

9/29/25 Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Melanie Kern, Kristin Hort, Matt Maziarz, Catherine Wu, Tham Selvan, Karen Hakenson, Denise Butler, Kara Harlow, Hillary Barlow, Tyler Dunn, Alina Canha, Rich Forcier, Candice Wilkins, Joe Mario, Pete Niejadlik, Matt Cotter, Bill Templeton, Sean Foley

- I. Old Business
 - a. Minutes from September 3, 2025 approved

- II. Board Update
 - a. Current Board Members updated and distributed in meeting
 - b. Needs: HSG, MSB, JRG – all need 2nd member to assist

- III. Current Business
 - a. Finances
 - i. Financials
 1. Filing tax paperwork by November 15, 2025
 2. Reviewed Income / Expenses
 - a. Expenses
 - i. Deposit placed for new scoreboard at Blanchard; Paid by Shoot – a – thon fundraising and Election Day clinic
 - ii. Insurance has been paid
 - iii. Website fee has been paid
 - iv. Tax filing has been paid
 - v. Arbiter payment is due in November, will cover board from December to March season which covers the time period that we pay our refs
 - vi. Scholarship money goes out to recipients year of
 - b. Income
 - i. Funds from Dueling Piano fundraiser in 2025 can be used for capital needs, this will be voted on at future meeting to confirm
 - ii. Bylaws
 1. Thanks to Denise for finalizing Bylaws and pushing through
 2. Appendix which will include voting members can always be amended
 - a. Voting Directors
 - i. Executive Board – President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary
 - ii. 2 travel directors
 - iii. 3 Rec directors
 - iv. 1 Instructional director
 - v. If voting members are not present for meeting, next 2 senior members can vote in their place
 3. Equipment Purchase

- a. Need travel scorebooks, first aid kits, ice packs
 - 4. Shirt Sponsorship
 - a. Kristin reached out to Mill City but has not heard back
 - iii. Travel
 - 1. Boys tryouts are all set, call backs are this week, 4th grade team established and others TBD
 - a. Will most likely participate in the Thanksgiving Tournament, also looking into other tournaments and will inquire if these include girls
 - 2. Girls tryouts will start this week, good on evaluators, 96 players signed up
 - a. League is offering scholarship for past students who are playing in college
 - b.
 - 3. Opened coach applications
 - a. Make sure travel teams are all set
 - b. CORI forms must be filled out, not covered if only completed through school
 - 4. Uniform Ordering
 - a. Tight timeframe, will have try on night, date TBD
 - 5. Gym time – typical start is early November
 - 6. Pullovers to be ordered for new travel coaches
- IV. Recreation Updates
 - a. Never heard back from Groton regarding participation so will likely not be involved
 - b. Evaluations
 - i. Hillary sent out times and dates based on last year so directors to look over and approve
 - ii. Will likely be 2 nights
 - iii. Kathy to start advertising more now that travel is done
 - c. Website page is open for student coaches and refs to sign up
 - i. Will need 2 place holders for gym for coach training
 - ii. Ref ages 9th-12th grade, some higher level 8th graders
 - iii. Current pay is \$15, proposal to increase pay to \$20 depending on level of participation and performance, still to be further discussed
 - d. Start more social media and emails to spread the word regarding registration for rec league
 - e. HSG – Joe proposed a better way to get more students involved that he has witnessed in other communities, involves choosing seasoned “captains” to recruit other high school students and form teams; Kristin to reach out to honor students who have participated in order to show more of a leadership role
 - f. JRB: John Catistrano has been added as a co-director with Sean Foley
 - i. Sean reports that some kids said they got ‘locked out’ of Teamsnap but called customer support for Teamsnap which was very responsive
 - ii. JrG : Still looking for co-director

- iii. MSB, MSG, JRG, ESB, instructional, no updates to report
- V. Initiatives
 - a. WA @ Garden on Sunday January 18th, 11:30 girls, 1:30 boys; younger players may have opportunity to play scrimmage
 - b. Veteran's Day Clinic is 11/11/25 8 am to 12 pm; run by WA, advertised by WYBA, proceeds to be split by the 2
 - c. UML Games
 - i. Proposed dates are girls: Decmeber 14th, boys: January 13th to sell tickets
 - d. Fundraiser for 2026
 - i. Board decided to hire Bruce Jacques, to be held at Nab Lake Country Club on January 30, 2025
 - ii. Mel to book and Alina to send deposits
 - iii. Travel teams to organize gift baskets again
 - e. Swag Store fundraiser
 - i. 10/1025-11/21/25
 - ii. Increase cost for fundraising purposes
 - iii. May try out some other designs to have more options
 - f. Joe had an idea for the 3rd graders who play rec to scrimmage during a WA game to draw more families to the game and increase school spirit.

NEXT MEETING November 5, 2025, 7:00 pm