

Minutes – CTLOA Board
August 23, 2018

On August 23, 2018, the board members of the CTLOA (Ken Singer, Bruce Clark, Andrew Windler) convened a meeting. The meeting commenced at 6:00 pm and concluded at 9:12 pm. The following is a summary of the matters covered at the meeting.

1. General Membership Meetings:

The board approved to continue with the current format for membership meetings. 5 meetings. Mandatory to make 3 meetings. The meetings would stay on the same schedule. Nov – Mar 3rd Monday of each month. We will fashion an announcement at the appropriate time to the membership that strongly recommends making either the December or January meetings due to the implementation of the new rules. We do not have THSLL feedback yet as to whether the shot clock is coming in this season, but we anticipate the new dive rule being implemented. We are also going to reinforce the importance of the March meeting as it is our video meeting. We will work with our trainers – David Emerick and Keith Denebeim to be prepared for the training on the new rules.

2. Youth Committee Recommendations:

In June, the CTLOA board created a Youth Committee (YC). The members of the committee consist of David Emerick (Chair), Adam Curtis and Jeff Morrison. The YC presented the board with recommendations concerning many facets of the relationship between the CTLOA and the Central Texas Youth Lacrosse League (CTYLL). Below is a summary of our actions relating to these recommendations:

- Youth Contract & Assigning Fees: We adopted the YC's recommendations regarding the age, certification, number of officials, game fees and assigning fees for the CTYLL. The YC and the CTLOA are engaged in negotiations with the CTYLL to finalize a written contract.
- Arbiter: We concur with the requirement to fully integrate Arbiter at the CTYLL. It is our understanding that the CTYLL concurs and is sunsetting League Athletics.
- Training/Evaluation/Rating of Officials: We concur and adopt the recommendations regarding the training, qualification and rating of Officials for the CTYLL games. We request the YC to draft specific language concerning the qualification of adult officials to work CTYLL games for board consideration. We request the YC to draft specifics concerning a rating criteria to implement to assist with the assignment of CTYLL games.
- Use of Adult Officials: We concur with the recommendation that we utilized a mix of adult and HS age officials for CTYLL games.
- Assignor(s): We concur with the recommendation to utilize one Assignor for the CTYLL regular season/playoff games and to utilize a back-up Assignor. We accept the committee's recommendation and appoint Adam Curtis as the Assignor for CTYLL regular season/playoff games and Jeff Morrison as the back-up Assignor. Tournament play is addressed below.

- Communication: We concur with the YC's comments regarding communications with the CTYL.
- Rule Waiver Suggestions: We concur with the YC's comments regarding rule waivers.
- CTYLL Board Position/Head Official: We concur with the YC's comments and recommendations that a member of the CTLOA not serve in a board capacity position on the CTYLL, but rather to appoint a CTLOA Head Youth Official to serve as a liaison to the CTYLL. We accept the YC's recommendation and appoint David Emerick as the CTLOA Head Youth Official.
- Survey: We concur with the YC's comments regarding the use of post-season surveys.

3. Youth Committee:

The board acknowledges the excellent work provided by the YC. Due to the grow of lacrosse at the youth level, the board believes it is in the best interests of the CTLOA to extend the appointment of the YC as a regular standing committee of the CTLOA. The board believes that the YC will be instrumental in the management of the operations of the CTLOA at the youth league level. The board requests that the current members of the YC continue in their roles as members of the YC, with David Emerick serving as the Committee Chair. In this regard, the board requests David Emerick to prepare a proposal for board consideration outlining the duties of the YC as a standing committee of the CTLOA.

4. Tournaments/Side-Leagues:

The board will continue to make the appointment of Assignors for tournaments and side-leagues. The following are the appointment of Assignors for the Fall 2018:

- Nov 3-4: Dripping Springs (Youth & HS) (Adam Curtis)
- Nov 17: Austin HS – (1 day) – 7 v. 7 (Youth) (Jeff Morrison)
- Dec. 1 – 2: UT Shootout (Youth & HS) (Gene Brown)
- Dec. 8 – 9: Bitter Lacrosse (Youth & HS) (Ken Singer)
- ULax: Fall (Mens/HH) (Ken Singer)
- TxBxCrosse: (Adam Curtis)

All Assignors are responsible for securing an executed CTLOA board approved written contract for the services provided by the CTLOA for the event they are assigning.

All tournaments and side-leagues need to strive to utilize Arbiter for the assignment of games and Arbiter Pay for the payment of officials. All of these events are set up in Arbiter already, except for the ULax league. We have reached out to ULax for that purpose.

The board recognizes the importance of having multiple qualified Assignors to handle the assignment of the tournaments and side-leagues as well as spreading out the assignment of tournaments and side-leagues to multiple members.

Ken Singer and Adam Curtis are our most experienced Assignors, who have expressed interest in Assigning Tournaments and Side-Leagues. As such, the board appointed each of them as the Assignor for one tournament and one league.

We've received a recommendation from the Youth Committee to train Jeff Morrison as a back-up Assignor for the Youth League. The board requests Adam Curtis to training Jeff Morrison for this event and in his role as the back-up Assignor for the CTYLL games.

Gene Brown has been the Assignor for the UT Shootout for many years. Gene did not assign the UT Shootout last year due to health issues, but he is now healthy and ready to work in that capacity again. Last year the UT Shootout was migrated to Arbiter and ArbiterPay. The board requests that Ken Singer train Gene Brown for this event.

It should be noted that Ken Singer recused himself from voting on the assignment of tournaments and side-leagues.

5. Assignor Fees/CTLOA Administration Fees:

The CTLOA recognizes the importance and utility of receiving payment for administration fees from regular season play, playoffs, side-leagues and tournaments at the High School and Youth Levels. These fees assist the CTLOA in covering expenses and ultimately helps keep members' dues lower. In the past, the SWLOA received a portion of the THSLL Booking (assigning) fees paid to the CTLOA HS Assignor. With the dissolution of the SWLOA, during the past two seasons, the CTLOA received administration fees from the THSLL Booking Fees. During the past 3 seasons, the CTLOA has received administration fees from the CTYLL Assigning Fees. The board reviewed the CTLOA practices concerning payment for administration fees approved the following policy beginning in the Fall 2018:

- The CTLOA will receive 20% of all Booking Fees and/or Assigning Fees for all levels of play (HS & Youth) and for all league play, playoffs, tournaments and side-leagues.
- The CTLOA recognizes that the administration fee for the past 3 seasons for CTYLL play has been lower than 20%. In this regard, the board also recognizes that contract negotiations were already under way with the CTYLL under an expectation of a same type of administration fee as the 2018 season. Therefore, the board will commit to the same level of administration fee for CTYLL play for the 2019 season.
- It should be noted that in years past the SWLOA charged a 50% administration fee for all THSLL Booking Fees. The board recognizes the amount of work involved as an Assignor at every level and did not believe a 50% administration fee was warranted.

It should be noted that Ken Signer recused himself from voting on the policy for CTLOA Administration Fees.

6. Radio:

During the 2018 season, the use of radios was tested on select games approved by the board. The use of the radios was generally positive. The board will draft a written Radio policy and will make a further review of this issue prior to the 2019 season. The board approves the continued use of

radios in the same selective fashion for the Fall 2018, with the goal of making a final decision prior to the commencement of the 2019 season.

7. Board Structure:

The board recognizes that the membership of the CTLOA has grown during the past 10 years, including the growth of a significant sized youth league. The board recognizes that some members in the CTLOA have expressed an interest to increase the size of the current board. In recognition of these factors, the board will undertake a review of the board structure and By Laws of the CTLOA for potential modernization and change.

8. THSLL Contract Negotiations:

Bruce Clark updated the board regarding the THSLL Contract negotiations. Currently, the LOAs are waiting for the next counter from the THSLL. The THSLL has committed to make their next counter on or before August 31.

9. Budget:

Andrew Windler updated the board on the progress of developing a budget for the 2019 season. Unless there is a significant change in the revenues or expenses of the association, the CTLOA approved leaving the membership dues at the same level.

10. Training:

The NCAA adopted new rules regarding the implementation of the shot clock and the “dive” rule. The THSLL has not made a decision regarding the implementation of the new rules. The board recognizes the importance of focused training in these areas during preseason and will follow up with the CTLOA trainers to prepare for these meetings. The board approved a \$1000 stipend to be paid jointly to the co-trainers (David Emerick & Keith Denebeim).

11. IT Administration:

The board recognizes and acknowledge that Adam Curtis has provided valuable support both for the website maintenance and Arbiter/ArbiterPay. The board approved a \$500 stipend to be paid to Adam Curtis for the 2019 season for continued IT support in these areas.

/s/ Ken Singer

Ken Singer, Secretary