#  Lake Tapps Lacrosse Club

# Meeting Minutes

06/06/2013 @ 6:30pm

Held at the home of Jill Ranft

1. Call to order

**Chris Ward** called to order the regular meeting of the **Lake Tapps Lacrosse Club** at **6:33pm** on **Thursday, June 6th, 2013,** held at the home of Jill Ranft.

1. Roll call

The following persons were present: Chris Ward, John McKenna, Jill Ranft, Jenny Pugh, Beth Lancaster, Louis Lucchesi, and Dani Hall. Dan Lancaster and Chris Hall arrived later in the meeting, and Chris Ward left early.

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Chris Ward motioned, and the board unanimously approved the minutes to meetings held in March and May, 2013.

1. Treasurer's Report
* Please see attached year-to-date budget
* HS Player A, who has not made any payment during the course of the regular season, will be set up on a payment plan to pay off the $225 registration fees incurred during the 2013 season. These fees must be paid in full prior to next season's registration date, or Player A will not be allowed to continue to play for LTLC.
* The LTLC Budget has seen a large increase in the reimbursement of US Lacrosse Memberships and Background Checks completed for our coaches and assistant coaches via US Lacrosse. In an effort to potentially cut these costs, Beth will check to see if LTLC would incur liability, should we choose not to

require Assistant Coaches to have Background Checks and US Lacrosse Memberships for next season. It was mentioned that we could use Washington State Patrol Background Checks (much cheaper) for the Assistant Coaches.

* Jill took on the task of researching area lacrosse clubs to see where they were at, in terms of registration fees. She received two responses - Mercer Island and Vashon Island. Mercer Island charges $175 for elementary players, $375 for middle school players and $575 for high school players. Vashon Island (experiencing financial difficulties) charges $60 for 3/4 grade players, $110 for 5/6 grade players, $135 for 7/8 players, $160 for Junior Varsity HS players and $175 for Varsity HS players. After much discussion, and due to an increase in operational costs, it was decided that LTLC would institute a registration fee increase for next season, as follows (not including $50 equipment rental fee):

 **Boys** **Girls**

3/4 grade players: $145 3/4 grade players: $105

5-8 grade players: $200 5-8 grade players: $175

HS players: $300 HS players: $225

Proceeds from these fee increases will go towards the following priorities:

* Field fee increases
* Extra balls
* Stipends for high school coaches
* New uniforms
* The LTLC Board will present a new budget for the 2013-2014 season at the Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM).

1. Manager of Operations Report
* It was decided that the 'ball boys' experiment did not work as well as hoped, and will be discontinued for next season
* Jill asked if it was possible for the scoreboard at Pete's Pool to be used for all games next season. Beth will look into the cost.
* Next season, no one will be allowed to play in the extended turf area at Pete's Pool. It's too distracting for the players on the field, and there is potential for injury.
1. Old Business

a) SSL Update:

* Beth asked if jamboree fees could be included in SSL's season fees next year, so we don't have to go back to parents for more money at the end of the season. Chris Hall said that the fees will be included next year.
* Chris explained that SSL had problems with WALOA officials all season long, including:
* High hits
* Head hits (SSL asked WALOA to call them, and have them serve the same penalty as the profanity rule - this did not happen)
* Coaches walking onto the field to yell at referees and/or players and/or other coaches (bullying behavior)
* In addition, there were problems between and amongst the teams/clubs within SSL, some of which have not been resolved.
* SSL is planning to host an "open meeting," including WALOA officials and coaches, regarding safety issues and other complaints.
* There was large disparity between teams at the 5/6 and 7/8 levels within SSL. The board discussed whether to stay the course with LTLC's geographic split plan, or return to A teams for 7/8 (and potentially 5/6). Louis mentioned that he doesn't believe WHSBLA has the authority to require us to split geographically, according to high school. Dan L. raised the idea of having B teams in the geographic areas and an A team (with tryouts) at the 7/8 level - we do not have the numbers for this right now, but may be able to reach it with effective recruitment. Ultimately, it was decided that Chris would bring the A/B team issue to SSL for discussion and decision. Once he has some information, the board will take up the matter again.

b) WHSBLA Update (Louis):

* Louis explained that there are no costs associated with playoff play - WHSBLA pays for it.
* Louis mentioned that he has a person in mind to coach a potential C team for next season.
* The HS Boys team submitted nine names for All State Teams this year (the most we've had).

Michael Lucchesi earned Second Team All State, Mikey O'Connor earned Second Team All State and Joey Lucchesi earned Honorable Mention.

* John O'Connor was nominated for Assistant Coach of the Year (nominated by other teams).
* The HS Boys team earned the 'Sportsmanship Award,' voted by other coaches in the league.
* In an effort to facilitate communication between coaches and players, the HS team enacted the "Straight Talk" program this season. This program is designed to open the lines of communication amongst and between players, as well as between players and coaches.
* There was a problem between a HS coach and the parent of a HS player. Select members of the LTLC Board will attempt to reach out to this coach and parent, to facilitate a solution.

c) WSLA Update (Beth):

* Beth discussed the WSLA Memorial for Molly Conley - the lacrosse player was gunned down last week.
* The Washington State Team won their bracket in playoffs, playing teams from all over the country.
* Beth stepped down from the WSLA Board, and will finish her term in August 2013.

d) End of Season Jamboree Wrap Up:

* The 3/4 rally that LTLC hosted did exceptionally well - we thank our volunteers for all their support.
* Chris Hall, SSL President, explained that we will be offered the same jamboree opportunity next year, and we can either accept or decline (which would then put the opportunity out to other clubs).
1. New Business

a) Dani will post a proposed change to the LTLC Bylaws, to reflect that the Director of Coaching board position can be held by an LTLC coach, and can retain board voting rights (recusing when necessary, as per every board position). These changes must be posted and distributed to the club via the LTLC website for 30 days prior to the AGM (June 10th, 2013), - they will be voted on at this meeting.

b) Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM):

* July 10th @ 7pm - at the Buckley Library Conference Room
* There are four board positions up for election: Vice President, Director of Coaching, Director of Operations and Treasurer. Nominations can be emailed to Dani Hall at condanchri@comcast.net.

c) Operational Budget for the 2013-2014 season:

* Board members will go over year-to-date budget to see if there are any adjustments to be made; Beth will compile the new budget, and will get consensus via email, prior to the AGM.
* The new budget will be presented at the AGM for membership approval.

d) Potential meeting time/day change for next season:

It was decided that future LTLC Board meetings (after the AGM) will move to Sundays from 2pm to 4pm.

e) Equipment turn in:

* Scheduled for June 22nd @ Dieringer Elementary School
* There was no response from the call for volunteers - Beth will send out information again, in hopes of getting some volunteers to help out.

f) Potential fundraisers for next year:

LTLC will be undertaking fundraising next year, in order to pay for new uniforms. It was decided that there would be a 'place holder' put in the new budget for $5,000 to account for fundraiser earnings. There were many ideas mentioned for fundraisers - the discussion was tabled until after the AGM.

g) AED Grant:

* The LTLC Board agreed to pursue the purchase of an additional AED via a $700 grant used as matching funds.

h) Participation Numbers:

* It was encouraged that board members look into the participation numbers within our club. Beth put together an excellent spreadsheet that details where we are at currently, and where we are projected to grow (or constrict). This document will aid the board in deciding where to focus on recruitment for the future, and in making organizational decisions regarding down the road.

i) Director of Coaching

* Dan will have coaches apply for LTLC positions in August 2013.
* Dan would like to host an end-of-year gathering for all LTLC coaches
* There will not be coaching surveys for next season
* Chris Hall brought up the idea of the LTLC Board considering repercussions regarding families that lie about their home address (in order to get on a different lacrosse team). However, we are not detectives (well Chris is, but the rest of us are not). For next seasons registration, the board will verify addresses.
1. Adjournment

John McKenna adjourned the meeting at 9:25pm.

Next meeting: July 10th at the Buckley Library

 Minutes submitted by: Danielle Hall, Secretary, LTLC