

US Lacrosse - Oregon Chapter Meeting
Monday, June 7, 2004
Multnomah Athletic Club
7:00- 8:45pm

DRAFT MEETING NOTES

Participants: Curtis Barton, VP; Andy Croll, President; Amy Einstein, Doug Foster, Tom Foster, Bill Lake, Kent Roberts, Andrea Schatz, Terry Vance, Ann Witsil. Absent but excused: Sky Goodrich, Jim Hammon, Sam Sadtler.

1. **Opening.** Andy Croll, President, welcomed all, thanked all present for attending with such short notice, and opened meeting. Minutes of April meeting were approved.
2. **Board Positions.** Andy stated need to revitalize the Chapter Board; several positions were opening and creating opportunity for new members and energy. Andy announced he was resigning as president and nominated Ann Witsil as in-coming president. Ann accepted. There was brief discussion, vote taken and Ann was approved as new **Chapter president**. Other board positions were discussed.

Vice President - Curtis Barton, announced his interest in resigning. Group discussed potential nominees and asked Curtis to stay involved as he is interested. Tom Foster, new to Portland and representing Southern Oregon contingent, agreed to identify some candidates for consideration. Ann will work with Tom to do so.

Member-at-Large - Tom also expressed interest in serving in capacity to help represent Southern Oregon.

Secretary - Sarah Roberts was nominated. Kent and Ann will confirm Sarah's interest.

Treasurer - Sky Goodrich, current Treasurer, may be interested in sharing position or finding a replacement. Andy and Ann will discuss with Sky and, if appropriate, identify candidates.

Men's College Coaches - Board hoped Sam Sadtler would stay on board in some capacity; Ann subsequently discussed with Sam becoming the representative as Sam is actively involved with the intercollegiate, USILA, nationally and in Oregon. Sam also will lead discussions related to D&O insurance and chapter 503(c) 3 filings.

HS Boys' Coaches - Group discussed value of retaining Jim Hammon as new representative as Matt Augspurger has not been able to attend chapter meetings due to other commitments. Ann will discuss position with Jim.

HS Girls' Coaches representative - Amy Einstein, agreed to continue, with group support.

Men's Club representative - Doug Foster, agreed to continue in role, with group support.

Women's Club representative - Heather Matthews, has not been able to attend meetings. Andrea Schatz agreed to identify candidate(s) for that position.

Women College Coaches representative has been Bill Hander. Ann will ask Jen Larsen, new University of Oregon head women's lacrosse coach to consider position.

Mens's Official – Group nominated Fred Sentzen to replace current representative Brian Platz has not been active. Ann will discuss with Fred.

Women's Official – Karen Rawson was nominated to replace Dorothy Hirsch, who is retiring. Ann subsequently confirmed interest with Karen.

Member at Large – Andrea Schatz expressed interest in serving. Group acknowledged value of Andrea's involvement as she has been on the executive board of the Oregon Girls Lacrosse Association.

Member at Large – Group did not discuss, but Ann will pursue representation by Terry Vance. All positions and candidates were discussed and approved, pending consent by nominees not present.

3. **Chapter Requirements Focus and Strategic Vision**

Ann shared overview of USLA Strategic Vision and Plan and role of Chapters. Please see attached. Some current requirements due to USLA from Chapter include:

- Submit bylaws & articles of incorporation; and annual list of officers, board members' responsibilities and titles;
- Secure board representation (2-4) : Youth, High school, College, Post-college; officials (2) athletes(2), individual college, at-large (4) - which new board meets;
- Submit annual report (30 days after FY); submit action plan;
- Adhere to insurance plan;
- Establish and maintain membership growth targets;
- Meet 6 or more times every other month;
- Conduct annual meeting of adult members;
- Send at least 3 communications to non-youth membership;
- Have 3 + events per year to promote lacrosse;
- Establish good website;
- Assist USLA in maintaining annual census;
- Not endorse commercial products, etc.
- Other.

4. **Current Chapter needs**

Group discussed need to develop **strategic priorities (3-5) for each constituent group** served by next scheduled chapter meeting on September 13th. At this meeting the priorities, resources needed and timelines will be discussed so plan may be included in October report to the USLA group chapter meeting and be submitted to USLA within required timelines. Ann will forward format for developing these priorities with each constituent group to each representative over the next week.

Group discussed need to revamp and maintain **chapter website** as top priority. Amy Einstein agreed to lead a subcommittee to address needs and begin update process by end of July. Amy may work with Sarah Roberts, Brian Platz, current contractor with OGLA to do so, and Erin Wright. Ann will also work with group.

Financial and last year event reports to USLA are due by September 1st, 30 days from end of FY. Additionally, USLA requires that **minutes** from all chapter meetings are posted publicly, on website. Andy will provide these to Ann, and Amy or Sarah Roberts, as appropriate for posting/filing.

Collaborating Men, Women, Youth programs and lacrosse activities throughout Oregon was discussed. Group acknowledged challenges and timeliness of combining energies during this period of exponential growth throughout the region and country. Other regional areas, such as Vancouver, WA, have asked for involvement. At this time, group agreed to postpone addressing expanding region outside state and to focus on integrating state organizations.

Brief discussion of January event to address coaching, girls and boys, score keeping, Positive Coach Alliance, and possibly refereeing was deferred to September. Also, to be discussed in possibility of centralized May event 2005 for championship play offs and exhibition matches in one forum.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:45 p.m.