



# Armstrong High School Boys Lacrosse Booster Club

2014-2015 Head Coach – Luke Gellerman

President – Mike Soper ♦ VP Finance – Kent Zehrer ♦ VP Operations – Rich Thompson

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## **AHS Boys Lacrosse Booster Meeting**

August 18, 2015 ♦ The Lodge, Robbinsdale

**Attendees:** Mike Soper, Kent & Carol Zehrer, Kelly Thompson, Julie Foreman, Kim Olson, Julie Carpenter, Karla Casperson, Jill Ojala, Luke Gellerman, Christi Lutgen

Approved the minutes from the July meeting.

### **Financial Report:**

After paying the Which Wich sandwich bill, the Gertens flower invoice, and summer league fees, we have an unencumbered balance of approximately \$11,000. In addition, we have set aside monies for new uniforms for a future purchase.

### **Coach's Report:**

- Luke has worked with Patti Weldon to post the open coaching positions for next spring, and he will begin interviewing candidates next week.
- Mike has posted the 9/10 coach's position which includes both spring 9/10 coaching duties as well as managing Winter League and Captain's Practices. This is in response to the survey feedback for more discipline and order at these practices. It would also allow the Captains to actually work out with the team rather than just coach.
- Luke purchased 5 leadership books for \$15 each for the coaches to share and review/discuss with Luke.
- Luke and Mike attended the last ACYLA board meeting to discuss allowing the 15 year olds (Freshmen and Sophomores) to remain at the youth level. It was clear from ACYLA that they would need a firm commitment from a player to stay with ACYLA from spring season through their summer season. If a player chooses to try out for JVV, they will need to stay at the high school level, but would risk not playing at all if they are cut from the HS teams.
  - Youth needs their numbers before the high school tries out. Therefore, our spring Parent Meeting needs to be before the ACYLA signup time so families understand the risks and choices. This could be a separate meeting for Freshman/Sophomore parents and players.
  - We have an important partnership with ACYLA, and we need to create a positive experience for all our teams.
  - Luke will be staffing a table at Freshmen Orientation night.
    - **Mike:** Follow up with ACYLA to get a roster of incoming Freshmen.
- Dates have been reserved for Captains' Practices at the PCC Dome in March (all Tuesdays and Thursdays). The season begins on 4/4. Luke is still trying to find dome time for Friday, April 8.
- Once teams are picked – all players and parents will be invited to a mandatory meeting.
- ACYLA has usually booked dome time in the winter (Mondays and Wednesday from 4:30 – 6 pm). If they do not use all that time, perhaps we could co-op some of the time for a 9/10 team.
  - **Kent:** Call Karen Lysne to check on whether the ACYLA dome time is available.

**Old Business:**

- Survey Results & Coaching Feedback: We still need to communicate the summary of the results of the survey.  
**Mike:** Email the survey results in a summary form to all members.

**New Business:**

- Mike reviewed the AHS Boys Lacrosse Booster Club Bylaws regarding the procedure for Board position nominations and voting (see full document on the website). Excerpt: The Annual Meeting shall be in September of each year. Election of officers shall be the first item of business at the Annual meeting.  
**Mike:** Send email to the membership notifying them that nominations for Board positions need to be submitted before the September meeting.
- Volunteer Chairs: The members discussed trying to recruit some new people to fill some of the chairperson roles.
- Due to the Basketball Tournament fundraiser's estimated income, it was decided that the Fall Snack fundraiser and Cub Bagging fundraiser will be eliminated.

**Next meeting:**

**Tuesday, September 22  
6:30 p.m.  
Armstrong High School**

