



BOYS YOUTH LACROSSE OF WASHINGTON

Minutes of January 29, 2009
Meeting of Executive Board

- 223: The meeting of the Boys Youth Lacrosse of Washington Executive Board was held on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Mercer Island Public Library, 4400 88th Avenue, Mercer Island, WA.
- 224: In attendance: Tim Jones, Rick Jenness, Ron Wright, Bill Hanaford, Walter Valenzuela, Bob Hodge, Michael McGinn, Louis Lucchesi, and Susie Petersen. Two guests were present, namely, Mike Shigley and Scott Kelly, representing Eastside Crusader Youth Lacrosse.
- 225: Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of October 9, 2008 and of the BYLW Program Director's Meeting of October 16, 2008 were reviewed.

MOTION #35: Motion was made by Bill Hanaford to approve the minutes as stated. Motion was carried by vote of 9-0.

- 226: Discussion was held concerning the Count Me In (CMI) Registration demise. CMI was forced into bankruptcy earlier in the week, but the impact on BYLW is \$0, as all teams that registered with CMI prior to BYLW shutting down our registration site, have recovered their funds, and have since paid BYLW directly.
- 227: As BYLW's website is currently hosted by CMI, discussions were held on where to move our website hosting. As CMI is the current registrar, we need to contact them for permission to move the site to another host. Bob Hodge and Bill Hanaford agreed to look into options and getting all of our documents into .html for eventual uploading to a new system.
- 228: There is a controversy in the East region concerning a new lacrosse club known as Eastside Crusader Youth Lacrosse. Some Eastside directors, most notably, Scott Wiley and Ian O'Hearn, have imposed restrictions on Eastside Crusaders in regards to their team makeup, in that all team members must attend Eastside Catholic School. Scott Wiley declined our invitation to attend this meeting to present his side of the case. Mr. Scott Kelly and Mr. Mike Shigley were in attendance. They stated that Eastside Crusaders is an independent club, meaning that they are not funded by a school. They accepted registrations from boys attending both public and private schools. EC is being accused of soliciting registrations of some top players of neighboring teams. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Shigley explained, that in hindsight, that perhaps they should have opened registration to



Eastside Catholic Middle School first, and then opened it up to the General Public. However, after they attended an Eastside regional meeting a few weeks ago, and restrictions were imposed on them, they reached out to parents and turned down some registrations, and accepted more EC Middle School boys. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Shigley maintain that all boys on the teams now either attend EC Middle School or have ties to Eastside Catholic (i.e. siblings attend, parents work there, etc.).

The Board listened to Walter Valenzuela (Eastside Representative) and Bill Hanaford (At-Large Representative who attended the Eastside Regional Meeting) to try to explain the other side of the debate.

After much discussion, the consensus of the Board was that since Eastside Crusaders is an independent club, not funded by a school (as is the case of Lakeside or Overlake), there are no boundaries from which they may obtain players for their team, per BYLW Rules and Regulations. The East Region has no authority to impose rules that supersede BYLW's Rules and Regulations, therefore the restrictions that were placed on Eastside Crusaders is being overturned.

- 229: Four teams are asking for provisional membership for the 2009 season, namely Lake Tapps Lacrosse Club, Eastside Crusader Youth Lacrosse, North County Lacrosse, and Silver Lake Lacrosse.

MOTION #36: A motion was made by Ron Wright that the Executive Board agree to accept Lake Tapps Lacrosse Club, Eastside Crusader Youth Lacrosse, North County Lacrosse, and Silver Lake Lacrosse as provisional teams for the 2009 season. Motion carried by vote of 9-0.

- 230: President Tim Jones presented the WALOA contract for the 2009 season:
- a) There are very few changes from last year's contract. Travel and mileage rates remain the same. Scheduling will continue be done through Sportability.
 - b) Provisions were made in regards to only having one, experienced, referee for the 3/4 Division, with a shorter game time.
 - c) BYLW will make every effort to provide one parent (or high-school) referee candidate from each team, to be trained by WALOA in February, and that no parent will be asked to referee a game that his/her child is playing in.



- d) Tim Jones will verify with Jim Franklin, WALOA Chairman, the exact dates they want to hold the training in February. WALOA is looking to BYLW to secure locations in the North, South, and East Regions. Possible locations include, but are not limited to, North Sound Christian School (Mountlake Terrace), Chinook Middle School (Bellevue) and Curtis High School (Tacoma). Susie Petersen is in charge of securing locations once dates have been finalized by WALOA.

MOTION #37: A motion was made by Ron Wright to accept the WALOA 2009 Contract as presented. Motion carried by vote of 9-0.

- 231: A report of the 2009 Schedule was made by Ron Wright. Tentative schedules have been completed, with final schedules from all regions due to him by February 8th. His goal is to have all schedules posted on Sportability by February 15th, thus allowing teams and WALOA to access their schedules on February 16th.

It was noted that the East Region has pulled all 3/4 Division teams from the schedule, as they strongly disagree with the Board's and Director's decision of having referees at this level of play.

A brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of using a schedule software program in the future. Louis Lucchesi will be doing research and the topic will be re-visited at a later time.

- 232: Rick Jenness presented information regarding the U-15 National Tournament, to be held July 8 through July 10, 2009 in Baltimore, MD. At the time he was looking into this matter, he discovered that the tournament only allowed for three teams from the Northwest region, and two of them had already been filled. He felt so strongly that the State of Washington should be represented, that he paid the placeholder fee himself. Final Registration is due by March 1st, with rosters due by May 1st.

A discussion was held as to what the best methodology is for choosing team members, coaches, cost factors for team members, uniforms, obtaining a corporate sponsor, etc. As this is a U-15 tournament, it will be open to boys born in 1994, which covers both 8th graders and high school freshmen, which would further complicate the team selection process.

BYLW has agreed to assist Rick in this matter, but is not taking on the obligation themselves.

- 233: A brief review of the High School Championships took place. The date is May 30th at Memorial Stadium in Seattle, WA. BYLW will be

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sponsoring four games prior to the actual championship games from 12 pm to 4 pm. There will two 5/6 Division **Honor the Game** games, allowing for each team to have at least one representative. There will be two 7/8 Division All-Star Games. Ron Wright has asked for volunteers to assist him in the coordination of these games. Division 2's championship game will be at 5 pm and Division 1's championship game will be held at 7:30 pm.

234: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Susie Petersen, Secretary