



Oregon Chapter

OREGON CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 8, 2003
7:00- 9:00 pm

Rogue Ales Public House
1339 NW Flanders
Portland, OR 97209
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Attendees: Andy Croll, President; Sky Goodrich, Treasurer; Joe Westling, Secretary; Sam Sadtler, Member-at-Large; Jim Hammon, Member-at-Large; Fred Zensen, representing Men's Officials; Amy Einstein, representing Girl's HS coaches; Tom Foster, Representing mid- and southern-Oregon lacrosse communities; and Doug Foster, representing Men's Post-College Club.

Meeting convened at 7:10 p.m.

1. **Agenda Revisions:** No revisions to the 9/8 agenda.
2. **Minutes Review:**
3. **Treasurers Report:** Sky Goodrich reports the Chapter currently has \$2104.21 in our account, unchanged from the August balance. Bank statement arrived 9/3/03. He also noted that we received an invoice from "The Web Doctor" for \$210 for Oct, November, and December Web hosting fees (\$70/month.) Motion made to approve payment of \$210 to The Web Doctor for hosting services. Seconded. Motion approved.
4. **Subgroup Updates (Youth, HS, College, Club, Officials):**
 - a. **Miscellaneous.** Andy reports that Erin Wright is our new Web Master for the Home, Chapter and Youth Web pages that fall under the Chapter's ownership on the Oregonlax.com Web site.
 - b. **Youth Boys.** No report.
 - c. **Youth Girls.** No report .
 - d. **High School Boys.** Boys' HS program report from Jim Hammon. A couple of HS programs will have coaching changes (Century and Lake Oswego) for the 2004 season. Thurston and Franklin JV programs will join the ranks of the Varsity in 2004. Riverdale has lost its coach and the program's future is uncertain. Jim has met with or will be with Athletic Directors from Medford, Klamath Falls Grants Pass and Bend. This year OHSLA will have 30 varsity teams planning to participate. Fields for the PIL are an issue again this year. Will Harris is doing a good job representing the PIL lacrosse programs to get field space. Finally, Jim notes that OHSLA is again facing the perpetual problems of not enough coaches, not enough officials and not enough fields. Warrior Lacrosse is coming to Portland to put on a clinic with the Powell brothers end of September.
 - e. **High School Girls.** Amy Einstein reports. OGLA is having bi-monthly meetings, working on bylaws and improving the board by recruiting more and new people. Sheldon, Eugene and Hermiston all have expressed interest in forming HS girls' teams. Amy will meet with each team inquiring about becoming a HS sport.

- f. **Colleges**—No report
- g. **Mens Club.** Doug Foster notes that the summer season was successful with 6 mens teams participating in league play.
- h. **Men's Refs.** Fred Zensen reports that there is a new National Assigning Authority as well as a new league assigner for the PNCLL. All levels are short officials in the Portland Area but the Portland and Salem region has more growth in officials than new schools. Fred is trying to put together a new officials' training clinic for a date TBD in November. College officials will have a training refresher course in January. Tom Foster suggests recruiting officials for other sports that are "off-season" during the lacrosse season. Fred reports that it is difficult to retain refs. Fred thinks that initial investment for ref gear may be one of the barriers keeping people from joining the ref ranks. Sam Sadtler suggests that the game incorporate a handshake with the refs following a match.
 - Women's Umpires**—No report.
- i. **Colleges**—No Report
- j. **Miscellaneous:**
 - PCA.** Jim suggests Oregon Chapter apply for a Positive Coaching Alliance grant. He will pursue this.
 - Chapter Assembly.** The board approved \$150 to Andy Croll to attend the October Chapter Assembly.
 - High School Festival.** Jim reports that the HS festival is a no-go. He will pursue other lacrosse opportunities that may be available to come to Oregon, such as the USILA National Championships or one of the Division 1 men's college teams (Syracuse University) coming to town to play a game.
 - Hall of Fame.** Jim will contact people for nominees for this year. Last years' nominees will stay on the ballot and continue for 5 years. He will contact OWLUA and OGLA for women nominees. Voting is planned for mid-October. Amy will assist Jim.
 - Women's Coaches' and Players' Clinic.** The board approved bringing Loyola coach, Krystin Porcella will present a clinic on January 17th for coaches and players. Dollar amount was not determined. Amy and Andy will work on the specifics.
 - Web site.** Erin Wright has talked with Brian Platz and will work with him to keep the content updated on the Oregonlax.com pages the chapter has ownership of.
 - Girl Fest.** The Oregon Chapter will sponsor a lacrosse booth for Girl Fest, a Girl Scouts hosted celebration of girls' potentials. The board approved \$75 for the booth. Girl Fest will be October 11, 2003 at the Oregon Convention Center from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - OHSLA.** Fred Zensen and Brian Platz will meet with Dave Shinlinger (Eugene) to give Dave the authority to coordinate HS refs for the Eugene and southern Oregon regions. They will also discuss ways of improving reffing in that region, including recruiting, training and retaining refs.

5. **Other Business:**

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- 6. **Adjourn:** Adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Next meeting October 6th at Rogue Ale Public House.