

SSL Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2017

1. Roll Call – Attendees: Rachel Lamkin (KYLA), Steve Hildreth (Gig Harbor), Norm Dillon (Emerald Ridge), Mark Funkhouser (Lake Tapps), Sarah Van Cleve (Vashon), Tanya Winters (Bethel), Dan Sauerbier (Tahoma), Dani Akulschin (Peninsula), Mason Phelps (U Place), Al Puntillo (Olympia), Sherri Woolworth (Tacoma), Trever Huddleston (Rogers), Chris Gerke (Orting).

Absent: Auburn, North Kitsap, & North Olympic

Guests: Brad Lamkin (KYLA), Marci Pollard (Bethel, Pres), Nathan Weathers (Orting), & Kris Connor (Rogers).

2. Meeting called to order by Mark Funkhouser at 7:04 pm
3. Review and approve minutes from the June meeting: Norm motioned, Chris G. seconded, to approve the Minutes. Unanimous.
4. Board Reports
 - a. **President's Report:** Mark attended the WA State Lacrosse meeting & found all of the leagues around the state are going to a short field with 7 v. 7 at the 3/4 level.
 - b. **Vice President's Report:**
 - c. **Treasurer's Report:** Savings = \$4556.31, Checking = \$4772.78. Mason has transitioned over to a fiscal year starting October 1 through Sep 30 rather than a calendar year.
 - d. **Secretary's Report:** Gig Harbor, Olympia, Rogers, & Tacoma all have new Club presidents; Sarah Van Cleve will stand in as Vashon's Rep. Rachel will send out updated contact info soon.
5. Old Business :
 - a. 3/4 Small Field 7 v. 7: Aside from other leagues in the state going to the 7 v 7 play for 3/4, Select Tournaments are also following this format. There was much discussion on the pros & cons of switching to this format, including how to deal with finding even more coaches. Al motioned & Mason seconded that for our 2018 Spring Lacrosse Season, the SSSL would use this as a "transition year" to move to the 7 v. 7 format for our 3/4 teams as long as there are at least six teams to play the 10 v. 10 format declared by December 10, 2017, with the understanding that 2019 will be exclusively 7 v. 7 at the 3/4 level. Only one opposed (Norm, Emerald Ridge); Motion passed.
 - b. MBO Program: Mason had emailed WALOA's Mentor Bench Official Job Descriptions to every club prior to the meeting. There was much discussion about the pros & cons of this program, especially since there is no contract or accountability between the SSSL & those who run the MBO Program. Chris G. motioned, & Norm seconded to add \$50 to each team's fee at all levels to improve the referee program as well as to form a committee to investigate MBO further. If recommended, this extra \$50 from each team would go toward funding the MBO Program. Unanimous.
 - c. Rules & Regulations Update: Tabled for the October meeting & will include 7 v. 7 at the 3/4 level as well as Outside League Play during the SSSL season.
 - d. Geographic Split of the League – Each rep can ask their boards if there is any interest. Tabled.
6. New Business: New Secretary Election: Tanya motioned, Mason seconded, all approved to elect Dani Akulschin as our next Secretary.
7. Next Meeting – 10/11/2017
8. Adjournment: Tanya motioned, Mason seconded, all approved, to adjourn at 9:04 pm