016 at 7:00pm via conference call. The meeting was attended by Dave Wheaton, Randy Milou, Bob Kuzmeski, Matt Perry, Ryan Larkum, Glenn Maller, Bill Scott, Jeff Lynch, and Bob Young. A copy of the agenda for the September 29, 2016 meeting is attached to these minutes.

1. Welcome – Dave Wheaton welcomed everyone and apologized for the late start to our fall season.
2. Financial Update – Norm Smith reported that the chapter is currently carrying an \$11,000.00 cash balance in the bank, current with our bills, and on budget.
3. Springfield Youth Lacrosse – Matt Perry reported that the Springfield YMCA had reached out to us and were interested in organizing some future lacrosse clinic along with the help of Springfield College. As far as the Springfield Boys and Girls Club goes, things are a little quiet there right now but our winter clinics will continue.
4. PCA – Dave mentioned that we still needed to select and schedule our PCA clinic for 2016. We were looking at early December for hosting. Ryan mentioned that PCA may be offered now directly through US Lacrosse so there may no longer be a need for our chapter's direct involvement and contracting. More to come.
5. Website update – Jeff Lynch provided an update on the new chapter websites being established and that ours was ready to go live. He is looking for additional ideas and content so that we can eventually become a comprehensive portal for all things lacrosse in Western Mass. Please forward content, announcements and photos to Jeff so that he can get them up on our website. Our social media accounts, Twitter and Facebook, are also now directly linked to the new website.
6. Officials Update – Randy Milou said that they were making good progress with the Berkshire County officials. Overall numbers looked good. It was a great year with lots of high profile games for our local officials. The new observers program has been installed to evaluate and develop officials. Randy also provided a summary of the U-19 World Games in British Columbia. Randy was one of only a handful selected to officiate this prestigious event. Congratulations Randy!

7. Chapter Leadership Summary – Bob Young attended the US Lacrosse annual Chapter Leadership Conference on behalf of the Western Mass Chapter and provided an summary of the weekend's events. A complete summary of the presentations were provided by US Lacrosse and circulated to the board.
8. Hall of Fame Update – Bob Young presented the nominees for induction into the Western Mass Lacrosse Hall of Fame. The board voted unanimously to approve the 5 nominees. This years class includes:
 - a. Ted Garber
 - b. Caroline Nickerson Lovejoy
 - c. Renzie Lamb
 - d. Christine Paradis
 - e. Jeff Coulson
9. Coaches Clinics – Ryan Larkum provided update on the “Train the Trainer” clinic scheduled for Springfield College on December 11th. These are local trainers that would be able to more efficiently provide level 1 certification to area youth coaches. Glenn Maller expressed interest in getting involved with the program.
10. New Business – Lax Convention is scheduled for January 20th – 22nd and the Western Mass Chapter would be once again participating in the New England Social scheduled for 6:30pm on the 21st. No snow this year please.
11. Next meeting – Scheduled for October 20th at 7:00pm via conference call.
12. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.