



Armstrong High School Boys Lacrosse Booster Club

2015-2016 Head Coach – Luke Gellerman

President – Julie Carpenter ♦ VP Finance – Kent Zehrer ♦ VP Operations – Rich Thompson

AHS Boys Lacrosse Booster Meeting

November 16, 2015 ♦ AHS

Attendees: Kent & Carol Zehrer, Kelly Thompson, Julie Carpenter, Jill Ojala, Luke Gellerman, Laurie Ripplinger, Mark Lucas, Julie Foreman

Approved the minutes from the October meeting.

Old Business:

- Alumni Tournament: Sunday, 1/3, 7:00 – 8:30 pm; all participants will be asked to kick in \$5 to defray dome cost.
 - **JulieC:** Confirm PCC for full field reservation
- Open Dome: Captains/Senior Leaders: Have them notify other team members and neighboring schools that there will be open field time at Plymouth Creek Center on most Fridays.
 - **JulieC:** Contact Captains about communicating open dome time.
- Captain's Practice - March: We need to get these on calendar. Luke still looking for a coach to work with boys during Captains practices.
 - **Luke:** Email the list of confirmed Captains Practice dates (as well as lifting dates with coaches) to Mark L.
- Tryout Week:
 - **Mark L:** Add times and dates to calendar.
- Season Kickoff Player/Parent: Saturday, 4/9 – late afternoon. After the varsity scrimmage at Wayzata and a simultaneous 9/10 practice, we will hold the season kickoff potluck meeting. Vicki Shapiro is organizing the event.
- 9/10 Team (coaches, U15 rulings, etc.): Luke looked at the lists of all boys from last year and those coming up from ACYLA; we could have 83 total: 18 Sr, 28 Jr, 24 So, 13 F. With some dropping out, 65 to 70 would be the probable number. MBSLA offers a JV club team – this may be an option for us. In years past, we had quite a few kids quit when they were told they were playing Club. It would need to be communicated to kids that this would be a fun, viable option. We would need to have coaches for this too. MBSLA had their meeting – we need info on what other schools will have JV club teams.
 - Current options: 1) carry a giant JVV team with some players on a practice squad, 2) offer a JV club team, 3) offer only a 9/10 team and cut Srs/Jrs; 4) have 2 JV teams, and 5) have a B-Squad. Points to consider are as follows: cost of carrying 1-2 club teams, additional uniform costs, adding additional JV games to offer more kids playing time, and additional busing cost.
 - **Luke:** Extend formal offer to Jim Ojala as the head coach of 9/10 team.
 - **Kelly:** Look at cost of additional uniforms that look similar to our current ones.
 - **Luke:** Talk to Patti to determine her level of interest in these options as well as her level support and field availability, transportation, referees, trainers, etc.

- **Luke:** Determine the level of interest of other conference coaches for some of the above options.
- **All boosters:** Forward names to Luke of any players that may have indicated a lack of interest in going out for lacrosse in the Spring.
- Spring Field Time (PCC and neighborhood fields): Karen is working very hard with the City of Plymouth. While not firmly booking until January, it looks promising. Luke is working on portable goals to use on fields without permanent lax goals.
- Winter League:
 - Minnetonka is scheduled for JVV – available to Jr/Sr only; we need to enforce “pay to play” rule.
 - **Julie:** Work with Mark to set up the registration on line with credit card payments through PayPal. Email all current Srs and Jrs.
 - We need a second option for younger players, especially need to see what Homegrown has available.
 - **Laurie:** Research the open leagues for Fr/Sophs.
- Survey Results Summary to All Members: The group is split on the best way to use the data collected in the survey. Julie feels that mentioning that we are addressing the concerns at a future parent meeting is sufficient. Julie and Luke have talked about late night, last-minute communications.
- Helmet Inspection and Recertification: All helmets were recertified last year and will be good for 3 years. We need to be clear to parents about the expiration date, and decide how to handle the “rental” helmets.
 - **Kelly:** Be prepared to speak on this topic at the Parent Meeting.
- Volunteer Chairs: see attached.

New Business:

- Player Info Meeting: Captain-driven meeting to be held soon and will be announced to students at school. This will be held after school with a video shown to generate interest; can offer the AHS gloves for sale (can be ordered for holiday gifts).
- ACYLA – need a coordinator. Want to boost the event by having players come into the locker room and walk on the field with the team.
 - **Mark:** Make flyer and promote to ACYLA.
- Need a new offseason coordinator (Sophomore or Junior family)
 - **All Boosters:** If anyone can think of a good candidate, please forward to Julie.
- Volunteers: We need volunteers for Concessions, Basketball Tournament, Flower Fundraiser:
 - **Laurie/Jill, Kim, Karla:** forward a list of dates/times/hours to Carol to upload into SignUp Genius.
- Summer League/Tournaments:
 - **Luke:** Send Kent some info on tournaments.

Financial Report:

- A draft of the proposed budget was reviewed. Best sources of income are Booster Club donations and the plant sale. We are unsure of the amount the basketball tournament will bring in. Large ticket expenses are coaches salaries and subsidized helmets. We would like to increase the amount for coaches so we can get a quality program. Extra teams and additional uniforms could be additional costs as well.

Coach’s Report:

- See above Old Business.

AHS Lax Boosters – 11/16/15

- Luke has a new coach lined up - Kevin Cotch. He has 5 years of experience in south Metro and is in the process of moving to the west side of the Twin Cities. Luke is still working on another Coach to round out the crew.

Next Meeting:

Monday, 12/14

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Frankie's Pizza on 36th

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Communications & Website Administrator

Mark Lucas _____

Event Planning:

- Parent Meeting: Tue., 2/9
- Players Pasta Feed & Flower Sale Kickoff: Mon., 3/21
- Player/Parent Season Kickoff: Sat., 4/9
- ACYLA night: Thu., 5/5
- Senior Recognition Night: Wed., 5/18
- Year-End Celebration

Julie Carpenter _____

Mike Soper _____

Vicki Shapiro _____

Mark Lucas _____

Vicki Shapiro _____

Fundraising:

- Spring Flower Sale
- Concessions
- Basketball Tourney Fundraiser

Kim Olson/Christi Lutgen/Leslie Piazza _____

Jill Ojala & Laurie Ripplinger _____

Karla Casperson _____

Dick's Shopping Day

Kim Olson _____

Picture Day (4/11) Coordinator & Program Book

Kelly Thompson & Julie Foreman _____

Apparel

Sandy Pofert & Robin Smothers _____

Away Game Sandwich Orders for JVV

Joan Evans _____

Tryout Week Coordinator

Volunteer Coordinator

Carol Zehrer _____

9/10 Team Coordinator

(Determined after teams are chosen) _____

Off-Season Leagues and Tournaments
(in coordination with 9/10 coach)

AHS Window Display

Laurie Ripplinger & Jill Ojala _____

Field Reservations

Karen Lysne _____

Field Set Up

J.P. Foreman _____

Twitter Feed

Jim Borowick (Varsity only); Open (JV); Open (9/10) _____

Booster Club Meeting Notes

Carol Zehrer _____