

SSL Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2016

1. Roll Call – Attendees: Trever Huddleston (Rogers), John Nesby (NK), Rachel Lamkin (KYLA), Norm Dillon (ER), Charlie Krimmert (Vashon), Dani Hall (Orting), Mark Funkhouser (LTLC), Dani Akulschin (Peninsula), Chris McCabe (Olympia), Steve Hildreth (GH), Tanya Waters (Bethel, Rep), and Sherri Woolworth (Tacoma).

Missing: Port Angeles **Mark will try to contact Port Angeles**

Guests: Bryon Hamilton (UP, Pres), Amber Stream (Vashon Rep?), Marci Pollard (Bethel, Pres), Curtis Estes (LTLC, Pres), Clint Mitchels (UP, Guest Rep), and Mike Connelly (Tahoma)

2. Meeting called to order by Mark Funkhouser at 7:01 pm
3. Review and approve minutes from the October meeting: Trever motioned, Rachel seconded, to approve the October Minutes. Unanimous.
4. Board Reports
 - a. **Review of meeting agenda and President's Report:** There was a general statement about Tahoma attending and being added to new business as a possible future program moving from the GELL League to SSL.
 - b. **Vice President's Report:** Tabled Rules & Regulations Revision Subcommittee Report
 - c. **Treasurer's Report:** Charlie reported that SSL has \$4555 in Checking and \$2599 in Savings; Charlie will be turning over the Treasurer duties to Mason soon; **What was the \$80 fee from University Place (that was supposed to go to SSL)? Software?**
 - d. **Secretary's Report:** Rachel continues to gather all Club Rep & President info
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Chris Hall Memorial Scholarship:** Since Chris Gerke was absent, Dani said that she had talked to Chris and that Chris was going to forward the application. **Mark will contact Chris G**
 - b. **Coaches' Meeting:** Mark reiterated what we discussed at the last meeting, which was to have each club send at least one representative to the coaches' meeting (but more than one can attend), who would then disseminate the rule changes, etc. at their club's coaches' meeting. Each coach would sign off that the information had been read and understood. **Rachel will send out an email asking each club which Saturday in January works best: 21 or 28. Dani Hall will contact our local U.S. Lacrosse chapter to find training in the South Sound region.** In regards to a scorer's/timer's clinic, Marci mentioned that Bethel will be holding a scrimmage training; Mark added that LTLC conducts a clinic as well in conjunction with a high school "expert."
 - c. **Website:** Norm took us through what he has done with the SSL website so far (fixed broken links to each club, being one). He asked SSL to consider purchasing some editing software. Marci motioned and Dani Hall seconded to purchase the software at approximately \$50/month. It was approved unanimously. It was also reported that UP was unaware that they had been paying the annual Go Daddy website fee. Bryon Hamilton is working with us to make the changes so that SSL pays the fee in the future.
 - d. **SSL Meeting Dates:** Rachel Lamkin reserved Round Table Pizza for February 8. **The following SSL Meeting dates can be posted on the SSL website: Dec 14, Jan 11, and Feb 8. The first games will be March 4.**
 - e. **SSL Team Fees:** Charlie Krimmert reported that he spoke to Ron Wright at WALOA and there will be no changes to the refs' fees (\$40/game for ¾; \$50/game for all others)
 - f. **2017 Teams' Schedule Review & Team Alignment:** Trever Huddleston took us through his proposed schedule for both a ten and eleven game season; it was discussed that while some teams may play an extra game, due to an odd number of teams, the win/loss percentage would

determine final standings at the tournament. **SSL determined that our December 14 meeting would be the deadline to submit team numbers from each club.**

- g. **Clarification on SSL and WHSBLA:** There was much discussion on clubs forming multiple teams in the same region under one club (for example, several clubs have two teams at an age level and Lake Tapps has three teams at an age level). There was a question if there is any specific controls set by SSL or WHSBLA. It was made clear that WHSBLA has no jurisdiction over any of the youth leagues in our state (SSL, NLL, GELL, METRO or Eastern WA). While SSL advises that our clubs align with WHSBLA models when possible for easy transition to HS teams, each club works independently to grow the sport in their region in their best interests, as long as there is no competitive advantage.
 - h. **Reimbursement for Games Played Without Refs:** Get any 2016 games played without refs or with a single ref to Charlie ASAP. Clubs are responsible to report this to the treasurer before each season ends.
6. **New Business**
- a. **Discuss SSL Team Fee:** Bryon motioned, Trevor seconded that we not raise our team fee for 2017, but rather use surplus funds (since we are not paying a scheduler) to pay the \$500 for the Chris Hall Memorial Scholarship. For 2018, it was proposed that the fee would be raised to \$60/team to cover the scholarship. It was passed unanimously.
 - b. **Set important dates;** deadline to declare teams (**Dec 14**) and provide initial field availability, game scheduling meeting, pre-season coaches' meeting (**Jan 21 or Jan 28**), start/end of season (**Start March 4**)
 - c. **SSL Year End Tournament** – host, costs and structure: The weekend for the year-end tournament is May 20-21. Olympia is working with the city on renting the RAC. **Chris McCabe will present a proposed fee per team at the December 14 meeting.** LTLC announced that their club would step up if needed to host. Any further discussion regarding club attendance, a non-refundable fee, or how to schedule 3/4s (not playing, one day, or both days), as well as having two tier levels, was tabled. **Representatives: please take these questions back to your clubs for discussion!**
 - d. **Discussion on pros & cons of 2016 schedule and how we can improve/simplify:** Mark presented a template questionnaire that is used with volleyball teams regarding seeding teams into tier levels. **He will re-work this for lacrosse and present a final copy for clubs at the next meeting.**
7. **Other New Business and Announcements:** Mark introduced Mike Connelly from Tahoma Lacrosse. Mike handed out his club's history and contact information. Tahoma has been considering joining SSL. The November meeting is the last date to add clubs before the season. We will wait to hear if they will be applying to join.
8. **Review of Action Items:** See bold print
9. Next Meeting – 12/14/2016
10. Adjournment: Rachel motioned, Mark seconded, all approved, to adjourn at 9:04 pm