

SSL Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2016

1. Roll Call – Attendees: Rachel Lamkin (KYLA), Mark Funkhouser (LTLC), Chris Gerke (Orting), Chris McCabe (Olympia), Mason Phelps (UP), Dani Akulschin (Peninsula), Tanya Winters (Bethel), John Nesby (NK), Trevor Huddleston (Rogers), Norm Dillon (ER), Charlie Krimmert (Vashon), Steve Hildreth (Gig Harbor), and Sherri Woolworth (Tacoma).

Missing: Port Angeles

Guests: Marci Pollard (Bethel President) & Bryon Hamilton (UP President)

2. Meeting called to order by Mark Funkhouser at 7:02 pm
3. Review and approve minutes from the September meeting  
One correction: Mark Funkhouser should have been listed as LTLC Rep, not as a Visitor  
Charles motioned, John seconded; approved unanimously
4. Board Reports
  - a. **Review of meeting agenda and President's Report:**  
Mark presented recent WHSBLA discussions that may be approved at the high school level regarding going away from the Division I & II HS format and aligning with the standard 4A, 3A, 2A/1A school sports classification; regarding programs that are Conglomerate Programs (players from more than 1 HS) on a HS roster; the state HS board reiterated their focus on requiring HS programs to split and are allowing a two year grace period to remove any players not connected to that high school, waiver may be granted. SSL advises that clubs may want to continue to align with this model.
  - b. **Vice President's Report:**  
Steve will head a subcommittee for revising our rules & regulations; Chris M, Chris G, & Mason P will also be on this committee
  - c. **Treasurer's Report:**  
Charles handed out a spreadsheet with our current financial status; Chris G motioned, Charles seconded, & approved unanimously that \$500 be set aside for possible IRS penalties; **John is going to have his accountant look up our EIN & will report back**
  - d. **Secretary's Report:**  
Rachel went through all the available meeting minutes from the past year & highlighted areas that are potential by-law/rules & regulations changes; she gave that information to Steve; all members present were asked to update their club information with representative & president names & email
5. Old Business
  - a. **Nominations and election of a new Treasurer**  
Charles nominated, Norm seconded & unanimously approved Mason Phelps (UP) as the new SSL Treasurer
  - b. **Chris Hall Memorial Scholarship**  
Chris' wife, Dani, asked that a fund be set up to improve youth player participation by subsidizing club fees or gear to a player(s) in need in Chris' honor (as a coaches' scholarship has already been set up by U.S. Lacrosse); discussed funding, time of year to do the scholarship as well as a formal application; Chris G has a document/application from work that may be altered for this purpose; **Chris G will talk to Dani about this & report back**; it was decided that we table the team fee

(possibly \$10/team) & implementation of this scholarship (SSL's current fee is \$50/team + \$50/game; possible increase in ref's fee?)

**c. Participation and format Pre-season Club/Coaches Meeting:**

Discussion involved possible coaching credit; requiring one rep to attend from each club; having each club provide documentation that each coach has read material & signed; **Mark will gather the information of what was done at last year's coaches' meeting and will draft a format manual**

**d. Collecting Player Info. – Player Picture Cards, Birth Cert., and alignment:**

Since age-based play may be mandatory in 2018, clubs are to look at their players' age information & report back at the end of the season; Player Picture Cards were meant as a preventative measure to insure that teams don't "stack the deck" to win by having best players in multiple games; **For Coaches' Meeting:** required to have laminated rules at the scorers' table, a picture roster & guest players' requirements (swing players allowed at 3/4, try not to have any at 5/6, & none are allowed at 7/8); **Norm & Steve will work on better wording for rules on swing players;** discussion on policy infraction (jury of three peers)

**e. Open Discussion – Improving Club Participation**

NK has had success with "Back to School" nights; Bethel has had success with PE classes; Tacoma has had success with lacrosse demo at football game half-time followed by a clinic; Olympia is going to try the demo at football half-time

**f. Website (Norm):**

Norm was able to log onto the website, delete old info, & fix broken links; **he will provide an ongoing update;** a suggestion was made for adding a budget item for editing software

**g. Bylaws (Rachel):**

**Rachel will email her summary of potential by-law/rule changes discussed at previous meetings**

**h. Discuss remote SSL Meeting participation via conference call:**

Discussion involved having a representative as well as an alternate from each club rather than conference call. There was no interest in setting up the needed technology and a reminder that an alternate Rep can attend if there is a Club attendance issue.

6. New Business

**a. Set SSL meeting dates for Nov, Dec, Jan, etc.:**

Rachel reserved the room at Round Table Pizza for November 9, December 14, & January 11

**b. Discuss SSL Team Fee:**

Tabled due to scholarship fee as well as a possible increase in refs' fees; **Charlie will call WALOA regarding 2017 refs' fees;** last year each club (team?) paid \$20 for the Positive Coaching Alliance meeting

**c. Set important dates; deadline to declare teams and provide initial field availability, game scheduling meeting, pre-season coaches' meeting, start/end of season:**

SSL season: March 4 – May 6 or May 13, depending on decision for 10 or 11 week season; **Trever is willing to work on the teams' schedule;** the following is a rough estimate of each club's teams for 2017:

Bethel: one in each age division

ER: one in each age division

Gig Harbor: one in each age division

KYLA: one in each age division

LTLC: two 3/4; four 5/6; three 7/8

NK: one in each age division

Olympia: one 3/4; two 5/6; two 7/8

Orting: one 3/4; two 5/6; two 7/8

Peninsula: one in each age division

Port Angeles: one 7/8 team?

Rogers: one in each age division

Tacoma: one in each age division

UP: two 3/4; two 5/6; two 7/8

Vashon: one in each age division

**d. SSL Year End Tournament – host, costs and structure:**

Date of tournament: May 20-21, 2017; discussion based on 3/4s opting out; Olympia and Lake Tapps have expressed interest in hosting; tabled further discussion

**e. Discussion on pros & cons of 2016 schedule and how we can improve/simplify:**

Discussion based on scheduling better match-ups, how important travel is; Mark suggested an application process based on how good a team was previously and how many of those players have been retained; tabled further discussion

**f. Reimbursement for games played without refs (5 games for KYLA; Port Angeles? Others?):**  
**Each club has one month to get an invoice into Mark for reimbursement for games played without refs**

**g. Review of Boundary Rules (i.e. Which kids play on which clubs):**

Clarification of boundaries included tribal schools; default to physical address; **SSL's recommendation was for clubs to track**

**7. Other New Business and Announcements:**

Bethel asked about getting kids from their club to ref – go to WALOA website

8. Review of Action Items

9. Next Meeting – 11/9/2016

**10. Adjournment:** Mark motioned, Chris M seconded, all approved, to adjourn at 9:12 pm