

TVWLL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Location: ESI Construction Conference Room & Microsoft Teams Online
November 5, 2025 | 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 Emily Allen - Co-president	<u>Bishop Kelly</u> Saylor Nelson – Head Coach Aimee 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 Time Kent - Asst Coach Erin Murdoch - Director
<u>Middleton</u> Delanie Ward – Head Coach	<u>Mountain View</u> Joey Oyler – Head Coach	<u>Owyhee</u> Abby Escandon – Head Coach
<u>Rocky Mountain</u> Sean Mason – Head Coach	<u>Timberline</u> Leslie Brown - Secretary	<u>Vallivue</u> Alyssa Hallock – Head Coach
<u>Sun Valley</u> Kathryn Nixom - Head Coach	<u>Teton Valley</u> Rachel Fortier Mitchy Dunne - Head Coach	

Attendees are noted above in **BOLD**

- Call to order**
- Roll call**
- Minutes from the last meeting on 08-27-2025, were approved.**

Minutes - in order of discussion

- Hot Potato Tournament 10-23 and 10-24-25 - reflections and feedback**
 - To those teams it concerns: PLEASE SUBMIT UNPAID INVOICES ASAP.
 - Despite the rain, the weekend went smoothly. Kitty litter does not work on rainy fields.
 - General consensus is that Friday evening was chaotic, and Saturday went more smoothly. Kudos to coaches for getting their teams to the event!
 - There were some issues with officials observed. Anita will be speaking with Lauren regarding officials' training.
- Discussion to address athlete participation when no team is present at their High School.**
 - From the last Board meeting:
 - An athlete w/no school team should play for the team geographically closest school to their home address.
 - A player can request membership with another school with a two-thirds majority vote of this Board, along with the approval of the affected school and school district.
 - Tonight's discussion:
 - Meridian High School team is first example: when that team disbanded, nothing was written about where they went and why. It is understood that ADs in West Ada School District met to decide where Meridian HS athletes could and should play.
 - Comment: forthcoming rule changes would allow athletes in other sports (football) to choose to play for another high school without penalty (1x transfer option only).

3. Comment: No one wants a free-for-all. The geographical rules should address this issue, however it is noted that coordinating between sanctioned vs un-sanctioned teams, as well as TVWLL vs High Schools (primarily West Ada schools) causes some confusion.
4. Question: How are we, as a league and/or board, developing the sport so all schools CAN field a full team? What players are out there, potentially unaccounted for, and what are they doing or planning to do for High School participation?
5. Question: What are the parameters going to be for the Board when athlete requests are brought forward? The geographical rule is helpful, but will there be any consideration for the needs/sizes of existing teams, especially for those teams that have lower numbers? There needs to be a back-stop.
6. Comment: We should work with USAL on past registrations/memberships, particularly at or below the high-school level for purposes of communication and recruitment (for players in districts w/o a clear path to play).
7. NEXT STEPS: by-laws/rules committee to include this in their review, ultimately updating league rules to reflect these changes.

6. **Pre-season Schedule**

- a) The schedule will be prepared with team info currently available, to be released by 12-21-25.
- b) To the teams it concerns: PLEASE SUBMIT TEAM FORMS to the best of your ability ASAP.
- c) Coaches must be compliant with USAL and TVWLL by February 1, 2026 OR start of team training. Issues with age-verification were brought up, and will be address by Anita with USAL regional representative, Lynn Porterfield next week.
- d) Sean, Maddie, Delaney, and Rachel offered to help Anita with the schedule.

Date	Responsibility	Description
10-15-25	TVWLL	Spring League forms Issued
10-30-25	Clubs/Teams	Spring League Form due*
11-12-25	TVWLL	1 st Draft issue of Spring League Schedule
11-21-25	Clubs/Teams/IWLUA	Comments due on Draft Schedule
12-01-25 Approx.	USA Lacrosse	2026 Issue of new NFHS Rule Book
Early Dec'25	TVWLL/Teams/Clubs	TVWLL Board Meeting
12-04-25	TVWLL	2 nd Draft of Spring League Schedule
12-13-25	Clubs/Teams/IWLUA	Comments due on 2 nd Draft Schedule
12-21-25	TVWLL	Final Schedule Issued

7. **Spring Season (reminders)**

- a) Rough date for Tri-National Team tryouts is April 5th (Rachel)
- b) Dates for Idaho National Awards are TBD until schedule is released (Chris).

8. **TVWLL Fee Discussion for 2026**

- a) Whereas there is consensus on increasing number of regular-season league games and playoff games, and in consideration of updated IWLUA contract rates for 2025-2027:
 1. It is discussed that league fees may need to increase from \$70/player to \$110/player to sustain costs including and not limited to: umpire fees and travel, championship & playoff costs, and contingency.
 2. This assumes 336 players league-wide.
 3. Invoices are sent to teams by the end of February, and we should have a better idea of fees as we get closer to that date.

- b) Comment: \$110 for 13-game season is good, according to some. Coaches attending were not in consensus. Issues regarding varying player fees by district, and fundraising were brought up. ie. Bishop Kelly team is not permitted to fundraise.
 - 1. What league fundraisers might exist to supplement the bottom line and benefit all teams?
 - Scheels, Dicks, etc.
 - Alyssa W offered to look into these options for the league.
 - League fundraising to go towards National Team costs, for example?
 - 2. Tournament-style travel weekends to reduce travel costs.
- c) Grants for teams available through USAL (brought up after the meeting adjourned)
- d) Anita: we are trying to be transparent and fair—the rules have already been written and can be reviewed, but these are the obligations of the league. There should be no surprises come January.

9. **TVWLL Bi-Laws / Rules**

- a) Committee – Dominic G., Saylor Nelson, Becky J and Anita K.
- b) 1st Document – TVWLL By-Laws
- c) 2nd Document – TVWLL Rules
- d) First meeting TBD, soon.

10. **Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm in-person and on Teams.**