

USLA Oregon Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2007

In attendance: Terry Vance, Jane Newman, Bill Lake, Dale Waagmeester, Lise Martin, Andrea Shatz, Sam Sadtler, Tom Foster, Jeanne Enders, Ann Witsil – at the end of the meeting we were joined by two members of the USLA staff: Ann Kitt Carpenetti and Stacey Wentz

Minutes from August 2007 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Terry Vance

End of July - \$7497.63 balance in accounts

Youth Girls – Jane Newman

Rhino lax offers a session this fall: rhinolax.com These sessions will be every Sunday beginning this Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. except during the Stars and Stripes weekend. Some girls may be ball girls at Stars and Stripes.

Youth Boys – Bill Lake

Met to organize and standardize codes of conduct, background checks, rules etc. across the states. Lasted from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. 15 of 21 programs were represented at this meeting; this constitutes approximately 90% representation. A board was elected. Committees were established. Bill Lake is President of this board. Using USLA online accreditation program. Trying to train and grow referees and see this as a three-year process.

High School Boys – Dale W.

Canby is coming in as a JV program this year.

High School Girls – Terry reported for Carie who was attending the concurrent OGLA meeting. She'll report more after the OGLA meets.

Andrea: worked at Tubman Middle School. In this old site is an all-girls young women's academy and will eventually be a 6-12 school. That would be an ideal site to get something going that is in a little more diverse school. There is a huge field right next to their school and this would be a great opportunity.

Dale W. reported that there was a goal to get an alternative group together in that area involving an organization called SEI. There may be some opportunity to combine efforts. Dale will give Andrea the contact info. His name may be Graham Covington.

Club – Lise Martin

Indoor pick up has begun.

Non-metro – Tom Foster

Ref/Umpire – no report

We should ask Mike Clark to find a replacement for Juliet – Jane will do this.

Hall of Fame – Terry reporting for Carie

Has everyone who got an assignment been working on it? Terry got a reservation for the building from noon to 8 pm on November 3, 2007. We are thinking about 75 people. It would probably be from 5 to 7 pm. Lise found that Mt. Hood beer will need a formal letter with letterhead. Lise will also be seeking photos and video along with Carie and Ann. All board members on list to help will email Carie this week and get their timeline.

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 - Terry

USLA coaches ed program – level 1 instruction

Terry says maybe OGLA will offer to subsidize one coach from every program for this training. Bill Lake may have an additional

boys' training in January but for women this will probably be the only training of the year. There is some urgency around notifying relevant women's and girls' coaches and refs to participate. The best information can be found at our website. The training is not free. It costs \$70/person and we are considering a request to pay \$20 of that for the first 30 participants. We can accommodate about 70 participants. Andrea will contact Carrie about getting the message out to team parents and athletic directors asap.

A motion was passed to approve a \$20 subsidy for the first 30 participants who sign up for the Stars and Stripes coaching clinic.

Dale moved that we pay \$450 for a referee training in Bend, Oregon. Tom says we should make coaches, refs and fields our top priorities. Ann W. requests that we consider setting another \$450 aside for women's refs.

Ann moved that we provide \$450 for the men's ref clinic contingent upon having more information about what the money is for. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Suggestions were made around how to standardize the granting process within our chapter. Ann W. says we should create a statement about our priorities, for example: "Priority is recruitment, training and retention of coaches and referees". We discussed the idea of getting a brief report after the event asking questions such as: Was the event successful? How many people showed up?

Tom Foster and Dale W. offered great suggestions for the form. It will be mailed with the minutes for board perusal.

US Lacrosse Visitors – Stars and Stripes Weekend

Ann C. and Stacey W. from US Lacrosse visited the meeting at the end and reported on the coming Stars and Stripes event. They are very excited about the things going on here in the state. There is great importance in getting the "messaging" out about Oregon and Western States lacrosse. There will be about six staff members from US lax and the rest will be volunteers. Team liaisons are important little details that can make this event really great.

The event will be in one month. The focus is now on marketing. US lax needs us to get the message across and will help us by offering materials to do our own grassroots outreach. It is also about promoting the chapter. This could be an annual event.

Questions:

Starting 2008 there will be US lax certification training. There's an online component and an on-field, classroom component. National team members are doing the training. They've also been certified and trained to teach the 101. It includes things such as: "This is how you plan a practice", etc. It will be specific to women's lacrosse.

Coaches clinic: Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will also be player clinics.

Clinic participants will all get free access to the games.

USLA has a new website and Stars and Stripes in PDX is on the front page.

Suggested we have a table at the event to promote US lacrosse.

Meeting adjourned around 8:45 p.m.