Meeting Date: 3/2/09
Location: East Rochester H.S.

Meeting called to order 6:10 p.m. by President Beth Angus. Attendance was taken.

**Test:** Discussion was entertained relative to difficult or confusing test questions. Completed answer sheets were collected.

If tests were taken on-line, results should be forwarded to Beth.

**Rules Interpretation:** Joan Sitterly conducted ‘the annual rules interpretation via viewing and discussion of the US Lacrosse’s educational DVD on 2009’s major rule changes.

Discussion held relative to subsequent fouls vs. offsetting fouls; removal of tabs protruding from mouth guards; hard checks and the defender recoiling/retracting from a check; slash recognition; sticks against the body . . . playing the ball or playing the body?; continuing play v. stopping right away . . . when outside of CSA stop it right away, inside you need to remember who was involved & where the foul occurred; staying on the players/ball when a shot is taken to see if there is any post-shot foul activity; detaining/displacement of ball handler &/or defender – watch arms, legs, hips, etc.; be careful not to penalize good defense; sticks must now be parallel/above centerline at draws; throw v. redraw.

**Sportsmanship Cards:** Beth will check if officials need to read the sportsmanship card to captains, teams or at all prior to a game.

**Disqualified Players &/or Coaches.** It is not up the officials to make sure a player or coach who received a red card in a prior game does not participate in the subsequent game. It is the responsibility of the coach, AD, and/or school involved to enforce the one game suspension.

**Sportsmanship ratings.** Steve Simons presented the revised sportsmanship form that is to be completed following all contests officiated. Both officials are responsible for completing their own ratings sheets for each game. Ratings should reflect both good and bad sportsmanship behavior observed during a contest.

Sheets are to be turned in at the midseason meeting and another at year’s end so scores may be calculated and shared with schools.

**Scrimmages.** Jack Rokos posted the lists of scrimmages for people to sign up to officiate and for rating purposes.

Rating sheets are not in the manual. Beth will email them to all via pdf attachment.

**Policies & Guidelines.** Beth updated both based upon discussion held at the 2/24/09 meeting but for the assigning part of the policies.

Instead of each official completing a sheet acknowledging they have read and reviewed the Policies & Guidelines, one form is to be signed at the meeting at which they are discussed. If you miss that meeting, you will need to sign a separate acknowledgement form and submit it to Beth.

**Motion to vote on Policies & Guidelines:** MJ moved to accept the changes as outlined in the Policies & Guidelines, Dave Weaver seconded the motion. Vote: All accepted, none opposed, none abstained.
Appendix C: Proposed modifications reviewed and extensively discussed.

Additional modification made relative to pre-game duties for arriving at the game to be consistent with the adopted Policies & Guidelines and per the USL Manual, Section 2.2A. As indicated therein, officials are to be on field 20 minutes prior to the game for HS games.

Section C1.01 (9) turn back fee of $10/game modeled after Section IV fee and proposed as a deterrent to discourage lackadaisical game turn backs or declination of assignments when the Arbiter reflects the official is available.

Prior statistics:
2007: 110 turn backs and games declined (out of an approximately 500 game season).
2008: 101 turn backs and games declined.

MJ will assign games for the entire season at the beginning of the season. Many placed strong emphasis placed upon maintaining accurate availability in the Arbiter. Dave Weaver offered his services to assist any needy soul in learning how to properly use the Arbiter.

Motion to vote on Section C1.01(9) of Appendix C as it stands: John Natti moved to accept that section as written. Bonnie Smith seconded. Vote: 10 accepted, 13 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Motion to modify Section C1.01(9) of Appendix C to allow one free turn back after the first week of the season is completed, subsequent turn backs result in the official being deemed in unfavorable standing with the Board and thereby influencing future assignments. So moved by Jason Brightful, seconded by Annie Fowler. Jason withdrew his motion prior to a vote.

Motion to delete Section C1.01(9) in totality and replace it with “excessive turn backs of games, and declinations of assigned games after the first week of the season is complete, will be addressed by the Executive Board and the involved official(s).” So moved by Joan Sitterly, seconded by Mike Boroson. Vote: all accepted; none opposed, none abstained.

Minutes. Minutes for this and the meeting of 2/24/09 to be accepted in future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.