

SSL Meeting Minutes Approved – Meeting Date October 11, 2017

1. Roll Call – Sign-in Sheet Meeting called to order at 7:08
Members Present: John Nesby, Trevor Huddleston, Eric Hecht, Tanya Winters, Norm Dillon, BJ Hermon, Scott Preston, Craig, Sherri Woolworth, Mark Funkhouser, Steve Hildreth, Dani Akulschin, Dave Arand
Missing: Olympia, Kitsap, Orting,
2. Review and approve minutes from the September meeting
Norm Motioned
Josh second
Approved
3. Board Reports
 - a. Review of meeting agenda and President’s Report
 - i. Concern about a high school coach banned from coaching at high school who is also a coach for the youth program. (Attach WHSBLA Email)
 1. We need to have an official tracking mechanism to ensure all clubs are abiding by guidelines and record referee, coaches and game issues.
 - a. Audit of clubs for business status and insurance needs to take place.
 2. Concern that one of our Clubs have been allowing coach to unethical and that they have been given too many warnings.
 3. We feel that the leader of the club’s heart is in the right place, but we need better documentation of issues.
 4. Should we send a strongly worded warning to the club?
 - a. If we do it should contain specific consequences.
 - b. Write a strongly worded letter to the club to clean up behavior.
 5. SSL board to review wording of current policies and procedures in place for coaching and club misconduct.
 - a. Every club ensure that all clubs have a code of conduct for coaches.
Send to Steve Hildreth sfhild@gmail.com
 - ii. The New Auburn Lacrosse Clubs want Derringer School District kids to be able to choose to play for their club if they want, because it borders their club and Derringer has no High School. Derringer is the main school district that is part of the Lake Tapps Lacrosse Club.
 1. Tabled until new business
 - b. Vice President’s Report
 - i. Been working with officials on how to help them out in the 2018 season
 - ii. Rules and regulations work
 - c. Treasurer’s Report
 - i. Ask Mason to send out an update on Treasurers Report- He has emailed out to everyone on 10/12.
 - d. Secretary’s Report
 - i. Sent out updated contact sheet
4. Old Business
 - a. MBO Program/Referee Training-
 - i. Contract
 1. Mark is looking at other leagues contracts to learn and form our own documentation on services delivered by our Referee providers Training, scheduling and assigning groups. ARCOS, WALOA, and the Independent scheduler.

2. Note in out September meeting we approved 50.00 per team to fund the Mentor Bench Official Program (MBO). This is not formally set and is still being negotiated to ensure it works well for our league.
 3. Of the 285 games last year, 14 percent were affected with referee issues.
 4. Need more discussion about adding guidelines or rule that each club needs supply a certain number of refs. Should we make it a guideline or a rule?
 - a. Put some kind of language in our rules
 - i. Programs in good standing will make good effort to have a certain number of referees.
 - ii. Referee support
 1. Suggestion to set up an email to the SSL to report on the game if there are issues. Steve will make a proposal for the next meeting.
 2. Field Managers- games don't start until both yellow vests are there, introduce themselves to the referees and bench staff.
- b. Rules and Regulations
- i. Players playing up
 1. A Player may petition the board to play up.
 - a. Steve proposes that we change it to say that players may only play up due to low registration numbers.
 - b. Strike the part about petitioning the board.
 - c. Motion to remove the first line by John Nesby second by Trevor. All in favor all present. No one opposed.
 - ii. Outside league play
 1. Should teams be allowed to reschedule games to play in a different game?
 2. Should we have a black out date?
 3. Should teams that play outside games forfeit their games?
 4. Trevor can build schedules with a black out weekend for this situation. It may force other clubs to have a double header or play a team twice in the season. Every non black out team would have 10 games.
 - a. Teams should identify black out dates to the SSL when your teams are declared. After that Date black out dates will not be considered.
 - b. Teams need to commit to 8 games or they wont qualify for the league.
 - c. Teams will need to pay for all 10 games regardless of games played.
 - d. Motion by Dani, second By John Nesby. All in favor
- c. Geographic Split of the League as Opposed to a Divisional Split
- i. we will stay the same as last year with competitive play and divisions at 7/8 and 5/6 levels.
 - ii. We need more discussion on how we will be handling the 3/4 division this year at our next meeting.
5. New Business
- a. Set Schedule/ Key dates
 - i. Start March 3rd
 - ii. Tournament May 19th 20th
 - iii. 10 weeks of play and blank weekend of May 12th for rescheduling
 - iv. Declare teams and Black out dates: Jan 10th at SSL Meeting
 - v. Give Trevor best guess of team numbers at December meeting
 - vi. December 15th declare 7v7 or 10v10 at ¾ level

- vii. Trevor will play around with ¾ schedule to see if Jamboree or traditional style system would be better. Make decision at later meeting.
 - viii. All team meeting- Jan 27th Orientation with referees, director of coaching.
 - b. Protocol for game result reporting
 - i. Norm takes coaches reporting
 - ii. Steve takes Ref reporting
 - iii. Mark deals with complaints
 - c. SLL Program Growth & Brainstorming Priorities: Coaching, Table Training
 - i. Level 1 Certified if there are a head coach.
 - ii. One coach needs to have first aid cpr certified
 - iii. Positive coaching alliance- recommended- should we make it more of a requirement? A mandatory coaches meeting? More discussion needed at next meeting.
 - iv. One page EXCEL sheet with each coaches status and attached documents.
 - v. **Add wording: All coaches need to have a valid US Lacrosse Membership.** Voted on and approved.
 - vi. Continue to have discussion about accountability of coaches conduct. OLD business next meeting.
- 6. Other New Business and Announcements
 - a. Norm- Lacrosse clinic is being offered
 - i. December 10 Clinic Louis Ratcliffe
 - 1. Located at Kitsap and ER- there will be a registration
 - b. Player Waiver policy
 - i. 2 situations
 - 1. When on a waitlist they can request to play another club.
 - 2. Hardship- player can request to SSL to play for a different team based on a hardship.
- 7. Auburn Lacrosse Club is requesting players for Lake Tapps catchment area. Tabled
- 8. Review of Action Items
- 9. Next Meeting – 11/08/2017
- 10. Adjournment Motion to adjourn by John at 9:09 second by Steve

Key **Action Item** –

- 1. Mark send a letter of Reprimand on behalf SLL
- 2. Mark bring update on Referee Service agreement
- 3. Steve bring a draft of How to Report Issues process