

TWVLL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Location: ESI Construction Conference Room & Microsoft Teams Online

May 6 2026 | 6:30 p.m. | Facilitator: Anita Keil

Anita Keil – President	Chris Johnson – Idaho National Awards Chair
Hollie Cilpinski – Vice President	Abby Escandon – Coaches Representative
Becky Jergenson – Secretary	Maddie Northcutt – Member at Large
Kaelynn Bennett – Treasurer	Rachel Fortier – Member at Large

<u>Boise</u> Katie Greer – Head Coach Susan Becker – Co-president Kristin McGee – Treasurer Sally McCarthy – Board Member	<u>Bishop Kelly</u> TBD – Head Coach TBD – Assistant Coach Aimee Czarniecki – Board Member Joe Czarniecki – Board Member	
<u>Centennial</u> Bailey Goetz – Head Coach	<u>Eagle</u> Maddie Northcutt – Head Coach	<u>Idaho Falls</u> Dominic Gonzales – Head Coach Tim Kent - Assistant Coach Erin Murdock - Director
<u>Middleton</u> Delanie Ward – Head Coach	<u>Mountain View</u> Joey Oyler – Head Coach Kaelynn Bennett – Asst Coach Becky Jergenson – Asst Coach	<u>Owyhee</u> Abby Escandon – Head Coach
<u>Rocky Mountain</u> TBD – Head Coach	<u>Timberline</u> Leslie Brown - Secretary Tatum Fehrenbacher – Board Member Juli Glitzow – Board President McKenna Sato – Head Coach Charlotte Knuth – Assistant Coach	<u>Vallivue</u> Alyssa Hallock – Head Coach
<u>Sun Valley</u> Kathryn Nixom - Head Coach Scott Esselman – Assistant Coach Ethan Beck – Board Member	<u>Teton Valley</u> Rachel Fortier – Program Director TBD - Head Coach Hannah S – Coach Katie Cisco – Board Chair	

Attendees are noted above in **BOLD**

Minutes - in order of discussion

1. Call to Order at 6.34pm.

2. Roll Call

- Minor clean up of the Contracts log as teams called in. Contact Anita with additional changes needed.

3. Attendees’ lessons learned from Spring Season 2026

- Large number of games during league
- All teams going to the Playoffs
- Too many games crammed in – two games max per week
- High injury incidents
- More time between games
- Roster cap
- Sun Valley field was not ideal – bathrooms were lacking, poor communication about locations and the fields were substantially separated.
- Playoffs need to be in Treasure Valley
- All varsity teams in playoff were better than higher/lower groups
- Lowest (two?) teams do not go to playoffs; top 8 teams only move to playoffs.
- Appreciated season was done prior to graduation activities
- May need 1 more week during the season

- Game schedules need to be more even across teams
- There was an imbalance for some teams where a team may have had 1 or 2 games and then they played a team who already had 5 games under the belt.
- Like when refs had headsets for games
- Headsets are usually only used for big games: playoffs, championships
- Appreciated all the work Anita has done!
- Helpful that traveling teams to be in one location rather than move around all over (especially teams traveling to Treasure Valley)
- Great camaraderie with coaches, appreciate work everyone is putting in, league was more competitive and fun this season
- Consider moving to a championship weekend, bracket style, with multiple games in a day/weekend
- Anita shared that -
 - Teams had to be reminded too many times to complete an action.
 - More Volunteers are required for the championship weekend, Hot Potato & the Jamboree.
 - Too many invoices were paid too late, and teams had to be reminded many times.
 - Rosters were not finalized per the rules.
 - A Draft Overall Calendar was reviewed for the 2026-2027 Season. This will give the boards, treasurers and head coaches will not be surprised. (See attached). It will be updated and reviewed often.
 - Non-compliant teams, coaches, or players will not be allowed to play or be at the sidelines of a game.
 - Ensure responses are submitted on time or you may be told no if changes need to be made
 - Only true extenuating circumstances will be considered for moving games next season.
 - It is better to put JV teams on the schedule and pull them if the team does not work out rather than add them once the schedule is made.

4. IWLUA Concerns

- Discussed determining minimum expectations for referees: current credentials, last training, etc.
- Specific concerns with Dan and Lori refereeing any games going forward.
- Mandatory officials and coaches clinic/meeting before next season.
- Clarify calls, fouls, penalties, etc.
- Anita (and maybe 1 or 2 other executive board members) will meet with Lauren and Kristy to discuss expectations for next year (see above)
- Communication has been happening between Anita and Lauren (IWLUA President) through the season.

5. Score keeping concerns

- TVWLL Rules show the team requirements for all games.
- Correct and consistent stats needed across all teams.
- All table volunteers are required to be Switzerland!
- All teams need to send score table volunteers to mandatory training.
- Rosters are required to have the player information printed. JV players need to be added per game.
- Shared templates coming to a website near you!

6. Open Board Positions 26-27 Season.

- Board member and Idaho National Award Chair. A Varsity parent or coach cannot be in this position.
- Please forward any applications to Anita Keil, president.
- This position must be filled up prior to 01/01/2027.
- Chris Johnson will be available for questions

7. National Team (MT-ID-WY) update by Rachel Fortier

- Rachel's term is complete. Chairperson next season will be from Montana.
- Financially, funds remain from this season.
 - New uniforms are to be purchased.
 - May be able to partial scholarships from national team fund
- Next year, the try-out date was posted earlier, say by end of fall season
- Want to see more Idaho players try out
 - Idaho sent 7 girls and have 13 spots slated as of now
- Coaches really need to communicate with players about this opportunity
- Team did great, moved up a level, and felt it was a good competition level for them

8. National Awards update by Chris Johnson

- 11/13 teams voted. 48 hours before the deadline, only 5 Head Coaches had voted.
- Some head coaches did not get all the required documents submitted for their players.
- Lack of timely responses from Head coaches.
- An email will be issued by 8pm this evening with all the details. Congratulations to everyone.
- Winners are -
 - Coach of the year – **Abby Escandon**, Owyhee Head Coach

2026 USA Lacrosse All American Winners:

Sevea O'Brien – Eagle High School

Aspen Lund – Mountain View High School

2026 USA Lacrosse All-Academic Award Winners -

Greta Tobler – Bishop Kelly High School

Keeva O'Neal – Boise High School

2026 Jackie Pitts Award Winner - **Ania Ciplinski**, Boise High School

9. Financial Update by Kaelynn Bennett

- Have around \$26,000 in the bank with several invoices to pay including Final IWLUA Invoice, St. Al's Athletic Trainers etc.
- IWLUA (Officials) are largest expense.
- Future discussions –
 - Reduce the fees next year – wait until we determine 2026-2027 Budget.
 - Consider offering some scholarship options for national team. Need to look at rules around funding from leagues for this purpose.
 - May be able to look at funding certain things for the whole team rather than for individual players

10. Website / Facebook / Instagram

- Under construction over the summer by Anita Keil
- Facebook and Instagram Accounts to be set up by Maddie Northcutt.

11. Next meeting – Wednesday, 08/12/26 at 6.30pm.

- No July Meeting.
- Save the date for 6.30pm, on Wednesday, August 12th 2026.
- Attendance in person at the meetings is preferred.

Adjournment

Keil adjourned the meeting at 7.25pm

Minutes submitted by: Hollie C

Minutes approved by: