

## GPLOA Board Meeting Notes

11/13/2008

### Attendance:

Present: David Seidman, Phil Lock, Mark McCarter, Paul Kubach, Dan Ferry, Chase Howse, Steve Kotch

Absent: Frank Powers

### Current PIAA "passed" counts

As of 11/18/08:

<u>Area</u>	<u># passed/total</u>
District 1	48/68
District 3	01/01 [Bruce Hoffman]
District 11	17/19
District 12	25/37
<u>District 99</u>	<u>02/03 [New Jersey]</u>
Total	93/128

### Membership Meeting

I spoke to Tom Brady on 10/23/08. We can have two meetings prior to the Rules Interp Meetings but not earlier than 1/1/2008. We can have one meeting after the Rules Interp Meeting but prior to start of practice [3/2/2008]. They recommend 6-8 "in Season" meetings of which members would need to make three. Having meetings this Fall would not count toward PIAA credit.

That being presented, the board has adopted the following schedule for 2009:

Meetings of the Northern satellite group will generally be held the day after the General Meetings, thereby allowing additional opportunity for members to make their commitment of six general chapter meetings. Attendance will be recorded at all meetings by the Chapter Secretary if present, or presiding GPLOA officer and forwarded to the Chapter Secretary within 48 hours of the meeting.

#### Northern Satellite Membership Meetings [Location TBD]

January 6, 13, 20, 27

February 3, 10, 17, 24

March 3, 17, 31

April 14, 28

May 12

#### Regular Chapter Meetings [location LaSalle College High School, Room 221]

February 10, 17 [after Rules Interpretation Meeting @ 8:30]

March 1\*, 16, 30

April 13, 27

May 11

June 8

\*3/1 Kick-off will be at Plymouth-Whitemarsh HS

**Steve** will submit Rules Interp Meeting & Chapter Meeting dates to PIAA for publishing on PIAA website.

**Mark** will advise Steve when a venue(s) for the Satellite meetings is obtained so that certificate of insurance can be requested and website updated.

Topics for the meetings will be determined at a later date. Format and content for the Sunday, March 1 Kick-Off meeting will be determined by the training committee. **Training Committee meeting will be schedule soon.**

### **Rules Interp Meeting for Northern area officials & coaches:**

**Mark** has moved the Rules Interpretation Meeting at Lafayette to March 3, 2009, which is one week prior to the H-H session. **Steve** will submit the request for a certificate of insurance from PIAA for this meeting. **Steve** will update GPLOA.ORG website, PALacrosse.com, and EPSLA with Rules Interpretation Meeting details. Meetings at H-H & LaSalle have already been processed.

### **Additional PIAA Test Date**

**Tom Brady** will hold a combined KLOA & GPLOA test in early January. Wednesday, January 14, 2009 is the tentative date. It needs to be several weeks away from the Regular test date of 2/2/2009. Site will probably be Plymouth-Whitemarsh. Applications should write date & location on PIAA's form. Form & fee need to be to PIAA 10 days prior to test date. Tom wants a firm count.

### **Clearances**

The new clearances [Act 34, 151, and Federal Felony Check] will be required for all new officials after 2/1/2009 - even more of a reason to get the test out of the way early. It is not known if this will include those existing officials testing for a new sport. Who will pay for the cost of these clearances has not been determined yet, but not PIAA.

### **Cadet Class**

Cost - \$40 (includes US Lacrosse material)

Max number of students we want? No restriction at this time

Advertising – **Steve** USLacrosse.com Officials Training [Chase completed this],

PALacrosse.com, GPLOA websites, Daily Snooze, Allentown Morning Call. **Dan** to write ad based from existing add. Will forward text to **Mark** for inclusion in Morning Call.

On-line registration – **Steve** will develop, **Chase** to review.

We [**Dan?**] will ask Tom Brady to proctor test the week after Cadet Class finished, which is the first week of 2009 practice.

ALL new PIAA officials in the sport of lacrosse must complete to be considered by schedulers.

### **Adding Mark to Board**

PIAA Bylaws require us to have Pres, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Rules Interpreter, and *at least two* Members at Large. As a board, we could expand our size to have three MaL's and appoint Mark to fill the third slot for the remainder of the year. We can establish in the bylaws that one MaL will be held by a District 11 member until such time as they have a PIAA chartered chapter in District 11.

**Mark** has been appointed as D-11 member-at-large by unanimous board agreement.

## Mentor Program

All feel the program should continue. Mark thinks 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> year guys should have a mentor assigned, others at their individual option. Chase pointed out people at all levels can benefit based on where they want to develop [official, 3-man game, crew chief, etc]. Gary will look for current list of Mentors/Mentee assignments. This could be launched at Kick-Off with Officials selecting their mentor from a list presented.

## Membership Letter

Steve will draft a letter to be mailed to every member. Last year's letter will be reviewed. Target will be right after New Years for mailing

## 2009 Dues

\$45 at or before the Kick-Off Meeting, currently scheduled for 3/1/2009 plus \$10.00 after 4/1/2008. Dues will be announced in January letter. Check can be mailed to Paul or paid in-person at Kick-Off. Paul & Steve to work out a method for communicating who has paid so that an accurate membership list can be maintained.

Fees received from District 11 members will be allocated to Mark for usage/expenses incurred by the satellite group less \$5.00 per official for theArbiter cost, which are paid by Paul for full membership.

## theArbiter status

Arbiter license is valid for us. Cost is \$4.00 per official and each "assignor" is \$25.00/ Lee & Chase will share access to the Primary assignor login. Chase will set up Paul & Dan as "assignors". Chase has assignor, contact, and official PPTs for training. Paul needs to submit to Chase a list of Catholic League contacts. We paid for 120 guys [ $\$4*120+\$75=\$555.00$ ], currently at 110. The "Primary" assignor license can create other sub-assignors. KLOA paid the \$25 for Paul Valerio. Arbiter will load officials Name, Email address – Chase/Paul Not sure about usage of hardcopy availability form or not. Chase will check on personal profile in other sports will come across.

theArbiter provided three training PowerPoint's: Officials, Contacts, assignors. These will be posted to the website for general availability, but a run through of the system may be a good training topic.

## Dist 11 game fee & crew size

Paul Valerio's was chosen to be chosen assignor out of four applicants in Lehigh Valley Conference. Saucon & So Lehigh will play as independents. John Schadler found out about the adoption of 2-man games and reduced double-header fee. Easton HS Athletic Director is the boys lacrosse point person for LVC. \$68 Varsity /\$54 JV Combo \$105 (not \$122). Mark feels we (Chapter) should contact LVC. 2008 fees. \$68 3-man / \$59 2-man (\$127). York (YAIAA - Herb Schmidt), Lebanon & Berks are doing the \$110 double with SPLOA (22 members – ex-coaches).

Mid-Penn \$123 double, \$78 for 2-man varsity

Jeff Hewlings [sp?] @ Emmaus is "official friendly". Jeff Geisel [sp?] @ Parkland is pushing the 2-man games.

## Current Officials Fees are:

Suburban One League \$66 3-man varsity / \$57 JV 2-man (\$123 double)

Catholic League: \$69 3-man \$80 2-man varsity/ 2-man JV \$55

Mark will talk to Paul Valerio @ meeting with league. Safety, training are key points. Chase/David will look for presentation given to Suburban One.

## **Youth Officials**

No discussion

## **Treasurer's Report**

Current Balance is \$2,363.74 before check to theArbiter LCC for \$555.00 was written.