



Oregon Chapter

OREGON CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 16, 2003
7:30 – 9:30 pm

Rogue Ales Public House
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Portland, OR 97209
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Attendees: Andy Croll, President; Curtis Barton, Vice President; Joe Westling, Secretary; Sky Goodrich, Treasurer; Sam Sadtler, Member-at-Large; Tom Foster, Representing mid- and southern-Oregon lacrosse communities.

Meeting convened at 7:42 p.m.

1. **Agenda Revisions:** No revisions to meeting agenda. Add Larry Anderson to extended Board as Youth Boys representative. Larry will also represent Oregon as the Youth Officials Committee member to USL.
2. **Minutes Review:** No Revisions to Minutes of 2/24/03 Chapter meeting. Meeting consisted of discussion of March Chapter Assembly meeting and representatives duties—no formal minutes were written, thus nothing to approve.
3. **Treasurers Report:** Sky distributed the Chapter treasury balance sheet showing transactions, revenues, and balance. Balance as of February 2003 is \$1343.75 Approved expenses total \$615.54 (D&O Insurance of \$385.00 and reimbursement to Dorothy Hirsch for USL Chapter Assembly attendance for \$230.54). Received bills from Brian Platz for Web Services and for Web hosting for a total of \$430.00. Sky has sent Brian this amount. Balance in account is \$298.21 as of 3/31/03. Andy Croll received the USL rebate check for membership totaling \$291.00. After Sky deposits this check, the Chapter account will have a balance of \$589.21
4. **Subgroup Updates (Youth, HS, College, Club, Officials):**
 - a. **Youth Lacrosse.** Youth Lacrosse continues to grow. Lake Oswego added 5th & 6th grade boys lacrosse. Beaverton Youth Lacrosse has started up and has about 180 boys participating and 60 girls. Girls youth lacrosse is also growing. Last year only West Sylvan had a girls' team. This year West Sylvan will have 2 teams. Beaverton, Grant, Jackson, Oregon City, Riverdale, and Lake Oswego will all have teams. Beaverton will have 3 girls' teams and Lake Oswego will have 2. From having only one team last year, Oregon will have 10 youth girls' lacrosse teams this year. Coaches and qualified reffing still remains a problem.
 - b. **High School.** Jim Hammon has been notified of someone interested in starting a lacrosse team in Bend. No further details were available. The HS season is up and going with playoffs scheduled for the weeks of May 19th and finals the week of May 26 (following Memorial Day.) Two new HS teams are playing this year in the boys' division (West Salem and Rex Putnam) making a total of 26 HS Varsity teams. 3 JV level teams are also playing this year. On the girls' side, 3 new HS girls' teams have joined the league making a total of 14 HS Varsity girls' programs participating for 2003.
 - c. **Colleges**—No report

- d. **Club**—All going well. In February, the Portland Women's Lacrosse club put on a clinic for middle school and high school players. The clinic was well attended with all participants learning new skills that they could use during the current season.
- e. **Refs**—Men's/boys' lacrosse officials' numbers are still tight, but the HS varsity games are being filled. Unfortunately, the goal of providing refs for the JV games is not possible because there aren't enough men's officials to go around. The Oregon Women's Lacrosse Umpires Association has an abundance of officials, but most have 3 years or less experience. Varsity games are filled with experienced umps.
- f. **Colleges**—USLIA/Pacific Northwest College Lacrosse League (PNCLL) championships will be in Portland on 4/25 (semi-finals at Lake Oswego HS) & 4/26 (Finals at the Portland LaxWorld tournament). Portland LaxWorld tournament will also host college teams from around the Northwest and Colorado.
- g. **Miscellaneous:** Tom Foster reports that we offer a Heritage Seminar to help educate parents and players new to the sport about the uniqueness of lacrosse. This recommendation is predicated upon the belief that when people understand the history, philosophies and goals of the sport they will be more willing to work towards supporting the efforts. Tom also reports that Gerry Rausch (grasch97302@yahoo.com) developed a manual to assist new start-up programs with their efforts in establishing a successful program. Tom also suggested we come up with a strategy for contacting members who can give back financially or in services to make the organization stronger in Oregon.

5. **Other Business:**

- a. **oregonlax.com Update**— Andy will discuss site/page ownership with Brian Platz.
- b. **Future Coaches Clinic**— Chapter should provide a clinic—particularly for new youth coaches and JV coaches. USL has list of renowned coaches who give seminars. Andy will contact Jennifer Allen to get information and estimate. Possibly try to get clinic for late June or July. Chapter will have a coaches training on line in 2004.
- c. **East/West Camp Scholarships (girls)** – Hillary Gilmore has information about scholarships.
- d. **Chapter Bylaws** – Curtis distributed the first cut at the bylaws for the chapter. He advises all members to read them and send comments to him for revisions.
- e. **Promotion and event ideas (All-star games, Hall of Fame, Player Clinics,...)** –
 - i. Jim Hammon reported to Andy that he was considering a Hall of Fame golf tournament this year instead of a dinner. More to follow later.
 - ii. The USLIA championships are moving from St. Louis, back to the travel format that existed several years ago. Oregon may put in a bid to host the tournament.
 - iii. Jim is also considering a boys' and girl's all-star game. Work is being done with the Oregon State games to provide this opportunity.
- f. **Shape Expo**—This event has been moved to the Fall. We will prepare a booth when new date is determined.

6. **Adjourn:** Next meeting to be held at the Rogue's June 2 at 7:30 pm.