

SSL Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2017

1. Roll Call – Attendees: Rachel Lamkin (KYLA), Steve Hildreth (Gig Harbor), Norm Dillon (Emerald Ridge), Trever Huddleston (Rogers), John Nesby (North Kitsap), Mark Funkhouser (Lake Tapps), Amber Stream (Vashon), Sherri Woolworth (Tacoma), Chris Gerke (Orting).

Absent: Peninsula (concerns/input via email) & North Olympic

Guests: Marci Pollard (Bethel, Pres), Jim Horan (KYLA, Equipment Mgr), Al Puntillo (Olympia, Pres), Teresa Nye (U Place, Pres), BJ Herman (U Place, VP), & Mike Connelly (Tahoma, Pres).

2. Meeting called to order by Mark Funkhouser at 7:03 pm
3. Review and approve minutes from the January meeting: Norm motioned, Trever seconded, to approve the January Minutes. Unanimous.
4. Board Reports
 - a. **President's Report:** Review of meeting agenda.
 - b. **Vice President's Report:** Rules & Regulations: A few rules that need some clarification but do not affect game play will be presented at the March meeting.
 - c. **Treasurer's Report:** (Via Email) All league dues are paid. Positive Coaching Alliance has been paid. The state renewal of the 501(c)3 has been paid. Total income for 2017 = \$2900. Total expenditures for 2017 = \$617.68; Savings = \$4555.78, Checking = \$4753.86
 - d. **Secretary's Report:** Rachel updated club contact info. Also, emails will be sent to club representatives; club presidents will be carbon copied. Please communicate with SSL through club reps, if possible, or Cc them to ensure consistent, open communication.
5. Old Business
 - a. Chris Hall Memorial Scholarship: There was one applicant from Orting. **Norm, Amber, & Marci** volunteered to head the sub-committee to review the application.
 - b. Website (**Norm**): Please email any schedule changes to Norm ASAP, so that referees can be allocated (& Mason can pay for them). **Any last minute game changes** must be sent to Mark or Norm so that they can contact Ron Wright at WALOA.
 - c. Chris Gerke informed us that he has reserved the stadium (bleachers, turf field) in Orting every Saturday from 10-4 during our regular season if any teams need a venue if their fields are unavailable. The price per hour is approximately \$40. Please let Chris know ASAP if your club needs a field.
 - d. **Reporting Game Scores:** Each coach must email final game scores to Norm at southsoundlacrosse@gmail.com. Please let him know: 1. Which teams played (ie. Olympia Gold 7/8), 2. Final score, 3. Number of refs, and 4. Any issues. The scores will be posted by the Monday after the Saturday game (48 hours) regardless if both coaches report or not.
 - e. Rules & Regulations Revisions: On January 17, 2017, at 10:44 am, Norm motioned via email, seconded by Mason at 10:57am, to conduct an email vote to approve the revisions to our rules & regulations. Ten clubs voted yes to approve the revisions. Motion carried. By our March meeting, **Steve** will have clarified the language regarding our 20/10 Failure to Advance rule as well as waiver requests. Norm motioned, Chris G. seconded, that **the ¾ level will have stop clock timeouts**. Motion carried unanimously.
 - f. Emerald Ridge/Bethel Waiver Request: On January 19, 2017, at 9:00 pm, Trever motioned via email, seconded by Dani A. at 9:09 pm, to conduct an email vote to approve the hardship waiver request by an Emerald Ridge family. Ten clubs voted yes to approve the waiver. Motion carried.
 - g. SSL Schedule: **Trever** will publish and send to Rachel in the next few days. Rachel will send out to clubs via email.
 - h. **Game Information Sheet:** Discussion of the draft Mark drew up for the scorer's table. Once finalized, each team should have it laminated to the back side of their picture roster.

Conduct/Ejection: Each team's sideline manager will deal with his/her team's unruly parent. It is suggested that the first step is to remind the parent of the Code of Conduct that they signed. This is a "first offense" warning. Many clubs hand out Dum Dums or other suckers to quiet loud parents. Coaches can also help reinforce this (& other rules such as spectators sit on the opposite side of the bench). The second offense means the parent is ejected from the game and the ejection is applied to the next scheduled game as well. It is up to the clubs to enforce an ejection, especially if the parent shows up at the next scheduled game. One possibility is to have all players take a knee before the game starts until the parent leaves the field.

6. New Business

- a. Mark spoke about our Arbiter fee that has recently come to light. For the 2017 year, we owe \$500. Amber motioned and Teresa seconded to pay the Arbiter fee this year. Unanimous. The discussion on if/how to mete this out to individual clubs was tabled until Mason is present.
- b. No Referees for Games: After much discussion on the pros and cons of having coaches ref games if no referees show up, it was decided that **All SLL sanctioned games will have at least one official from WALOA**. Steve motioned and Chris G. seconded. Unanimous. This will be added to the Game Information Sheet that will be at each team's scorer's table.
- c. Waiver Request Clarification: **NO** waivers will be accepted by SLL unless first agreed upon by the home club. At our March meeting, Steve will clarify the language of waiver requests and who is responsible for presenting the waivers. These include waiver requests to play a player up a division, a waitlist waiver, and a hardship waiver.
- d. SSL Year End Tournament: **Al Puntillo** will talk to Mason regarding the different tax filing that may be required for Olympia to funnel the team registration fees through SLL. As to the tournament itself, it was decided that the tournament was open to all with a non-refundable fee per team, which is due by April 12, 2017, as a commitment to play in the tournament. At our next meeting, a sub-committee will be formed to discuss other aspects of the year-end tournament. North Kitsap expressed their hardship to ever attend this tournament as most of their players are committed to Viking Fest during that same weekend.
- e. Potential Referee Training on the Peninsula: This must be handled by the club requesting a training from WALOA. SLL is not involved in referee training schedules.
- f. Smaller fields at the ¾ level. **Tabled.**
- g. Honor the Game stickers were handed out by Teresa & BJ. Thank you!

7. Next Meeting – 03/08/2017

8. Adjournment: Steve motioned, Trever seconded, all approved, to adjourn at 9:09 pm