

GPLOA Board meeting

Sept 3, 2008 7:00PM-10:00PM

Attendance:

Present:

Chase Howse, Paul Kubach, Gary Mitchell, Phil Lock, Frank Powers, Steve Kotch

Absent:

Dan Ferry, David Seidman

Notes

1. PIAA Meeting with Dr. Lombardi
 - a. Statewide rules interpreter – Names of interested people must be submitted by 9/15/2008 to Dr. Lombardi. Board unanimously endorses David Seidman, should he be interested. **Steve to contact David** regarding this issue and others below.
 - b. Should we [GPLOA] look into bulk order of patches at discount? Yes, **Steve to contact Purchase Officials** Co to get pricing on 200 patches (at most is \$400 plus shipping). Suggestion is that we give one to each member and have the rest available for purchase.
 - c. NFHS Rules meeting – Post Notes to website? [**Chase has a version** of document with just the items approved at the meeting. A significant change is a Rule that governs face shields. It appears medical necessity is not a criteria and players can wear regular sunglasses if they choose! We need David's interpretation
 - d. 2009 Rule books will be sent to Chapter Secretary
 - e. 2009-2010 dues bill will be coming out soon. **Steve to contact PIAA** to determine cost. Members will be made aware this bill is for 2009-2010.
 - f. Officials insurance – PIAA membership provides General Liability of \$1MM and excess accident medical of \$25k and ADD of \$5k. **As stated at PIAA meeting and written on Benefit summary, it covers not just interscholastic competition, but youth leagues and adult leagues in any recognized PIAA sport regardless of which sport the official is certified. It also covers assigning, clinics or meetings.**
 - g. Insurance for chapter meetings – covered by PIAA. **Once meeting room has been reserved by Paul at LaSalle, Steve will submit form to PIAA** for coverage.
 - h. Ejection reporting – every ejection must be reported to PIAA so they can inform school(s). This does not replace league requirements. Be detailed [do not say “used inappropriate language” instead “Flag was thrown on play, Number 88 said ‘Are you out of your F#@%ing mind ref?’ ”] but brief. Do not be judgmental [“This stupid kid should be booted for”]

We need to establish a firm procedure for membership. PIAA contacts the AD/School directly, not the assignor. Notification must be timely as many teams play back-to-back days and over weekends. Crew Chief is responsible for report. How are JV games to be handled?

2. PIAA Test status
 - a. 64 passed test out of 137
 - b. *8 members from NPLOA*; Jeff Bogert, Neal Kennedy, Eric Coombs, Paul Winkelspecht, Butch Seip, Mark McCarter, Mike Tonno, Thomas Dinkelacker.
 - c. No one has joined our chapter that is not a current lacrosse official

3. NPLOA members
 - a. What are we doing about this situation? ***Dan to contact Larry Malinconico*** to see if NPLOA is still in existence, and if so, ***invite him to meeting on 9/17/2008*** to discuss satellite chapter possibilities.
 - b. Paul Valerio is not a KLOA member at this time. His assigning duties for PAC-10 and other schools are rumored to being challenged by someone in the Allentown area with the intent on cutting fees and returning to a 2-man crew for varsity. Similar action is taking place in the York, Lancaster, and Berks county areas [SPLOA]

4. October 6th PIAA test
 - a. Review Session – Where/When? ***Steve to contact David Seidman***

5. ISOCS to Arbitor
 - a. Chase & Paul to review list of members distributed by Lee Stevens. GPLOA members have been identified and which of those members have passed the PIAA test. We only want to add members who passed or we feel will be taking the test soon [Tim Udinski for example]. This will reduce initial cost of \$4.00-\$4.50 per official loaded but will require future officials to be entered ‘by hand’ alter.
 - b. Junior Officials will not be loaded at this time. ***Dan needs to explore remaining with iSOCS or AssignByWeb pricing and what SEPYLA South want to use.***
 - c. We will be part of one Arbitor group with KLOA as long as administration is workable. Master sign-on will be shared by Chase and one KLOA assignor, probably Lee. Each assignor will have individual ‘assigning’ user-id, which is at additional cost. Cost of arbiter will be split by membership identification, not the number of games.

6. 2009 Dues
 - a. Walt, Mike, and Ken Tew have not paid 2008 dues.
 - b. ***Paul will prepare 2008 Treasurers report.***
 - c. 2009 budget will be based on input from board. ***All need to let Paul know which items we want included for 2009 budget*** [scrimmage fees, banquet expense, dinner meeting, etc]
 - d. Target is \$40.00 per member or less

7. 2009 USLacrosse Convention Jan. 16-18
 - a. Steve will put info & link on website. Location is Baltimore this year.

8. 2009 Cadet Class
 - a. Chase will look into Hatboro Horsham again, starting the second Thursday in January [01/08/2009] for eight weeks.
 - b. Pricing should be evaluated in order to compensate Chase for his time
 - c. This class will be required for all PIAA officials joining the chapter with no lacrosse experience.
 - d. Special PIAA test session by Tom Brady at conclusion of class would be great. ***Who is going to contact Tom in order to get his feel for this? I would offer to contact him and/or be his designated proctor for exam***

9. 2009 Youth Class
 - a. Unknown need for this. In 2008, too many youth went through program that were not used in SEPYLA season. We may need to restrict program to fewer slots and make it not so easy [attendance, test scores, etc.]

Next meeting will be Wednesday September 17, 2008. Ye Old Beef & Ale on Germantown Pike near Joshua Rd in Plymouth Meeting was suggested if NPLOA rep will attend as it is close to Norristown Turnpike exit. Please email Steve sjkotch@comcast.net you will or will not be in attendance.