Pre-season Meeting: 2/16/11, Room 529, East Rochester HS

6:10 pm: Carl called meeting to order. Thanks to Jason & Jack for their ongoing commitment to lacrosse through the offseason.

Website: www.rblo.com – new website for the board. Developed by the wonderful Mr. Jason.

Board Intros: Carl Davis – chair; Jason Brightful - chair elect; Don Smith – treasurer; Bonnie Smith – secty; MJ Vrooman – assignor; Jack Rokos-service coordinator & head of training; Don Smith– scrimmages

Season : starts near end of March, scrimmages start 3/16/11.

Returning members: Jennifer Dreywood; Otis Newsom. Going thru Jack’s training to be recertified. Welcome back.

Jack: new members: Scruffles Danielle Whyte (HFL & SJF); Jess McArdle (Lancaster & Naz); Katie Carpenter (club Canisius); Rick Brown (Kathy’d husb); Steve Haggerty

Missing: Dan Strassner

Carl: As officials we need to help each other, old & new. We are the third team out there.

Minutes fr 2010 end of season meeting: 6/14/10: Dave Pulhamus approves, Dave Weaver seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Amendment to minutes 7/21/10: Oversight on election. Second election held. Approved Tim Guerra, seconded Dave Pulhamus

Season is five weeks away: get into shape now, avoid injuries. Need to be physically fit to compete w/ kids, be knowledgeable w/ rules. Do not let the kids down.

MJ: can’t just go run, need to do intervals and have variety in your training to better condition your body. Cycle, treadmill, run outside. Do something 5 days/week if you can.

Beth: LAX magazine approx 1.5 mos ago that outlined a good training program for officials.

To officiate: need to pass test (do online, have result sent to Carl, Jason & yourself); be a member of USL (provides insurance, you cannot officiate w/o being a member – 34 board members are signed up, 3 missing); and attend a rules interpretation.

Don: Budget: opened new acct w/ Canandaigua Nat’l Bank. Started year w/ $1300. After paying Hyde, Eileen Jones & reimbursing Jason & MJ expenses for various travels, down to $986. A big cost at the end of the year is the banquet. Now looking to go off site, have dinner catered for lesser costs without compromising food quality. Let Don know of any place you may be aware of in the Victor/Perinton area where we can have the banquet.
Carl in past around $1200-1500 @ end of season. It is now mandatory for a chair or proxy to go to the convention. Peter Hyde’s cost in going to meeting is distributed to all chapters. Eileen Jones’ fee is also spread out to all chapters.

Motion to increase dues to $30. Motion by Frank Marino, seconded by Tim Guerra. All approved, none opposed. $30 payment due to CNYBWLO, give to Don Smith.

Jason: CNYBWLO: Incorporation of the college officials. There are four chapter boards. We are CNYBWLO-Rochester. When new treasury account was opened, the incorporation documents were still CNYBWLO. CNY-Rochester is how USL designates our board. Website name of www.rbwlo.com was used because that was the available domain.

Ratings & rating renewals: Irondequoit & Baldwinsville rating opportunities. We are now implementing a rating process during regular season games. New USL requirements for ratings, effective last season require include classroom time. A classroom training session will be held the weekend of 2/26 (3-hr). Scrimmages will be used for the 2 hr field instruction. You cannot be paid on a rating game. To be rated during the season, you must pay the Varsity game fee at beginning of season ($70.50). You then keep the game fee you receive in lieu of not being paid for the game. The rating fees received will be shared amongst those who rated others during the season. District raters will mainly be used for rating games. This is the first year we are doing the season ratings, we may have to work out some kinks as we go along & for future seasons. If going w/ rerate during the season, you must declare that to Jason ASAP.

- Jason will see if the classroom & field training completed locally can be completed in lieu of classroom & field training at Baldwinsville.

  Apprentices from last year: need 6 hrs of classroom & 3 hrs of field. Can attend last training class for new officials & the training for re-rates the weekend of 2/26 to achieve the 6 hr of classroom time.

  Season game ratings: Those being rated may be notified on which game you will be rated if desired; but unlikely to be told who is doing the rating.

  Irondequoit: June 25-26; Baldwinsville 7/8-10.

On board website, you can view the new rating policy. All ratings after 2/1/11 will now expire at the end of the quarter in which the rating was received of the year in which the rating expires. (ex: 2-year rating obtained 4/1/11 will expire 6/30/13).

Service & Service credit: MJ: We have changed policies regarding volunteers scrimmages. Board decided cannot cover all requests for free officiating. We advised schools that a 3-school scrimmage on week day (4-schools on w/e) will get you free officials. All scrimmage information was due to Don by 2/15/11. All other scrimmages were to go to MJ for assigning and paid fees to officials. MJ has done assigning for paid scrimmages through 4/6/11. MJ has assigned officials 3/19, 3/26 and 3/21. Need to check the assigned games before you sign up for other scrimmages. If you sign up for a volunteer scrimage, go into Arbiter to block those days/times out on your schedule.

  Blocks: if you change your availability in the Arbiter, you must clear your block for the day(s) on which a change is being input. Otherwise multiple sets of blocks will appear and MJ won’t be able to know if you are free or
not. Must input the action desired (i.e., “clear bocks”, etc) before you select the day(s) you want to update availability.

We should all try to get at least one scrimmage in before the season starts, preferably two scrimmages.

Service Credit: 1 service credit of 1 hr of scrimmages, up to max of 2 service credits. You do not get service credit if you are paid for the scrimmage. You need to bring your Service Credit Application form to each event for signing by the “field manager” for your service credit to be valid. Credits should be signed off by senior most official if a field manager has not been assigned. If you cannot attend a scrimmage for which you signed up, let Don Smith know and he will let the field manager know of the change.

If there is a cancellation, the field manager will contact all officials.

You can text updates to all officials except Vince Bonetti, Chris Pessagno, Heather Major.

MJ gone 2/22-3/13 doing various ratings around the country. If you have an emergency, call her; non-emergency send text or email. MJ’s goal is to get all assigning done by 2/22, but may not be able to do so. Will publish scrimmages w/in next couple of days. If questions arise in MJ’s absence, Jason is the back-up assignor.

College officials: there is a new feature on Arbiter that allows different assignors to view games in another group. In Arbiter – go to profile, click sharing tab, click on “group, level, site time” to allow all assignments to be seen.

Keep availability current to avoid problems w/ assignments. A calendar is published for schools on a weekly basis so any changes do not reflect well on the board. If an emergency arises, let MJ know. You cannot turn back a game w/ letting MJ know. If you decline a game you also need to let MJ know.

We want to avoid assessing fines for excessive declinations and turn backs. If schedules are kept current, then we do not need to entertain discussion of implementing fines.

Head of Monroe Co AD’s have indicated Monroe Co is in dire straits w/ funding. Officials are responsible to contact your partner & ride together where is makes sense. Arbiter mileage is calculated by zip code, not point A to point B. Schools are looking at vouchers to makes mileage charges are not excessive and that effort was made for officials to ride together. If you choose to drive separately, you are entitled to no mileage.

Board assigning fees assessed will be reduced as Monroe Co & Finger Lakes have agreed to pay assigning fees.

New Business: none

Old Business: none

Fees: $70.50 Varsity game

$49.35 JV game

$0.42/mile
Rules Interpretation was completed using USL’s video, which was paused for relevant discussion.

Points of Significance:

**Concussions:** If you remove a player from the game due to suspected head injury, mark the time and player number on your cards to have a record of that removal. There should not be any record of the removal of the injury player made at the direction of the officials.

It is not the officials’ responsibility to diagnose the injury or determine whether the player can return to the game. If a player is returned to the game and signs of head injury are observed again, the officials may remove the player from the game again. Maintain objective and professional dialogue with coaches in those instances.

**Cards and Disqualifications:** If a player is disqualified from a game due to the receipt of two yellow cards, a red card, or any combination thereof, the disqualification form must be completed within 48 hours of the disqualification. The carding official should make note of the time of the game, circumstances, player name and number. An factually accurate accounting of the situation that resulted in the disqualification must be recorded. Please keep the narrative report free of opinion and emotion.

The disqualification form must be circulated to: Carl Davis, Pete Shambo, Ed Storrs, and the league coordinator. League coordinators are as follows:

- Monroe Co: Wayne Smith, Penfield HS
- Finger Lakes: Andy Lee, Waterloo
- Independent League: Nancy Morgan, Livonia

Sportsmanship Ratings: All officials are responsible for completing sportsmanship ratings on each game officiated. Those ratings should include tallies of the number and color cards given to each team, along with a rating of each teams’ players, coaches and followers. Steve Simons will be responsible for data collection this season.

NYS Waivers:

No barrettes at all, including bobby pins, are allowed.

The goalie can be substituted for along the sideline closest to the end line in that portion of the field she is goaltending. The replacement goalie cannot enter the field until the substituted fr goalie is completely off of the field. The substituted for goalie may exit the field along the sideline closest to her end line. The substituting goalie may not cross in front of the opponents’ bench or team area in effort to reach the sideline/end line position to enter the game.

8:35 pm – meeting adjourned.