



Carteret Youth Lacrosse Association
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 17, 2014

In attendance: Dan O'Connell, Hannah Baron, Brian McIntosh, Joe Smith, Zech Rogers, George Benson, Amanda Waltrip, Brenda Truell McCabe, Sott Ard, Chuck Nebraska, Brian Griffing, Amy Quinto, Jon Bradley

Beginning of meeting Coaches had some time to discuss coaching matters amongst themselves for 10 minutes.

Budget:

Currently \$2,000 deficit but that will change. We pay up front for many things, at the start of season such as purchasing of spirit wear. We expect a return on this money as we sell the items. Did very well on selling sweatshirts, t-shirts and still have some \$75 jackets left. We made some money on the sale of everything except the jackets (because of their cost of \$75). These items are a very good recruiting/advertising tool, kids and adults wear it around town and to school and the community becomes more aware of our existence.

We desperately need more sponsors. Brenda has a prospect on one particular place. Tax deductible. And ideas, please let us know.

U19 Boys:

March 20th – U19 game vs. Northside; no practices on field Thursday night, come watch the U19 play and support CYLA. Game starts 5:30pm. U19 may need help at the score table. Concessions will be open for baseball but we may entertain concessions at a table at our field.

Parrot Academy sent Coach McIntosh an email and has cancelled the game scheduled for April 30. Coach McIntosh went over what had happened at the away game at Parrot on March 14th.

Next year, our U19 programs will hopefully transition into a HS club team at Croatan and West Carteret. Many of the area high schools have already made that transition which requires us to arrange for games outside of the ECYLL network of teams.

Duke v Syracuse Game – Sunday, March 23, 2014

Plan is to leave from Western Park at 8-8:30am (email will go out with final details). Coaches, promote it to your players and parents as a learning opportunity and arrange for transportation needs at the team level. Players wear pinnies or jerseys. Tickets can be purchased online.

Onslow Game this Weekend

Girls Games have flip-flopped: U15 will now play at 9:00am and the U11 girls will play at 10:30am.

All games are held on three fields at Carolina Forest Elementary School, 141 Carolina Forest Blvd, Jacksonville, NC 28546. Google it - There are a couple of ways to get there that won't require you to take Western Blvd. from Hwy 24

Hwy 24>Right on Swansboro-Belgrade Rd>Left on Deppe Rd>Left on Hwy 17>Right on Ramsey Rd.>Left on Carolina Forest Blvd.

Hwy 24>Right on Piney Green Rd>Right on Hwy 17>Left on Drummer Kellum Rd>Left on Ramsey Rd>Left on Carolina Forest Blvd.

ECYLL Tournament (Greenville) – Sat. May 17th thru Sun. May 18th

- Saturday Events are the ECYLL team play offs.
- Sunday events are Open Invitational with teams from Wilmington, SC and All Star teams. (Still in development)
- Last year many stayed overnight in Greenville on Friday, the night before games. We will repeat same set up as last year with one area for CYLA that consists of a few tents linked together, banner, tables, food for all.
- This year we would like to submit ALL of our teams for the tournament instead of the tree we submitted last year. ECYLL is currently working on U19 boys competition.
- This will require Coaches and Team Managers to request help from parents when the time comes, with donation of food, drinks and supplies.

Game To Remember – May 10, 2014

- Carteret Tomahawks vs Onslow Tribe. We would like to generate an annual friendly rivalry with the passing of a trophy/staff/momento to the winner of the most games that day, every year. In doing so, it will encompass two military communities coming together to honor the memory of fallen service members, honor wounded warriors, and honor the Native American Heritage of the sport, and from which we take our team names.
- Special T-shirts are to be created where with the purchase of a t-shirt, you can have the name of a fallen service member put on the back of the shirt. Jon had an example of what the shirt would look like.
- The U15boys game will be played in memory of LCpl Levy who was a member of the Lumbee Tribe of NC and a member of Coach Benson's battalion. The Lumbee Tribe are our honored guests and will be present throughout the day with displays of their heritage through booths, dances, etc.
- The event will be held in Cougar Stadium at Croatan High School.
- The Boosters will be working the concession stand and will be a fundraiser for them.
- At the beginning of the U19 Boys game we will honor the Seniors of the team.
- At the end of the U19 game we will award the trophy/staff/momento to be held by that team until next year.

- Color guard being provided by Radio Battalion. Brian mentioned ROTC groups at high schools may be available as well.
- Brenda to talk to band director about Croatan Band performance.
- Any other ideas for community involvement are welcomed!
- Sponsors will be invited to attend so we may honor them on the field formally.

• • • HELP!!! We will need help and volunteers to get this all planned and implemented. Specific areas we need help:

In the Booth: broadcasting/emcee

Photographer

National Anthem singer

Speeches to be written

T-shirt distribution

t-shirt sales at game

Senior night arrangements

Writing Media Releases about event

Contacting Media outlets such as radio, newspapers, within the community but also, Marine Corps related and Lacrosse related outlets.

Hands on volunteers to help set up, clean up at event.

- Coaches and Team Managers please start spreading the word to all about what this event is and how we need help and resources for anyone that may be especially talented at any of the needs mentioned above. Does anyone have connections with a singer, a writer, a photographer, reporters, artist, etc.

- Important point: at no point do we want to look like we are trying to benefit and exploit fallen warriors at this event. We are not doing this to make money whatsoever. More details will be discussed at the next Booster Club meeting at Croatan Media Center, April 7 at 6pm.

High School LAX Team Progress

At this point we do not yet been given confirmation that we will have a club team at Croatan and West Carteret High Schools but things are looking promising. We do have a deadline of May 1, 2014 because we will need to inform NCHSAA of our intentions as well as apply for the First Stick Program through US Lacrosse. Scott Ard will work on this for WCH and George Benson will apply on behalf of Croatan. Submission deadline is 01 June 2014.

If we do not get the grants we will be looking at the students absorbing the costs, much like they do now for U19 CYL participation.

Discussion began on what grade levels will encompass the HS team. Will it only be available to those in 10-12 grades or will we have open try-outs and the best 22 make it regardless of grade level 9-12? We have next year's large U-15 team to consider in these numbers as well as the consideration of freshman playing against older and larger opponents. This is still up for discussion.

Shore Raiders Select Summer Travel Team

Right now we are considering U11, U13, U15 Boys teams.
We did not get huge numbers at the first try-outs. We got rained out at the second opportunity for try-outs. At this point we will consider any player that is committed to playing the summer tournament dates and commit to practices. We have players right now coming from Carteret, New Bern, Pitt, Havelock, Topsail, Onslow and Wilmington.
Still open to the possibility of forming a Girls team.
Deadline is 01 May in order to register for the Southeast Championships in Raleigh.

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