

SSL Meeting Agenda – Meeting Date November 9th, 2017

1. Roll Call – Sign-in Sheet Meeting called to order at 7:03
2. Review and approve minutes from the October meeting
3. In attendance: Dani Akulschin (Peninsula), Steve Hildreth (Gig Harbor), Tanya Winters (Bethel), Mason Phelps (UP), John Nesby (NK), Jim Horan (KYLA), Chris Gerke (Orting), Tim Newberger (Tacoma), Mark Funkhouser (LTLC), Trever Huddleston (Rogers), Scott Pearson (Tahoma), Eric Hehct (Vashon), Norm Dillon (ER), Auburn,
Absent North Olympic, Olympia
4. Board Reports
 - a. Review of meeting agenda and President's Report
 - i. Motion by Trever to approve
 - ii. Second by John Nesby

Mark sent a letter to the Orting club as the Action item required. The club has had conversation with good intentions and direction, Orting still needs to reply formally to the executive board with a response and an action plan.

Update on referee information

1. Smyla purchased their own arbiter account and would like to invite us to join them with scheduling and assigning.

Why we should consider it:

- a. After 1 season where we had to use the HS schedule for a fee, we would go back to the way it was and use a shared youth league account. We also would maintain our separation from the state HS scheduler.
- b. Gives us more control on scheduling and being able to see if referees in the system and games assigned, etc.
- c. SSL would be able to make payments to referee account to pay in a timely manner.
- d. The cost of \$425 is much less than \$1893.00 we paid last year.

Concerns:

1. Concern that referees might not get assigned games for being a part of the new Arbiter group.
2. This may cause more work for SSL. We will need to have someone monitoring it. Someone in our group needs to reconcile the games that referees attend and paying the referees. A lot of moving parts that require extra work with potentially a great amount of work for someone, possibly a new position in the SSL.
3. Puts more pressure on each club to get referees
4. Doesn't have a system in place for referees to follow up with us about player ejections or issues.

Norm volunteered handle the schedule part, Mason volunteered handle the referee payment part.

Motion to use the SMYLA Arbiter contract by Chris Gerke, second by Trevor. All in favor 13, 0 against, Steve Hildreth abstained.

Need to work on specificities on referees per club. Add to New business next meeting.

Next step: 1. Get the word to Smitty that we are going with SMYLA and that we want to get moving on the MBO program (Mark will do). We need to have discussion with Smitty about being involved with how the MBO program will work and look like.

2. Get the new system
3. Make requirements for clubs for referees
4. Get an MBO program

- b. Vice President's Report
 - Working on a way for the officials to report games. See attached sheet. Working on Code of Conduct.
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - Sent report (attached)
 - d. Secretary's Report
 - i. Sent new contact sheet (attached)
5. Old Business
- a. Reporting System for issues- Have a system in place where officials can report game issues.
 1. Better communication on game issues
 2. Better way to track problem behavior
 3. Norm will set up a password protected freeform on our website. Steve will monitor.

Referee accountability- They need to sign score book, Field Managers need to sign the book.

****NOTE** Please tell coaches to report the scores to Norm, not to the League Athletics website.**

Action Item- Norm and Steve work on online form

- b. How we will be handling the 3/4 division this year
 - i. Jamboree style vs. Weekly games- Conesus was to keep regular weekly games.
 1. Would give programs that have 2 or more teams the option of having both teams play at the same time.
 2. 1 referee
 3. Games will be the same length as last year, and SSL/ Scheduling will do everything we can to help with travel times (regional), with a few cross overs to fill in the gaps.
 4. Ask for a 3/4 team application, how far are you willing to travel, what level of playing do you think you team will be. . .
 5. Can there be swing players between the ¾ teams within a club. If you have one 10v10 and 1 7v7 could a player swing on both teams. Revisit in December
 6. Mark sent a group email out about K-2 jamboree possibilities.
- c. Audit of club records- State filing status, Insurance, coaches training, etc.
 - i. Mark plans on going through bylaws to see what we ask each club to be a member of the SSL and start following through. There will be a form that has all of this and each club turns it in.
- d. Coaches Code of Conduct
 - i. Steve received code of conducts from several clubs. Is going to postpone to December meeting to evaluate each to come up with a general guideline of best practices. Steve will get us a best practices document
- e. Review of Team Seeding form

- i. Make the More input box bigger- Mark
 - ii. Is the coach the same or different, check yes or no-- change.
 - iii. If you have 2 teams you can request that they both be in the same division.
- f. Review of Game Information Sheet
 - i. Add information for 3/4 game playing
 - ii. Add referee reporting

Scorer's table training to educate referees about the SSL differences

- g. Discuss timing of Chris Hall Scholarship
 - i. Get information out to our players to apply
 - ii. Mark will edit and send to Dani who will distribute to the reps.
- 6. New Business
 - a. Discussion on boundary line encroachment
 - i. A new email from LTLC about possible encroachment by Auburn to recruit players from LT.
 - ii. Dieringer is a school district with no high school so kids can choose any high school to go to.
 - iii. There was a verbal agreement that players would remain where they were with a case by case basis to play for Auburn.
 - iv. From Mark- Board meeting at LT last night. Dieringer numbers are lower than normal. LT Board questioned if it was due to Auburn posting signs for registration at Dieringer Schools. After more discussion it looks like there might not have been any intended wrong doing by posting the signs. Misunderstanding may have come from a separate social media invitation to a fundraiser not related to lacrosse.
 - v. As a group the SSL needs to decide what to do about Dieringer and potential districts like it. Since there isn't a provision in the rules about a high school-less district.
 - vi. The two clubs have tabled this for this year, but would like to have a decision going into the 2019 season.
 - vii. Moving forward we will need to look at the Bonny Lake/ Sumner club.
 - viii. Steve has asked that the two clubs meet and give their written agreement for the 2018 season to the SSL Executive Board.
 - b. Waivers (Chris Gherke)
 - i. Discussed 2 potential issues, resolved.
- 7. Other New Business and Announcements (none)
- 8. Review of Action Items
 - a. Mark send a letter of Reprimand on behalf SSSL -Done
 - b. Mark bring update on Referee Service agreement-Done
 - c. Steve bring a draft of How to Report Issues process-Done
- 9. Next Meeting – 12/13/2017
- 10. Schedule all team meeting at Round Table for January 27th- two adjoining rooms requested. Meeting from 11-2.
- 11. Meeting called to close at 9: 05 by Steve and Seconded by Mason