



# **MBGLL General Meeting**

**October 7, 2009**

Wellesley Free Library



# Agenda

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- Welcome
  - Who are we?
  - Mission Statement
  - Introduction of Board Members
- Treasurers Report
  - 2009 Results
  - 2009 – 2010 Budget
- 2009 in Review, 2010 Goals/New Initiatives/Your initiatives
- 2009-2010 Calendar unveiled
- Town Fees
- US Lacrosse/MBGLL Coaches Clinics
- Jamboree/Youth Festival
- Survey Results
- SportsManager
- Scheduling
- Voting on New Initiatives
- Closing / Discussion



## Welcome

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- Who Are We?
  - Mass Bay Girls Lacrosse League
    - Roughly 300 girls' lacrosse teams
    - Over 6,000 girls playing lacrosse
    - From 76 different Towns in Eastern Mass
  - Board is comprised of volunteers like you
    - Still looking for members – is it your turn?
    - Second biggest initiative for the season



## 2009-2010 Welcome

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### ■ Mission Statement

- The mission of Mass Bay Girls Lacrosse League is to promote girls youth lacrosse in an environment that emphasizes fun, while developing skills, teamwork, good sportsmanship, and integrity.

This includes:

- Creating a weekly match schedule for member teams to compete
- Promoting the growth of girls' lacrosse throughout Eastern Massachusetts
- Cultivating and assisting additional towns to start girls youth lacrosse programs
- Training girls' youth lacrosse coaches and Umpires

**Positive Coaching \* No Stacking Teams**



## 2009-2010 MBGLL Board Members Slate, Nominations and Vote

President	Chris Mitchell
Executive Director	Christine Habermann
Treasurer	<b>OPEN</b>
Secretary/Clerk	<b>OPEN</b>
North Division Director	Henry Tumblin
MetroNorth Division Director	<b>OPEN</b>
MetroWest Division Director	<b>OPEN</b>
South Division Director	Jeanne Quinlan
New Member Towns Director	<b>OPEN</b>
EMass USLax/MBGLL Youth Festival	<b>OPEN</b>
Jamboree Site Administrator	<b>OPEN</b>
Umpire/Rules/Competition Director	Patty Bolton
Web Director	Ted Kelley
Scheduling Director	<b>OPEN</b>
Deputy Scheduling Director	<b>OPEN</b>
Member-At-Large	Mike Vogel



## Treasurer's Report – Historical Balances

<b>Balance August 31, 2002</b> (Estimate)	<b>\$ 2,161</b>
Net Cash Add from Spring 2003 Operations (Estimate)	3,254
<b>Balance August 31, 2003</b> (Estimate)	<b>5,415</b>
Net Cash Add from Spring 2004 Operations	14,147
<b>Balance August 31, 2004</b>	<b>19,562</b>
Net Cash Add from Spring 2005 Operations	26,380
<b>Balance August 31, 2005</b>	<b>45,942</b>
Net Cash Add from Spring 2006 Operations	2,112
<b>Balance August 31, 2006</b>	<b>48,054</b>
Net Cash Add from Spring 2007 Operations	(1,054)
<b>Balance August 31, 2007</b>	<b>\$47,000</b>
Net Cash Add from Spring 2008 Operations	<b>\$13,546</b>
<b>Balance August 31, 2008</b>	<b>\$60,546</b>
Net Cash Add from Spring 2009 Operations	(754)
<b>Balance August 31, 2009</b>	<b>\$59,292</b>



## 2008-2009 Results

2008/2009 Results	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Budget	Variance from Budget
Town Fees	\$42,112.00		\$43,750.00	(\$1,638.00)
Jamboree Fees	\$33,309.00		40,500.00	(\$7,191.00)
Coaches Clinic			5,000.00	(\$5,000.00)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$75,421.00</b>		<b>\$89,250.00</b>	<b>(\$13,829.00)</b>
Jamboree Expense		\$27,589.10	35,500.00	\$7,910.90
Coaches Clinic		5792.77	\$5,000.00	(\$792.77)
Youth Festival		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
SportsManager		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Ref Assignors		\$3,588.00	\$4,500.00	\$912.00
Umpire Training			\$2,000.00	
US Lax Conference		\$5,197.96	\$5,000.00	(\$197.96)
Accountant		\$1,010.00	\$1,000.00	(\$10.00)
Administration		\$26,231.00	\$26,250.00	\$19.00
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$79,408.83</b>	<b>\$89,250.00</b>	<b>\$9,841.17</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$75,421.00</b>	<b>\$79,408.83</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$3,987.83)</b>



## 2009-2010 – Budget

Town Fees	\$37,500.00
Jamboree Fees	\$36,000.00
Coaches Clinic	\$5,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$78,500.00</b>
Jamboree Expense	29,000.00
Coaches Clinic	\$5,000.00
SportsManager	\$10,000.00
Ref Assignors	\$4,000.00
US Lax Conference	\$5,000.00
Accountant	\$2,000.00
Administration	\$26,500.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$81,500.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$3,000.00)</b>



## 2009-2010 – Review of Goals

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- **Manage growing competitiveness/Improve Sportsmanship**
  - Educate coaches
  - Educate umpires
  - Educate players
  - “Honor the Game” and “Rules Card” handouts
  - US Lacrosse youth rules posted on [www.mbgll.org](http://www.mbgll.org)
  - Interactive Rules Q. and A. (players, coaches, umpires invited)
- **Manage Growth**
  - Replenish board positions
  - Increase communication
  - Increase member participation
- **Player and Coaches’ Education**
  - Offer US Lacrosse Level 1 Coaches’ Clinic (Feb. Mar.)
  - Offer US Lacrosse Level 2 Coaches’ Clinic (Oct. 17)
  - STX skills demonstrations (players, coaches, umpires invited)



## 2009-2010 Goals cont...

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- **Continue supporting town program “manageability”**
  - Give towns access to easy-to-use tools to manage program information
  - Improve communications at all levels
  - Release game schedule earlier
  - Let us all focus more on the game and HAVE FUN!
  
- **Increase MBGLL member benefits**
  - Create infrastructure to keep girls’ lacrosse fun and safe
  - Education - Coaching clinics – up-to-date training offered locally
  - Automated Scheduling (Games and Referees)
  - New program development
  - Jamboree
  - SportsManager – available to towns for registration and can act as your web site
  - Vendors and sponsors support MBGLL



## 2009-2010 Preview of New Initiatives

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- Increase knowledge of game rules for players, coaches, and umpires
- Encourage referee training/certification
- Continue to build the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program
- Increase member benefits
- Update and expand web site
- Continue to support existing initiatives
- Expand coaches and players' training opportunities



## 2009-2010 MBGLL Key Dates

November 1	SportsManager – Team registration opens
January 29	Final team registration, counts, field information (via SportsManager) and payments due (received) today
February 1	\$50 late fee applies today for any payment/registration not received by Jan. 30
March 6	All age waivers due to your division director
April 2	Jamboree registration opens
April 11	MBGLL games start today (April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, June 6; Jamboree weekend June 12-13)
June 12-13	MBGLL Girls' Jamboree(s)



## 2009-2010 MBGLL Key Dates

### Upcoming Training Clinics

*Sign up at [www.uslacrosse.org](http://www.uslacrosse.org)*

October 17	US Lacrosse Level 2 Coaches Clinic <i>(Babson College)</i>
January 15-17	US Lacrosse National Convention (Baltimore)
February 6	US Lacrosse Level 1 Coaches Clinic <i>(Bridgewater Middle School)</i>
February 27	US Lacrosse Level 1 Coaches Clinic <i>(Ipswich High School)</i>
March 6	US Lacrosse Level 1 Coaches Clinic <i>(Groton Middle School)</i>

Level 1 and Level 2 Certification available through US Lacrosse



## 2009-10 MBGLL Key Dates cont...

### Division Meetings - *all coaches invited*

October 19	South Division Meeting, South Shore Field House, Pembroke
October 21	North Division Meeting, Beverly Public Library, Beverly
October 26	MetroWest Division Meeting, Westborough Library, Westboro
October 28	MetroNorth Division Meeting, Littleton Library, Littleton

### Rules Q & A/STX Skills Meeting/D1 Player and/or Coach Q. and A. *Coaches, Players, Umpires invited*

December 6	Acton High School, Acton
February 7	TBA
April 10	TBA

At least one person from your town's program must attend one division and one rules meeting



## 2009-2010 MBGLL Fees (Same as 2008-09)

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- Team Registration
  - Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> - \$125
  - Grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$60
- Referee Fees (split amongst teams)
  - Per game fee \$70
  - Trailer referees' per game fee - \$30
- Note
  - If trailer referees game alone, he/she receives \$70.
  - If 2 trailer referees share a game, they split the \$70.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade games are umpired by trailer referees (\$30) or team coaches
- Jamboree Fee
  - \$225 per team



## Spring 2010 Jamboree Committee

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- Proposal
  - Return to Acton/Boxboro if unable to identify a larger venue for the event.
  - Exhibit good sportsmanship
  - Run by volunteers. Please increase your volunteer help
  - Vote: 6 teams were unable to participate in the 2009 Jamboree due to lack of fields. If we are unable to find a larger venue, do you want to hold a Saturday evening session?



## Survey Results

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- MBGLL encourages members to help develop the league
- MBGLL developed an on-line survey this Sept.
  - In general, members think MBGLL is doing a good job
  - Still room for improvement
- Results available on [MBGLL.org](http://MBGLL.org) shortly.
- Thank you for participating!



## SportsManager

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- SportsManager
  - A powerful program included with your registration at no additional cost
  - Features
    - On-line registration
    - Links to your web site
    - Can act as your web site
    - E-mail system
    - Roster management
    - Field management
    - Scheduling tool for extra games
  - More information on website or from Division Directors



## Scheduling Overview

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- Last year's scheduling process got harder rather than easier because of...
  - Increased town black-outs
  - Increased exceptions requested
  - Towns not submitting teams at every level of play
  - Fewer available fields
  - Towns only scheduling on turf fields
  - Late registration payments
- Goal:
  - Release schedule earlier
  - Make scheduling process easier



## Scheduling Process

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- Vote: Game scheduling (1 hour apart was too tight last year)
- Options:
  - 70 minutes apart
  - 15 minute break after 2<sup>nd</sup> game
    - Can still fit 5 games between 12:00pm and 6pm
    - Teams MUST warm up on the sidelines and be ready to play
- Vote: More “block scheduling”
  - Towns who submit teams at each level will probably receive more home games. (Exception – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade level is exempt)
  - Towns who don’t submit a team at each level will probably receive fewer home games.
- Vote: No black-outs
  - MBGLL will create the schedule. If towns are unable to play at home, then they rearrange the schedule with the other team and update Sportsmanager.



## Scheduling Process cont...

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- Vote: On-line payment via SportsManager
  - Last year ...
    - We were almost a month late in releasing the schedule due to missing payments
    - Late release date caused towns to loose their fields
    - Executive and Division Directors (volunteers) spent hours trying to chase down payments
    - Late release date made it difficult to schedule umpires
  - Proposal: All payments made on-line by credit card
    - This should eliminate the delay in creating the schedule
    - Increase payment tracking
    - Decrease work for Executive and Division Directors
    - Will help us to keep our fees down so that we don't have to hire someone to complete the scheduling.
  - Vote: Do you approve on-line payments?



## Scheduling Process cont...

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- Non-Blocked Teams
  - MBGLL recognizes that towns are still building programs and we encourage that! To accommodate uneven or new growth, we will allow non-blocked teams.
    - MBGLL will block these teams with non-blocked teams from other towns to facilitate scheduling.
    - These teams may receive fewer home games
    - Please note that orphan teams will **definitely** need separate coaches, as they will not travel with other town teams.
    - After the schedule is built, towns may swap games to “share” orphan status among teams.



## Grade 1/2 Program

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- 1st and 2nd grade teams are not yet bundled into blocks, as they are still part of a developmental program
  
- Grade 1/2 teams will be scheduled by MBGLL for the second half of the season only
  - You are free to schedule games directly with other programs earlier in the first half
  - Create “Scrimmage” games in SportsManager and you have the possibility of receiving a trailer referee to officiate the game.
    - Intent is to work on skills the first half of the year and game play during the second half.



## 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Play

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- Consistent team play across **ALL** divisions
  - 7 v 7 with optional goalie
  - Coaches allowed on field during season but not within 12 meter fan.
    - No coaches allowed on the field at the Jamboree.
- Follow US Lacrosse Level C rules
  
- Vote: Do you want to require the goalie and one player to stay behind the center line?



## Contact Us For More Information

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- MBGLL.org
  - Bookmark this site
  - Check site for 2009-2010 updates
  - Feel free to e-mail any directors for additional information and questions



## Competitive Play

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- We are hearing from our members that the girls are improving in their skills as they have gone through the program over the years. We want to address this while continuing to support MBGLL's mission of offering a developmental league.
- Vote: Should we have an option for teams to play select games in addition to the 8 game schedule?
  - Mass Bay rules will apply.
  - Limited to 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



## Questions/Open Discussion

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- What are your priorities?
- Have we missed anything?
- Are you ready to join the Board?



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## Closing

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- **Reminder – Upcoming Division Meetings**
  - Your town's attendance is required at a division meeting. We will present more specific information about the season at these meetings.
    - Oct. 19 – South Shore Field House
    - Oct. 21 – Beverly Public Library
    - Oct. 26 – Westborough Library
    - Oct. 28 – Littleton Library
  
- Honor the game, play by the rules, learn the skills, have fun!
  
- Thank you for your dedication and support!