



Notes from OR Chapter USLA Meeting

Monday, 13 February 2006

Attendees: Ann W., Ziba C., Carrie S., Terry V., Tom F., Doug F., Dave S., Bill L., Sam S.

Announcements: There is the potential of a Men's Contest before the UNC vs UO event February 12, 2006. Check Web Site. There will be a Summer Camp in Bend, Boys only. Jefferson High would like to start a (Bridge) program.

Financials: 2005 was OK, we stayed in the black. 2006 is off to a horrible start due to shortfall at PCA/ Coaches event. Current loss is estimated at \$243 with another \$350 due for A/V support. It was also noted that Web Site expenses consumed over 60% of our budget for 2005.

Comments on Clinic: PCA was shorted time due to Men's coaches overrun. PCA is not sport specific although USLA has adopted a strong position supporting it. There was also conflict with Referees Clinic.

It was recommended the Oregon Chapter issue a position statement supporting USLA's endorsement of the PCA Approach. This is a first step in encouraging Leagues and subsequently Teams in supporting "good sportsmanship" both on the field and in on the sidelines.

Website discussion: It was universally felt that we are spending too much on our web site, \$2535 in 2005. Dave S. volunteered to take a look, provided a password, current provider has offered to reduce fees. It was suggested that there are several other SW solutions that could potentially reduce the cost. It will probably take a dedicated Lacrosse enthusiast who is willing to donate the time (for fame).

Fund Raisers Discussion: Apparently there is a source of T-shirts, but the screening needs to be financed. Perhaps a Design Contest would create interest and a Donor. T-Shirts that don't cost can be sold to make a great Profit.

Youth Programs: Bill L. reported that there is an explosion of interest and the number of participants is nearly 100% above last year. There are myriads of issues including fields, coaches, officials and especially guidelines for the programs at different levels. Fields are really an issue in urban situations. It was suggested that perhaps USLA has some guidelines available.

Secretary: We need a new secretary as Sara had to resign. AnnW will develop a Job Description and post on the Website.