Lake Tapps Lacrosse Club Board of Directors Meeting

December 28, 2009

Attendees:

In attendance: Beth Lancaster, Kathi Lucchesi, John Russell, Chris Ward, Louis Lucchesi, Eric Wasserstrom, Chris Burton and Dan Lancaster

Guests: Chris Boesche (JV Coach), Jeff Werner (7/8 Coach), Mark Funkhouser (5/6 Coach), Marcus Rosenbam (5/6 Coach), Derek Pearson (5/6 Coach)

Call to order at 7:25 p.m. by Chris Ward

Approval of Minutes: November 2009 minutes were distributed and reviewed prior to meeting and available at meeting.

MOTION #45: A motion was made by Eric W. to accept the November 2009 board minutes. It was seconded by John R. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Treasurer's Report: Beth reported that the club still has about $5,000 out in registration fees. We are in good standing with our budget

Beth had sample uniforms that were purchased for the youth teams. Both 7/8 and one 3/4 team will use the new jerseys and all will have new shorts. New team jerseys will be purchased next year for the 5/6 teams and other 3/4 team. All uniforms have been ordered.

Coaches will get a full set of team gear and will be distributed by the first practice. It was also announced to the coaches that all approved training expenses (i.e. US Lax; First Aid, etc.) will be covered by the club. Two copies of receipts or other documentation need to be submitted – one copy goes to Chris Burton and one to Beth.

Chris Burton mentioned that if Kevin cannot get someone to conduct the First Aid training, he has a contact. Chris Boesche also has someone he can call.

Level 1 US Lacrosse Coaches Certification Training: Louis reported that some of our coaches attended the on site training on Dec. 12. The course was very good and especially good for beginning coaches. Although, even as an experienced coach and player, he was able to take away a lot of useful information. Marcus Rosenbam also reported that the class was very good and was presented very well.

Mark F. asked Chris Burton to clarify what the club wants as far as coach participation in the US Lacrosse certifications (i.e. 100% of coaches have Level 1 or just some?). There was no definitive answer except that all need to have at least the Level 1 online training completed.

Louis explained the costs of certification and process for reporting to USL to become certified.

Coaches update: Chris Burton gave an update on the status of coaches. We have a new potential 3/4 head coach that he just received application for and needs to contact as well as 2 assistants.

He will be holding a coaches meeting on January 20th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Puerta Villarta in Lake Tapps and has asked that all coaches please attend.

John Stenson has asked for some help with scheduling because of his busy schedule. Connie Burton offered to help with that.

Parent Meetings: It is time to schedule mandatory parent/player/coach meetings. Kathi asked for ideas for dates to start scheduling. It was decided that both 5/6 and 7/8 teams will have their meetings on Tuesday, January 12th either before or after their indoor clinics. Kathi will get in touch with the 3/4 coaches to determine their date. Equipment distribution will take place at the end of the meetings.

Field Scheduling: John Russell gave an update on scheduling fields for high school practice and games and youth home games. He tried to schedule double headers for HS JV and Varsity but as of today, none of the JV games are scheduled. Game Farm Park is in high demand but it looks like we were able to schedule high school practices there. The high school schedule is up so we can now better reserve fields for home games. Once BLHS and SHS fields are ready to schedule, John will get in touch with Tim Thompson to fill in the openings and try to get some double headers.

Rally Day is scheduled for April 17th at Bonney Lake HS. The girls may hold their practices and games at Auburn Mountainview HS. The youth were given 5 Saturdays for home games at Game Farm Park. Kathi will forward those dates on to the youth scheduler.

Team Rosters: Much discussion followed about how the 5/6 team will be split. It was announced very strongly that there is not an A and B division and therefore we do not have 5/6 A and B teams.

Mark F. asked about how the club will handle players quitting if they are not on his team. It was pointed out that what is best for the teams as a whole is how the rosters will be formed and it is our hope that players will not quit but that will be addressed if it comes up.

Other Business:

Notebooks: Kathi let the coaches know that each team will receive a team notebook to keep medical release and contact information. It was also pointed out that each coach should have an emergency plan in place for their fields and be able to share that information with visiting coaches.

Photography: Eric stated that Mary Kay Wasserstrom will be the contact to coordinate with the photographer, Jay Ditty.

Scholarship Request: Kathi presented a scholarship request for a new 5/6 player, and asked that the board approve a full scholarship. If the scholarship were not available, another 5/6 family has offered to pay his expenses to make sure he can play.

MOTION #46: A motion was made by Kathi L. to offer a full scholarship to the 5/6 player for the spring 2010 season. It was seconded by Chris Burton. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Sponsorship: Dan asked about the club accepting sponsorships. A request came in from a parent who works for the Sheriff's Dept. They would like to sponsor and are only looking for a plaque to hang on the wall. It was discussed that we don't want to get in to advertising businesses but could possibly put a link on the website thanking any sponsors.

MOTION #47: A motion was made by Beth L. to accept sponsorships but limiting the recognition to a 'thank you' plaque. It was seconded by Chris Burton. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Website Update: Louis reported that our new website is very good. It is very user friendly making it easy to post information. This week he will figure out how to create rosters and then work on giving coaches access to their own team page. Louis asked for any feedback on what we should include on the site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Chris Ward's home.

Kathi Lucchesi, Secretary