

SSL Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2017

1. Roll Call – Attendees: Rachel Lamkin (KYLA), Steve Hildreth (Gig Harbor), Norm Dillon (Emerald Ridge), John Nesby (North Kitsap), Mark Funkhouser (Lake Tapps), Amber Stream (Vashon), Tanya Winters (Bethel), Mike Connelly (Tahoma), Dani Akulschin (Peninsula), Mason Phelps (U Place), Chris McCabe (Olympia), Neva Gerke (Orting), & Marc Orth (North Olympic).

Absent: Tacoma & Rogers

Guests: Marci Pollard (Bethel, Pres), Jim Horan (KYLA, Equipment Mgr), Curtis Estes (LTLC, Pres), Al Puntillo (Olympia, Pres).

2. Meeting called to order by Mark Funkhouser at 7:06 pm
3. Review and approve minutes from the March meeting: Mason motioned, Steve seconded, to approve the Minutes. Unanimous.
4. Board Reports
 - a. **President's Report:** Since this was our first full month of games, Mark has had to deal with numerous emails from coaches & parents dealing with various issues. Norm is to forward any major issues that arise from coach's emails to Mark for troubleshooting.
 - b. **Vice President's Report:** Rules & Regulations: Tabled the "Playing Up" discussion; Steve put in a call to US Lacrosse to discuss our insurance liability, especially as it relates to coaches officiating games. There are four tiers of insurance coverage: Parent, Official, Coach, & Player. **To have coaches officiating games would be outside their scope of coverage (practices are different in that they are regular events & involve more coaching than officiating). US Lacrosse covers only accredited officials for a US Lacrosse sanctioned game. In addition, all accreditation of officials must go through WALOA (our referee training facilitator).**
 - c. **Treasurer's Report:** Savings = \$4555.78, Checking = \$8976.32. Mason took us through a run-down of how referees are paid as well as internal changes in Arbiter & assigning. So far this season, no refs have been paid. Our new scheduler, Yuri, has succeeded Ron Wright and has informed us that he has a 4% fee for each game/game change. WHSBLA has bought Arbiter, the third party holding account that we pay in and the refs get paid from. For 5/6 & 7/8 games, refs are paid \$45 (we pay \$48) and for ¾ games are paid \$35 (we pay \$38); the \$3 difference gets paid to Erik Smith, our assigner (his company is ARCOS). Yuri now wants SSSL to pay that \$3 instead of paying it through Arbiter. **Mason will send a letter to Yuri asking for clarification, especially in regards to a \$2500 "slush fund" requested by Yuri.**
 - d. **Secretary's Report:** Orting Lacrosse elected a new club president. Welcome, Neeva Gerke!
5. Old Business – Tabled
6. New Business
 - a. SSSL Year End Tournament: So far, 47 teams have registered. Various questions answered: Olympia must contact Erik Smith with their tentative game schedule to reserve referees. LTLC reported that they used Tourney Machine for their bracketing schedule. **Al & Mark will discuss the formation of brackets & this will be presented at our next meeting with teams having five days to back out of the tournament if they are not satisfied.** There will be All Star pinnies but no game. **Reps are asked to consult their athletic directors regarding ¾ tournament play ("one game & done" or an actual tournament).** Olympia will coordinate with larger clubs for extra tables, tents, etc. Olympia is in charge of buying balls for the tournament.
 - b. Referee/Table Issues: **Mason will email Erik Smith in regards to the prolific number of slashes that are not being called by refs. Mark will send out a mid-season email with updates on table issues.**
 - c. Rescheduling Games During the Season: Steve presented the background for an issue that arose regarding LTLC playing in an outside tournament (a cancer awareness fundraiser that LTLC has

attended before) on April 29 that affects regular season SSL play. Mark & Curtis apologized for not asking for blackout dates at the beginning of the season, as this has caused some trouble rescheduling games. If teams are not able to accommodate this change, LTLC will accept a forfeit. Further discussion will be tabled until after the regular season to clarify moving forward. **Norm has requested that all further game changes go through each club's representative.**

7. Next Meeting – 05/10/2017

8. Adjournment: Tanya motioned, John seconded, all approved, to adjourn at 9:16 pm