

Lake Samm Lacrosse Special All-Club Meeting

Minutes Nov. 8th 2016 7pm Redmond High School Library

Present: Allison Grassi, Cathie Frizalone, Heather Cramer, James Smith, Mike Garofano, Nicole Bayly Melanie Kanz, Tom Chirichigno, Jordan Bayly,

WSLA Representatives: Kate Roper, Sara Towner, Lyn Porterfield

Also attached is the sign in sheet for a list of members who attended

Meeting began 7:02

President

Allison welcomed everyone. Introduced the board and WSLA attendees. Presented a powerpoint (attached) with club mission, enrollment data and changes to state conferences.

High School Teams

Mike presented answers to all questions that had been asked as of the time of meeting regarding the new shift to two varsity teams for 2017 lacrosse season. These questions and answers have also been attached.

Player Presentation

Senior girls from the 2016 varsity team introduced themselves and presented their concerns about the upcoming shift to two varsity teams for the 2017 season.

Board and WSLA fielded questions from members and much discussion ensued.

A Motion made by Catherine Gaylairdo and seconded by Connie Ozeki-Chinn to:
Have the board rescind the petition to WSLA and retain 1 varsity team and 2 jv teams for the 2017 season with the understanding that the club be notified and given 1 year notice.

The board voted and the motion did not pass.

Needs:

Board positions: Fundraising
Lead volunteers needed for Communications, Spirit wear and Equipment Manager
Recruit at least one new adult umpire
Teens committed to lining fields during season

UP Next

Board Meeting

Dec. 6th, 7:00-9:00 PM, Marriott Redmond

Meeting adjourned 8:40

LAKE SAMM LACROSSE MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

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Team	Feeder high schools	WSLA Division	Opponents
Lake Samm-East	Eastlake HS	North Sound	Bellingham
	Redmond HS		Everett
			Snohomish
			Wenatchee
			*Glacier Peak
			*Edmonds
			*Stanwood
			*Woodinville
Lake Samm-West	Juanita HS	Snoqualmie	Bellevue
	Lake Washington HS		Issaquah
	Northshore HS's		Mercer Island
			Mount Si
			NSI (E.Bellevue)
			*ISD 2 (Skyline)

*Future

WHAT WERE THE PRIMARY REASONS FOR ADDING A 2ND VARSITY TEAM IN 2017?

1. Numbers – 30 projected returning juniors and seniors
2. WSLA requirements
 - a. Grow LAX
 - b. Ultimate goal is one team per HS; this split is a first step
3. Adding a second Varsity teams is in direct alignment with Lake Samm’s mission statement: We are an organization *“dedicated to promoting the game of lacrosse and to providing a safe and fun opportunity for young women in the second through twelfth grades. This program emphasizes the development of self-esteem, achievement and teamwork by allowing all players to participate equally despite past lacrosse experience or current abilities. The program promotes good sportsmanship, respect for others and skill...The primary aim is the development of as many players as possible, as resources allow, at all levels of skill and experience.”*

WHY THIS YEAR?

Last year’s board contemplated two Varsity teams for the 2016 season but thought one Varsity and two JV’s more appropriate due to large number of Freshman/Soph’s. This year, we have a projected 30 returning juniors and seniors so an expansion to an additional Varsity team makes sense now.

WHY ONLY 4 MONTHS NOTICE?

This could have been handled better. Adding a second Varsity team was discussed by the board prior to the 2016 season and again at the end of the 2016 season. Since then there has been significant turnover in board positions and the handoff and communications could have been better.

DID YOU CONSIDER THE IMPACT ON THE RETURNING VARSITY PLAYERS?

Yes. Much heated debate within the board occurred over multiple meetings. We knew that no matter what year the expansion occurred there would be concerns. We most definitely did take into account the impact on the returning Varsity players. We knew that many of these returning players have played together for many years. Having such a large core group together for so long is a rarity, though, and it is not our mission to develop and maintain fixed sets of players. We knew this expansion would be unpopular with some but we have to take into consideration what is best for all 175 girls in the program.

WAS THIS DECISION MADE JUST TO ENABLE MORE GIRLS TO MAKE VARSITY?

No. We are unaware of any complaints from the association along these lines. Varsity is NOT for everyone, but with a growing program that serves 5+ high schools with a population of 12,000, we feel there should be more than 18 slots at the Varsity level. Also, please re-read our mission statement.

WE PLACED 2ND IN STATE LAST YEAR. WHY ARE YOU TAKING AWAY THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A STATE TITLE FOR OUR SENIORS in 2017?

We have to look at what is best for all 175 girls in our program as well as those who are looking to join anew. The returning Varsity players are a great group of girls with athleticism, high skill level, time-honed teamwork, and leadership. We hope that they will bring these qualities to their team regardless of who their teammates are. We are confident that they will thrive and lead no matter where they play.

ARE THERE ANY CONSOLATIONS FOR THE RETURNING VARSITY PLAYERS?

Yes. As state runner-up we have been invited to the Battle of the Border tournament in March 2017 where we will play Oregon's state runner-up. We are planning for the Lake Samm team that will be representing Washington in this tourney to include all of the returning 2016 Varsity players rounded out by coaches' selections.

ARE YOU GUYS/GALS A BUNCH OF AMATEURS?

Some of us are while some of us have much sports management experience. We are all unpaid volunteers doing the best that we can with the limited time and resources we have available to us. We are guided by the club's mission statement. We want to help develop self-esteem, achievement, teamwork, sportsmanship, and respect for others in all of our players.

HOW CAN I INFLUENCE THE DIRECTION OF LAKE SAMM GOING FORWARD?

We'd love to get your input and assistance in running the Lake Samm program going forward. We have a number of open positions on the board that still need to be filled and welcome all the additional help that we can get!

