

## **Oregon Chapter USLA – Board Meeting – 8/7/2007**

In attendance: Ann Witsil, Terry Vance, Bill Lake, Lauren Anderson, Carie Strahorn, Tom Foster, Jane Newman (via conference call), Lise Martin, Rick Freimark, Andrea Shatz (via conference call), Dale Waagmeester

Meeting began at 6:30 pm with the approval of the minutes from June 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Segment Reports**

#### **Youth Girls** – Jane Newman reporting

Discussions about introducing full checking into the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade level. Lauren Anderson (OGLA guest representative) says it might be a good idea to introduce modified checking so the girls have the practice.

*Action item: Bill Lake will send Jane Newman a template for collecting participation numbers.*

#### **Youth Boys** – Bill Lake reporting

Collecting the census data. Joanne Hausman continues to assist in getting these numbers. Looking at opportunities to take advantage of 501-3c through USLA. Coordinating officials and growing officials are important goals. The suggestion came up to have student officials “intern” by merely be responsible for calling off-sides. The problem is that players’ practices often conflict with times of youth games.

#### **High School Girls (OGLA)** – Lauren Anderson and Carie Strahorn reporting

Century HS has been put on sanction due to parent behavior. Lincoln HS is off sanction and did a wonderful job this year supporting good sportsmanship. There will be some kind of sportsmanship training (probably not PCA) this year open to both boys and girls.

Reviewing playoff structure this year and getting input from athletic directors at school-sponsored schools. Revising all-state selection process. Two board positions are open on OGLA. Looking at trying to get a need-based grant through the Oregon Sports Authority.

Shamrock LAX offers goals at a discounted price – purchase through the chapter. \$350 + shipping for two goals and the nets. OGLA helps new schools by giving them goals if they say they are in need.

#### **High School Boys** - Dale Waagmeester

Successful championship this year. Probably second only to football and basketball. Tillamook and Newberg have expressed interest in starting programs. Good showing for Team Oregon. May combine Team Oregon with Rhino next year. Seeking coaches.

#### **Club/College Women** – Lise Martin

Winded Women’s Club will be having volunteers at Sabin in NE PDX – set aside a couple of days a week to work with youth girls there. PDX women’s held a successful beach tournament. Some HS players competed too.

#### **Club/College Men** – Tom Foster

Lots of interest, dearth of coaches, referees and fields. It would be interesting to know how other parts of the country recruit coaches.

#### **Non-metro** – Tom Foster

Eugene men’s club is in a bit of trouble. Market is small and it might go under.

#### **Ref/Umpire** – Terry Vance for Fred Zensen

Will hold all trainings in our new offices in Beaverton.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### **Finance** – Terry Vance

Have about \$8K in the bank. Just sent in check for directors and officers insurance and to Ildy for an update on the website. We can always use more advertising for the website. \$30/month to advertise on the website.

#### **Fund Raising** – Terry Vance

Advertising on website and Hall of Fame event could also serve as fund-raiser.

#### **Grants – New RFP System** – Discussion

Get the deadlines for grants and announcements for grants from USLA on our calendar.

The goal of this RFP process is mostly to proactively anticipate requests and provide consistency and fairness. Ann

Witsil proposes we re-visit the priorities of the chapter, for example, ref training. Tom Foster says we've done a good job in the past of offering "seed money" for refs to go recruit more refs. Carie Strahorn says it is incumbent upon us to go out and solicit according to priorities. Andrea Shatz says the individual leagues are providing money for tangible things and USLA should be specific about giving \$\$\$ for growth. She'd like us to expect to hear back after the grant about how it was used and that it was effective.

Dale Waagmeester says it would be great to pair with the JAX and have a recruiting table at the games. Bill Lake says that "trades" are hard to achieve under the old mgmt at the JAX but under new mgmt it may work. We shouldn't give up. Bill suggests we seek national grants, etc. but we need expertise in tapping into it.

**Action item: Dale will email the JAX and copy Lauren to make a new request for a table.**

**Action item: Get OGLA's process from Lauren Anderson to review – Jeanne Enders**

Rick Freimark says the post office is moving to the airport and he thinks we should grab the surface for a new municipal field ☺ He'll work on that!

Tom Foster - Oregon Community Foundation may be a granting agency that would be of interest to us. There are also firms that will do "cause-related marketing" for a fee (such as \$2 or \$3K annually).

#### **January Nike Clinic – Ann Witsil**

Wants to know if there is interest. It might be nice to have a generic coaching clinic (for all levels, all genders). Jane Newman reported that many parents are eager to help out and that we could do fund-raising at training events. Training can also be done on-line, but they don't show you drills and you miss the comraderie of working with others in person. Andrea Shatz had a hands-on training for coaches that raised funds for Cleveland HS. It was very successful. It is a good idea to have coaches-only and then players-only events so there aren't conflicts. Ann W. moved that we have a January level I training. Bill Lake seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

#### **Hall of Fame – Carie Strahorn**

The plan is to utilize our office space area for the Hall of Fame "banquet". The date will be either November 10<sup>th</sup> or November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

##### **Board contact for each task:**

Budget Committee – Carie and Terry

Facilities Planning and Mgmt – Terry Vance/Carie Strahorn

Communications – Jon Stevens

Sponsorships – Bill Lake

Food and Catering – Ann Witsil - Lise Martin (beer donation)

Program/Audio Visual – Lise Martin (collect photos and video footage) – Carie Strahorn/Ann Witsil

Recognition Awards – Jeanne Enders

#### **Stars and Stripes – Girls Event (October) – Lauren Anderson/Terry Vance**

First weekend in October at THPRD (Oct. 5,6,7). US Nat'l elite team, developmental team, team Canada, U of O, Stanford, Berkeley, Four HS teams, Oregon elite, Puget Sound select, NORCAL and SOCAL will participate. In addition to the games, there will be player clinics – youth, intermediate and advanced (girls). Saturday night event is meant to cover their costs but any remainder might be available for the chapter.

#### Board Housekeeping

##### **USLA Compliance Report – Terry reporting**

Participation census is part of this report. Executive committee will meet to complete remainder of report.

**Chapter Meetings for 2007-2008** –Meetings will fall on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm except for the meeting in January 2008 when the meeting will be on the second Tuesday of the month (January 8<sup>th</sup>).

**Adjourned at 8:12 pm**