

Meeting on 4/16/2008
Agenda

Minutes

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Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association
Meeting of the Delegates
April 16, 2008
8:00 p.m.
Town School

2. Call to order:

· The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

· The minutes of the March 19, 2008 were approved as written.

4. Commissioners' Report:

A. **Girls:** Jenny reported. Umpires continue to be a problem. Most games only have one umpire. Encouraging parents to get certified. U13 and U15 travel teams have coaches; tryouts will probably be a week night. End of season tournament is May 17-18; A1, A2 in Davis, B's in Petaluma High School in Petaluma on Sunday.

B. **High School:** Keith reported. State championships: So. Cal teams are unavailable the planned weekend of May 31/June 1. The NCJLA high school championships will be May 17-18th in Stockton. Possibly no state championship. There are some player eligibility issues that Kent has been dealing with, particularly with goalies. Trying to make it a fundamental rule that a player may not play for more than one team on any given weekend. Begging for the teams to self police. 3 game rule: you may play up to 3 games but not down. Gunn Tournament was a success. Sportsmanship at high school level needs to be addressed: it's out of control. Kent got to see it first hand as he refereed some of the games. High school level needs to be cleaned up.

C. **Juniors:** Kelly reported. Playoffs for 7A are easily defined as there are only 4 teams. Junior 8A level has 15 teams; Kelly suggests only having 8 teams for playoffs. Playoff date would be May 18, 4 games, one venue. Final Four would be at Spartan Stadium on June 1st. Junior C has 14 teams, recommends top 8, site TBD, Final Four at Spartan Stadium on June 1. Junior B2 is largest group and most difficult; Kelly recommends top 16 teams in the playoffs, again across the division. Sweet 16 played at multiple venues.

Motion: Beau Shore moved to accept Kelly's proposal.

Second: Jim Roberts seconded

Vote: Motion carried.

Kelly brought up another issue in Juniors, the complaints by particularly rough play in Juniors B1 level. He is investigation and will discuss with Board how to work with the clubs to help them with their PCA training. Kelly would prefer to try to help the clubs and work with them rather than punishing them.

- D. **Pups:** Keith reported for Mike. Very competitive division. Playoffs will be Mat 17 and May 31. 6A has 10 teams with 8 advancing to playoffs (unless seeds 7 and 8 have less than 500 records), and then only 6 will advance. No 1 and 2 seeds will have a bye. B1 division has 25 teams, sweet 16 playoffs that Mike will try to keep playoffs regional or centrally located with a one-day scenario. B2 division has 30 teams; same play on the field before the Dragons' game on May 31st.

Motion: Kelly made a motion to approve the playoff proposal.

Second: Jenny seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

- E. **Pee Wees:** Doug reported. 10 A teams (top 6 advance), 25 B teams) top 2 will play A) Round of 8 will be on the 17th. For the B division, 12 will advance; top 4 will have a bye. A lot of juggling between now and then. Seeds 5-12 will have a playoff on May 10th.

Motion: Steve Alms moved to accept the playoff proposal.

Second: Iliad seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried.

- F. **Travel:** Uniforms will be the same as 2007. Things are going well. U15 Festival still needs middies and defensemen as they had drop-offs. At least 4 spots open, no scholarships available.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- Dan reported. See attachments for accounting. Eastside, Redding, Santa Cruz, Stuart Hall and Tomahawks still owe NCJLA money. First round of 1008 referee invoices have been requested and will be paid shortly. Tony would like the following penalty considerations brought to Board to give the league some teeth against delinquent clubs so chasing down the clubs for money is alleviated.
- Clubs must have all outstanding balances with NCJLA paid in full to be considered for playoff eligibility.
- Clubs with outstanding balances due the NCJLA at end of season will be restricted from registering teams for the following season until their outstanding balance and estimated registration fees and referee fees for coming season are paid in full.

6. Executive Director's Report:

- Championship Weekend: SF Dragons have given an extensive championship weekend proposal. Saturday may 31st Dragons will host the Pips championships. NCJLA will pay \$5000 for 550 tickets and a completely hosted weekend. Parade of Champions for all 55 clubs in NCJLA players, girls and boys all levels. Pups 6 A will play at half-time. Lodging arrangements have been made with the local Marriott hotels. Without the Jamboree this year, this will be the big lacrosse weekend. Special tickets for the Dragons' game. Todd Samet cannot do this on his own; he is handling the actual youth games. Iliad volunteered to chair the event. Many volunteers are needed however.
- Player Eligibility Review: 6 day vs. 8 day rule. A JV goalie may NOT play at Juniors level at any time under any circumstance.

- Home Team Protocol Review: Home teams are not confirming with referees. Home team is required to confirm. Both coaches should speak with the referee and understand the way the game will be called. Follow the laminated cards. Home team is also responsible for putting scores in Sportability.
- League Office Lease: Currently, 1050sf Sausalito. We've been booted. Our last day is June 30. New owners on the building. Keith needs to have an office in Marin County to stay with the job. Hunt is on for a small office and storage space in Marin. Like to keep it under \$1600.00/month. Fees may have to be increase for 2009; fees have not increased in 4 years.
- Board Volunteers for 2009: We need new Board members and officers for next year. Current VP is Todd Samet. Keith would like delegates to support Todd and encourage him to take on role of President. Sacramento is considering splitting off. Keith is encouraging regional divisions (Sacramento, S. Bay, etc), especially for meetings. Delegates: dins Board members in your clubs

7. 2009 Age Brackets Explanation:

- Dan reported. A blog opened up about the league aligning with US Lacrosse guidelines. Dan would like to get delegates' thoughts. Brackets would include U15 Senior level, U13 Junior level, U11 Lightning level (does not have playoffs and championships per US Lacrosse but NCJLA would keep it competitive) and U9 Bantam (non-competitive). Some growing pains would be incurred, especially for 7th and 8th graders would be isolated. Dec 31st of previous year would be cut off date; August 31st could be considered. Ultimate goal is to minimize age and size difference. Commissioners could consider appeals for 8th grade kids who have aged out under U15 rule. Board will finalize at May meeting.

8. New Club for By-Laws:

- Dan reported. Delegates have to vote new clubs in at a 60% rate in current by-laws. In the future, delegates may want to allow teams that reach across regional areas. San Ramon is considering a club as are Fresno and Turlock.

9. Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.