

Stanwood Lacrosse Board Meeting

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 2014

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:	Ben Hagglund, President
AT TIME:	635PM
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Doug Chandler, Secretary, Ben Hagglund, President, Eric Wietzke, Member at Large, Heidi Delich, Member at Large, Mike Woodruff, VP Boys.
Additional Attendees: Jesstin Perez, Levon Yengoyan, George Beaudette, gina Beaudette, Ami Lockett, Frnak Simpson	
MINUTES RECORDED BY:	Douglas Chandler, Secretary

SKIPPING TO ITEM #7: OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERSHIP

DISCUSSION	
<p>Ben advised that Scott Bender, Treasurer, wished to resign, due to increasing work demands which make it difficult to fulfil his responsibilities as a board member. Per our bylaws, the board is to nominate and choose a replacement to serve the remainder of the term.</p> <p>Levon Yengoyan was nominated by Ben Hagglund as Treasurer. Heidi Delich nominated Julie Brewer. Discussion opened.</p> <p>Mike wanted to know which person has experience with bookkeeping, and raised the question of expanding the board by 2 positions.</p> <p>Ben suggested to elect a treasurer, and then an assistant treasurer, which would be a non-board officer position. Eric Wietzke seconded the nomination of Levon Yengoyan as Treasurer. Mike Woodruff seconded the nomination of Julie Brewer.</p> <p>Levon Yengoyan was approved by a voice vote of the board.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	
<p>Levon Yengoyan n/a Levon is to register as a board member. Doug Chandler will coordinate this.</p>	

➤ **TOPIC:** Assistant Treasurer

BEN HAGGLUND

DISCUSSION		
<p>Ben suggested that we have an assistant treasurer to help with the management of funds. It was supported by the membership and board present. Mrs. Beaudette stated that she thought it would help with "transparency" of club finances to have more people involved. Heidi Delich nominated Julie Brewer as Assistant Treasurer. Mike Woodruff seconded the nomination.</p>		
CONCLUSION:		
<p>Julie Brewer was approved by a voice vote.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Julie Brewer to register as a board officer	Doug Chandler	

➤ **TOPIC:** Guest and Parent Comments:

DISCUSSION	
<p>There were no guest comments. Parent comments: The Beaudette's wanted an update on the 7/8 team. Mike Woodruff answered: Andrew Price has chosen to not return as the coach. Mike is looking for a new 7/8 boys' coach., as well as a JV coach. Both of these are being advertised outside of the program. Mike Woodruff and Eric Wietzke will serve as assistant coaches. Mike feels that if they cannot find a suitable replacement coach that Eric and he can manage the 7/8 team(s), although it may be a bit tricky given schedules issues for the coaches. Another question was asked about the possibility of kids at the HS level being able to 'letter' as HS players. This was clarified as we are not part of the high school athletics program, our players cannot 'letter' as Stanwood HS players. It may be possible to letter if we are able to get the HS teams approved as an activity club of the HS. But there is no action on this issue currently pending.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	
N/A	

➤ **TOPIC:** Directors' Reports

➤ **BEN HAGGLUND/VARIOUS**

DISCUSSION	
<p>Mike Woodruff, VP Boys': It appears that we will be a Division 1 HS team. If this happens we will have to have matching gloves and helmets. Mike is working on plans to make this easier for the players. Currently, he has a possible offer of a group order of CPX0R helmets for \$155 through Play It Again Sports . He is also looking at some gloves which will work also. It may be possible to get our logo and/or team name put on the gloves. He would like to see this become a fundraiser or an incentive bonus. If needed, we can order helmet covers for players whose helmets do not match our team colors. These covers would cost between \$35 and \$50, most likely. The D1/D2 decision is pending imminently. If we do go D1, we will likely have little change in our playing schedule. Doug Chandler, Secretary. Nothing to report. The website is doing well. Registration is progressing. No report on the parent surveys of note. He has not processed them fully yet. Heidi Delich: Nothing to report. Eric Wietzke: Nothing to report. Jamie Woodruff (via Mike Woodruff): Jami was elected to the statewide Girls' Lacrosse Board. The Lady Spartans were highlighted by the state board as one of the new programs in the state. Jami was given the task of helping to build up the sport of girls' lacrosse in the northwest area of WA. Also: The State Girls Lax board is considering rule changes designed to phase out girls playing on boys' teams. This could be done by voiding players' eligibility for future participation in girls' lax if they play on a boys' team. This is being raised by the board as a safety issue.</p>	

➤ **TOPIC:** Lax Clinics

➤ **VARIOUS** Mike/Ben

DISCUSSION	
<p>Mike is recommending multiple clinics for girls, especially at the younger ages so they can have a chance to play, sc4image, etc. There is a female coach in Anacortes who want to start a team there. Perhaps we can involve the Anacortes coach/team in our clinics. Currently, the older girls' teams are in pre-registration mode only. Mike states that we need 15 players to be able to field either a 7/8 or HS girls' team.</p>	

➤ **TOPIC:** Out of order: Boys' HS Coach.

➤ **BEN HAGGLUND**

DISCUSSION

Jesstin Perez reported on the season: He thought it was a productive season, with a few 'hiccups'. Jesstin thinks we need to emphasize having more coaches at the HS level.
 BEN REPORTS THAT WE ARE ALSO WANTING TO HAVE MORE GAMES AT THE HS LEVEL. IT IS POSSIBLE TO HAVE UP TO 20 GAMES IN THE SEASON, BUT THE WHSBLA WILL ONLY SCHEDULE 10-12 GAMES, SO WE WILL HAVE TO GENERATE ANY ADDITIONAL GAMES OURSELVES. We have a HS Varsity and JV coaching position (each). Jesstin reports that he wants to come back this year. Mike had already reviewed with Jesstin some of the changes we are implementing this year: Positive coaching alliance, Level 1 Certification, etc.
 Jesstin notes that we have been invited to the Cavalier Invitational at North County. He will need to confirm our attendance by 11/20/14.
 Jesstin was presented to the board for hiring as the HS coach.
 Mike Woodruff noted that we see the coaching as a developmental process for the coach as well as the players, and expects that the coaching will improve and grow along with the club. Jesstin seems to really be a student of the game, and wasn't to get the game to be better for his team. He may do well to also adapt his style of coaching to fit players with other styles also.
 Doug Chandler stated that we also need to have a clear communication system so we can be pro-active. To ensure that parents/players have a way to raise concerns or give complements as the season progresses.
 Mike emphasized the need to keep a focus on the team and the team's goals-- and then their performance and progress towards their goal.
 Ben wants to add some additional conditions: \$300 per week stipend for post-season playoffs. Practices are to be open—as in anyone is welcome to come and observe. The payment schedule for the coach should be such that some is held pending completion of end-of-season responsibilities.
 Mike also stated that Jesstin wants to have active feedback about how the team, players, and coaching are progressing through the season.
 Mike Woodruff moved to approve Jesstin Perez as the Varsity Coach, with the conditions as noted. Eric Wietzke seconded the motion.

CONCLUSIONS

Jesstin Perez was approved as the 2015 Varsity Coach by a voice vote of the board, as well as:
 Salary will be \$3500 per budget, not including the playoff stipends. We will also have a team manager who will provide support to the team and coach, as well as help with communication.
 Jesstin asked to be part of the decision making regarding selection of a JV coach.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Jesstin Perez needs to register as a coach.	Doug Chandler	

➤ **TOPIC: K-2 BOYS' COACH**

➤ **BEN HAGGLUND**

DISCUSSION

Tony Bennett was presented to continue as the coach for the Boys' K2 program.

CONCLUSIONS

This was approved by a voice vote.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Tony needs to register as a coach	Doug Chandler	

➤ **TOPIC:** Registrar

➤ **BEN HAGGLUND**

DISCUSSION		
Ben Hagglund requested that Natalie Hagglund continue as Registrar for the 2015 Season.		
CONCLUSIONS		
Natalie was approved by a consensus of the board.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Natalie needs to register as a board officer/member

Doug Chandler

➤ **TOPIC:** Fundraising:

➤ **VARIOUS**

DISCUSSION		
Coffee fundraising. We will have our own special blend. We can order as many bags of coffee as we want. It was suggested that we start with 20 bags, and set a deadline for orders.		
It was suggested that we could have some updated logos for spirit wear. Perhaps we could have a logo design contest. .		
Eagle's Nest is working to host an online Spirit Wear store for us.		
CONCLUSIONS		
n/a		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Additional notes: Discussion of how many assistant coaches would be approved and what registration discounts, if any, would be approved was tabled by Ben Hagglund.

Meeting was adjourned 913 by Ben Hagglund.

Submitted by Doug Chandler, Board Secretary
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