Meeting Date: 2/24/09
Location: East Rochester H.S.

Meeting called to order 6:05 p.m. by President Beth Angus.

**Introductions.** All Board members in attendance introduced themselves.

**Official Roster.** Personal info (name, address, phone numbers, email) pulled from the Arbiter database and circulated for review for accuracy.

**Dues.** All returning Board members have paid US Lacrosse dues (but for one). New officials were informed of dues ($50) and Board membership fee ($25).

**Bylaws.** Beth conducted a quick review of the Board’s Bylaws as implemented in 7/08.

Beth proposed modification of the Bylaws, sections 2.1 and. 4.11, to remove language indicating that the treasurer /Board will pay US Lacrosse membership for new officials.

**Board Policies and Guidelines.** Document is in draft stage. Several recommendations were made relative to changes to “Preliminary 01” draft.

Suggestion: Form an ad hoc committee to review schools’ paying a portion of assigning fees.

Jason made motion to table conversation regarding assigning & turn back fees. seconded by Bonnie.

**Service Requirements.** Jason discussed form used to document Service to the Board and explained the purpose of members giving Service to the Board. A minimum of 4 Service hours are required annually for officials with two or more years of service.

Service opportunities were reviewed as outlined on the Service credit document (ex: mentoring, volunteer to officiate at preseason scrimmage, rate fellow officials, etc). There is a cap on the number of credits that may be obtained through the various Service opportunities.

Beth indicated credit could be obtained by setting up a training clinic. See Beth if interested.

**Arbiter and Its Use.** Discussed use of Arbiter and possible leniency for new officials who may need a learning curve to learn system.

**Test.** Test may be taken on-line. Be sure to include Beth’s email so she can receive your results. If not taken on line, completed answer sheets are due at the next meeting of Mar 2, 2009.

HS level test includes questions 1-50 and youth lacrosse rules. Returning officials (i.e., Locals) must obtain an 86% or above the first section and get 8 out of 10 correct on the youth rules.

Beth will email note received from US Lacrosse re: clarifications to the test.

**Officiating Jackets & Pants:** Entire officiating outfit is $170 from Turfer Athletics. Testimony given as to quality of clothing. Jason recommended all official obtain outwear that will keep you warm and dry during the inclement weather.
Order info: www.turfer.com  
Contact: Tiffany Owens  
Towens@turfer.com  
401/837-2772

We can officiate in both/all black if all officials and neither team wears black.

**Training.** Jack had a successful clinic and training sessions for the new officials. Feedback encouraged for those who went through the clinic. Jack will designate “spots” on scrimmages for new officials to work with experienced officials.

**Points of Emphasis.** A recent vote defeated a proposal mandating that girls wear helmets during games in NYS. A one year grace period has been given for officials to tighten up the calls and to reinforce the safety and integrity of the game. Review Points of Emphasis in the rule book before the season starts and enforce the rules. It is incumbent upon officials to recognize what a foul looks like and when it should be called.

Rules have been modified so that any check to the head fouls will be immediately carded, the offending player sits out for 3 minutes of game time, and no substitute is allowed to replace the offending player regardless of how many team cards have been administered in the game.

**Scrimmages.** Jack has list of unpaid scrimmages available for officials to assign up to officiate. New officials are signing up to shadow experienced officials. You must indicate if you need to be rated. Please also advise if you are able to rate other officials. The first scrimmage is Mar 14.

**Misc.** Coaches will complete forms on all games to summarize cards received, etc.

Meeting concluded at 7:40 p.m.