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### **Chapter Meeting June 3, 2008**

**Attendance: Terry Vance, Donna Smoot, Carie Strahorn, Bill Lake, Jane Newman,  
Fred Zensen, Sam Sadtler, Andrea Schatz**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Vance.**

**Minutes of the last meeting were approved as sent.**

**Treasurers Report:** Vance reported that a positive balance was being maintained after all the expenses had been paid. Recent advertising invoices were paid and deposits made.

### **Committee Reports**

**Jane Newman – Girls Youth** Saturday marks the end of the season with a Lake Oswego Festival. Issues that need to be given attention next year: This year teams required to register as true 5-6 or 7-8 but not enough older kids. Next year will register through the association by age and grade.

-Lack of referees

-Games canceled

-Solution for next year: Scheduling changes, more youth clinics = bigger pool to draw from

-3 teams to Washington tournament - West Linn, Hillsboro, Beaverton

-Soccer has gone to full year sport creating competition for players and facilities

-Camps/Scholarships – 8 camps – 6 of them full day

-2 scholarships for 2 of the camps

-Next year for camps to be sponsored require them to offer scholarship

-New association up and running with Board includes Bvtn, Hillsboro, West Linn, Oregon City

-Youth referee clinics and coaches clinics to encourage learning all the rules to avoid conflict during games

**Bill Lake – Boys Youth Lacrosse** Starting Census – 19 HS and 12 Middle Schools replied. Issues beyond coaches, referees and field space. --1<sup>st</sup> OYLA meeting – main goal being to move toward the US Lacrosse set of rules by 2010.

Issues with the youth referees – need to define the rules and how to best make the calls on the field. Level of officiating varies from youth to high school and the level of training also needs to vary. Want to train the kids, mentor the kids, create a probationary state, do testing to better prepare them.

Coaches training and testing – many don't know the game and don't know how to coach. Goal is to set guidelines.

Also working on reducing redundancy at the youth level – establish a framework for new team, camps...with a set of guidelines to work under. This will help parents with camp schedules and it will regulate pricing.

Considering creating a website for youth lacrosse – to include any and all information.

**Carie Strahorn – OGLA** - meeting to be Wed, June 4<sup>th</sup> (Day after Chapter meeting)

Issues to be discussed include sportsmanship, volume of referees.

Multiple games played with no referees.

Need ideas to bring in more officials and increase interest.

OGLA website will be looked at. Needs to be more user friendly.

**Andrea Schatz – Girls Referees** – As far as the referee training...on field training over classroom training.

It's difficult for new coaches to take a classroom education and immediately apply it on the field. Need to have an experienced ref with a new ref, however, the number of experienced referees is limited. Mentoring program.

\$\$ is an issue. They need to feel that it is worth their time to drive out to the field and work the game. One solution may be to schedule doubleheaders.

Main emphasis- the tier system does not work with the girls.

**Fred Zensen – Officials** – Added 18 new officials

Always looking to increase the numbers. The life of a referee is about 4 years.

Good recognition – of the 9 college officials from Oregon, 5 went to the final four in Montana

Meeting June 14<sup>th</sup> in Salem for Oregon Lacrosse Officials Association

Some challenges for the officials – coaches/parents arguing the calls and sending videos with different angles of the call recorded. The response is to review them and learn from them.

**New Business** –

Grant request from the section Men's Officials for \$450 approved.

Coaches training class in Eugene. Expanded to include both boys and girls. Application submitted to US Lacrosse.

Trainers needed for the girls. Best time for programs is in the fall so they have the winter months to prepare for the season.

Board members needed – send possible candidates to Terry.

Next meeting is July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00