

## SSL Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2017

1. Roll Call – Attendees: Rachel Lamkin (KYLA), Steve Hildreth (Gig Harbor), Don Wertman (Emerald Ridge), Mark Funkhouser (Lake Tapps), Chris Nye (Vashon), Tanya Winters (Bethel), Scott Person (Tahoma), Dani Akulschin (Peninsula), Mason Phelps (U Place), Chris McCabe (Olympia), Sherri Woolworth (Tacoma), John Nesby, & Marc Orth (North Olympic).

Absent: Rogers & Orting

Guests: Jim Horan (KYLA, Equipment Mgr), Craig Belcher (Auburn) & Scott Perry (Auburn, Pres).

2. Meeting called to order by Mark Funkhouser at 7:02 pm
3. Review and approve minutes from the May meeting: Dani motioned, Tanya seconded, to approve the Minutes. Unanimous.
4. Board Reports
  - a. **President's Report:** A grievance was filed after the SSSL Tournament. Mark formed a three person committee to decide if it should be dealt with by SSSL. The committee decided the matter should be turned over to the offending club, where it is being handled properly. Mark attended the US Lacrosse WA Chapter meeting and gave a report of their discussion, especially pertaining to the MBO program, referee issues, and the girls' game. He also reported having been contacted by Annie Wright School in Tacoma regarding a girls-only team that they are starting.
  - b. **Vice President's Report:** Dani & Steve held a session with the local referees for feedback on this past season. The meeting was insightful & they are hoping in the future to provide a way for referees to give feedback & allow communication with SSSL.
  - c. **Treasurer's Report:** Savings = \$4556.16, Checking = \$11,529.64. Mason has transitioned over to Quickbooks as we are now over \$50k in income. For clubs who had no refs or only one ref, Mason will be crediting their accounts to apply to next season's fees.
  - d. **Secretary's Report:** As many clubs are transitioning club officers, please get any new contact info to Rachel. Also, Rachel's term as Secretary will be ending this Fall & she is not seeking a second term. We will vote for a new Secretary at our September or October meeting.
5. Old Business :
  - a. SSSL Year End Tournament: Olympia sent out a survey through Survey Monkey. Chris compiled the results & distributed them. Overall, the results were positive. The number one negative was parking and the RAC admitted their error in allowing a baseball tournament that same weekend.
  - b. Rules & Regulations Update: Tabled for the September meeting.
  - c. Outside League Play During the SSSL Season: Tabled for the September meeting.
  - d. Fall Lacrosse: The board decided not to sanction a Fall Ball League through SSSL. Instead, it will be a non-SSLL-sanctioned networking among clubs. **Mark will send an email out to clubs asking if they have interest in participating. He will get the list to Norm to put on the website.**
6. New Business:
  - a. Auburn Youth applied for membership into the SSSL. Scott Perry, Auburn's President, shared a bit of their history in splitting from LTLC as well as their goals. They hope to have a K-2 program and currently run a recess clinic at elementary schools as well as an after-school program at the middle schools. Their colors are red, white, & blue. Mason motioned, Sherri seconded, to approve Auburn Youth Lacrosse Association. Unanimous. Craig Belcher will be their SSSL representative. Auburn Lacrosse will serve a probationary period of one year. Welcome, Auburn Saints!
  - b. 3/4 Small Field Play: Due to the complicated nature of moving to a smaller field/smaller team size, the board decided to have representatives bring this topic back to their clubs for discussion. **On June 21, Mark will send an email out to clubs to discuss this topic. The**

**discussion will be open until called to a vote on June 28.** This needs to be decided before clubs open their registrations and finalize budgets this Fall.

- c. MBO Program/Referee Training: MBO stands for Mentor Bench Official. Mason attended a meeting for more information. According to Erik Smith, there will be referee training for each League, rather than one central training in Seattle. Mason is working on a proposal for SSSL to use the MBO Program and will send an email with more information. The estimated cost per team would range from \$40-50.
  - d. Creation of Video/Training of SSSL's Interpretation of Various Levels of Contact Between Different Age Groups: Tabled for September meeting.
  - e. Geographic Split vs. Division Split for Next Season: Tabled for September meeting.
  - f. SSSL Program Growth & Brainstorming Priorities: 1.) Referees, 2.) Coaching, 3.) Table Training, 4.) 3/4 Small Field, 5.) Divisions vs. Geographical Split, 6.) Rules Updates
  - g. LTLC will split into three divisions to align more with their three high schools, but will remain one board for now, with a mandatory split in two years. The three divisions will be the Hornets, Bulldogs, & Titans.
7. Next Meeting – 09/13/2017
8. Adjournment: Steve motioned, Tanya seconded, all approved, to adjourn at 9:02 pm