

HICKMAN LACROSSE CLUB

Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2012

In Attendance: Anita Chester, Terri Dobey, Cinda Eichler, Ann Fieser, Scott Hentges, Beth Ann Keener, Bob Livingston, Linda Palmer, Alethea Tennill, Lisa Toler, and Nancy Yaeger.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Room 207 at Hickman High School.

Beth Ann Keener had suggested amending the proposed Minutes from the January 11, 2012 Board and Club Meetings by adding – “**Every family is required to secure a table for Trivia Night or make a \$120 donation**” – as this was stated at the last meetings. A motion was made to approve the Minutes with this amendment, the motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Louisville Coordinator Cinda Eichler reported that two days ago she received an email notice from Louisville indicating that the 2012 Ice Breaker Tournament has been **canceled** due to not enough teams registering this year. The Ice Breaker requires 20 teams to register in order to cover costs of the tournament, but only 8 teams registered this year. Yesterday, Cinda tried to arrange independent games in Louisville with 3 teams from Ohio, Illinois and Kentucky that had registered; however, she was informed today that no playing fields in the immediate area were available. She is still investigating another option for locating playing fields, but it does not look optimistic at this point. Cinda will contact the Embassy Suites hotel tomorrow and see if they will hold the reserved player rooms for one more week while investigating other options. An option for another ice-breaker on March 10-11th that she discovered was a mini-tournament in Republic, Missouri where Republic, Seckman, Cape Girardeau, and a team from Tulsa, Oklahoma will be playing. She has sent an email to the Republic coach to determine if we might join in that tournament, but hasn't heard back yet. Watch emails for updates in this regard. Contrary to previous announcements, no Louisville fees will be collected tonight. If alternative arrangements can be made, fees will be collected at our last Club Meeting on February 29th.

President Scott Hentges reported that we currently have vacancies for **Equipment Chair** and **First Aid Chair**. Bob Nittler resigned tonight as Equipment Chair for personal medical reasons. Cinda noted that she sent emails outlining duties of the First Aid Chair to potential candidates, but had not yet received a response.

Scott Hentges and Ann Fieser announced that **Parks & Rec is shooting a video tomorrow afternoon** advertising our local lacrosse programs. They want to feature youth, high school, and college teams in the video. Players interested in appearing in the video should be at Stankowski Field at UMC at 3:15 p.m. dressed in uniform and with full equipment.

Scott Hentges and Beth Ann Keener reported that the Mid-Missouri Youth League has suggested that Hickman Lacrosse Club, Rock Bridge Lacrosse Club, and MMYL each contribute \$25 per **local referee in training** (for a total of \$75 per referee) to offset their training costs. Because teams must pay travel expenses for non-local referees to officiate games, this would be a good

investment to encourage more local refs. Anyone 18 years or older who might be interested in refereeing lacrosse can get more information at the Columbia Lacrosse website.

Vice President Alethea Tennill – suggested that players take advantage of having no school on Friday to visit potential corporate sponsors. Nancy Yaeger asked that players let her know who they plan to visit so that potential sponsors would not receive multiple visits.

Treasurer Beth Ann Keener reported that the Club currently has \$24,054.12 in its checking account. A copy of Beth Ann's treasury report will be attached to the Minutes on file. Beth Ann read off the names of our current sponsors. Nancy will read this list during our Club Meeting tonight. **All corporate sponsors who want their name on our Banner need to have their donations turned in by February 29th.** Beth Ann will order our new Banner on March 1st. The Banner will be displayed at all home games and at our awards banquet. Ann Fieser will put corporate logos provided on our website.

Beth Ann announced that the **Sunrise Optimist Club** (one of our big donors) would like some players to appear at the breakfast meeting on **March 1st at 6:15 a.m.** to talk about our lacrosse program. Our Senior players should plan to attend. Bring gear.

Secretary Anita Chester reported that she has confirmed that the Hickman Stadium has been reserved for all of our weekend home games and all these games are appearing on Hickman's school calendar. This includes the **Golden Crosse game against Rock Bridge that was rescheduled for Sunday, May 13th at 2:00 p.m.** as a home game. The JV game against Rock Bridge on March 20th will be played at Cosmo Park. Scott has reserved a field at Cosmo for this game, and has reserved Cosmo fields as back-ups for weekend games except for April 15th when Cosmo has a conflict. **Athletic Director Doug Mirts** stopped by the Board Meeting and advised that there does not appear to be any conflicts with the games that we have scheduled at the Stadium. We will need to use the visitor bleachers during our games as the home bleachers will be under construction this spring. Concessions can be set up at the shelter on the visitor's side. Bathrooms on the lower level can be opened during games. The Board thanked Mr. Mirts for his assistance and gave him a Hickman Lacrosse t-shirt.

Secretary Cinda Eichler reported that **96 t-shirts** (48 long-sleeve and 48 short-sleeve) were ordered from logosportswear.com and will be sold at the Club Meeting tonight. 48 of each type were ordered because there was a significant price break at this amount. We decided at the last Board Meeting to sell long-sleeve shirts for \$15 and short-sleeve shirts for \$10. The long-sleeve shirts cost \$9.00 each, so we will make a profit of \$6 for each shirt sold. The short-sleeve shirts cost \$7.50 each, so we will make a profit of \$2.50 for each shirt sold. If all 96 shirts are sold, the Club will make a profit of about \$407.71. Shirts were reserved or pre-ordered at the last Club Meeting in these amounts: 26 long-sleeves and 33 short-sleeves. Additional shirts were ordered in various sizes to meet the 48-shirt minimum needed for the price break. Based on the reserved shirts alone, we have almost broken even because the total cost paid by the Club for t-shirts was \$792.29, and the amount to be collected at the Club Meeting for reserved shirts is \$720. The additional shirts can be sold at Club Meetings, at Trivia Night, and at home games.

Awards/Banquet Chair Beth Ann Keener reported that she is deciding whether to have the Banquet catered or to do a carry-in dinner. She will ask at the Club Meeting if any new parent is interested in being a co-chair for this event since this will be her last year to organize the Banquet.

Communications Chair Ann Fieser reported that she has **updated game schedules** on the website. Ann has also updated our **Coaches Page** on the website which now features photos of all coaches. Coach Huck has volunteered to be the team's **Twitter** messenger. Ann will hand out written instructions for Twitter at tonight's club meeting.

Equipment Chair – vacant.

First Aid Chair - vacant.

Fundraising Chair Nancy Yaeger reported that she will be investigating setting up a Jimmy Johns fundraiser this month. The boys are scheduled to sell pizza in the Commons during lunch hour on February 15th, so we need to check with them about that at tonight's Club Meeting.

Home Chair Linda Palmer reported that she plans to distribute a sign-up list for concession help during home games. Anita Chester will provide her with the names of those parents who indicated that they would serve on the Home Committee. Cinda Eichler will send an email to the coaches of visiting teams before each home game to let them know that we will have concessions available at the game.

Legal Chair Cinda Eichler – no report.

Recruiting Chair Terri Dobey – no report.

Scorekeeping Chair Bob Livingston reported that he will distribute a sign-up sheet for scorekeeping responsibilities – callers, time-keepers & book-keepers – for the games on our schedule. (Time-keepers will not be needed for away games.) An instruction and practice session led by Paige Harris will be arranged for the Mizzou game taking place on either March 2nd or March 3rd.

Parents-at-Large Cinda Eichler & Lisa Toler – Lisa reported that she is storing one team water jug and a number of team water bottles. Lisa may need to purchase additional water bottles and carrying rack from MC Sports. Our other team water jug has disappeared. Linda Palmer volunteered to provide another water jug.

Trivia Night Coordinator Beth Ann Keener reported that she is collecting registration forms and fees for Trivia Night at tonight's Club Meeting. Registration forms and fees that are not turned in tonight can also be mailed directly to Beth Ann Keener. She will have a sign-up sheet at the club meeting tonight for various duties (registration, scorekeeping, concessions, silent auction table, free space & raffle tables, cookie donations, etc) during Trivia Night. Another sign-up sheet will be at the meeting for donation of silent auction and raffle items. Mala Graf and Melissa Kouba have agreed to prepare Trivia questions and answers. Phil Brady will be

preparing pulled pork sandwiches for concessions. Italian Village pizza slices will also be sold at concessions. Cookies/treats, sodas, and bottles of water need to be donated. Linda Palmer will bring baggies for cookies and paper supplies for concessions. Donna Gilmore will contact Hollywood Theatre for popcorn donation. Cinda Eichler will bring a fish bowl for raffle tickets and will provide silent auction bid sheets. A laptop and projector will be provided by Ann Fieser for scorekeeping. Scott Hentges will bring last year's banner and both tent canopies for the silent auction. Bob Livingston will bring the air-horn and time clock for use during trivia rounds. Everyone is expected to assist with Trivia Night, either by helping with activities or by participating as a player. All players should help with set-up and take-down. Doors will open at 5:15 pm and trivia rounds will begin at 6:00 p.m. Rounds should end about 9:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 29, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Hickman Cafeteria. The last Club Meeting is scheduled for February 29, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hickman Commons/Cafeteria.

Submitted by Cinda Eichler
Club Secretary