



BOYS YOUTH LACROSSE OF WASHINGTON

Minutes of June 11, 2009
Meeting of Coaches and Directors

277: The meeting of the Boys Youth Lacrosse of Washington Coaches and Directors was held on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the TOPS School, 2500 East Franklin Avenue, Seattle, WA.

278: In attendance: Tim Jones, Michael McGinn, Rick Jenness, Susie Petersen, Ron Wright, Dejon Hush, Bob Hodge, Scott Kinzer, Bob McBroom, Randy Woo, David Grubb, Lodie Grubb, Rick Dolph, Nate Morris, Angela Krisinger, Mark Benedum, David Fosth, Stan Kosick, David Hulsoor, Jennifer Okemah, Jim Sokol, Tino Dela Rosa, Joe Baldwin, Eric Smith, and Johnny Price. Minutes of the Coaches Meeting of February 5, 2009 were reviewed.

After review of the minutes, Johnny Price noticed that his name was not listed as being in attendance at the February 5, 2009 meeting.

MOTION #48: Motion was made by Rick Jenness to approve the minutes after the addition of Johnny Price's name. Bob Hodge seconded the motion. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

279: Outgoing President, Tim Jones, spoke about his tenure as president, thanked all those who have supported him for the past few years, and introduced the new incoming President, Michael McGinn. Michael has served as Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President in the past and is very well equipped to now take on the responsibility of presidency.

280: Treasurer Rick Jenness, presented a financial report for the 2009 season. There were 129 teams registered, of which 17 were 3/4 teams. This is about a 20% increase from 2008. Revenue was roughly \$70,000, with an estimated year end profit of \$1,800 to \$2,000. Expenses were up primarily due to more games being scheduled, which resulted in additional referee fees to WALOA. Referees were also provided to those regions that held jamborees. We also had the one-time expense of Honor The Game team jerseys for both the 5/6 team and 7/8 All-Star team, as well as the giveaway commemorative t-shirts for both teams.

A review of the season, from a financial perspective, included the unraveling of Count Me In registration, which we were able to stop our losses with only five teams being affected, all of whom have



recovered their funds. A new process is underway for registration on our new website for the 2010 season.

281: There are a few positions that need to be filled for the 2010 season, including Vice-President, North Region Rep, At-Large, and possibly a paid scheduler. Rick Jenness has agreed to continue as Treasurer for one additional year so there is some continuity during this transition year for the Board. It was decided there were not enough people in attendance at this meeting to vote on this matter and the issue will be carried forward to the October Coaches / Directors meeting.

282: Bob Hodge and Bill Hanaford have worked together to get our new website established, so that all ties are broken with Count Me In, who previously hosted our website. We were able to retain our domain of www.bylw.org. Bob Hodge has been working diligently to get the site up and running, including all historical documents, forms, lacrosse links, contact information, registration, etc.

The issue of whether or not to post scores on the website or through Sportability was discussed. As we currently use Sportability for our scheduling, and are under the umbrella of the high school teams portal (per WALOA's request), there can only be one contact for Sportability for BYLW. It was felt that posting scores would be too burdensome for one person to handle, as keeping up with all the schedule changes is already a huge workload.

283: Michael McGinn discussed the results of the end-of-year survey that had been circulated to all clubs. He had 57 responses, or a 33% response rate, and they were distributed evenly among all regions and age divisions.

On a scale of 1-5, the average overall satisfaction rating for the 2009 season was 3.9. Breaking the statistics down a bit further, the satisfaction rating for coaches was 3.9, for refs it was 3.8, for registration it was 3.6 and for scheduling it was 3.7.

For the topic of Coaches Training – 60% of coaches said they would prefer it earlier in the season; however, Program Directors want it closer to the season. It was noted the Level 1 US Lacrosse training is available online and Level 2 is a hands-on training session. A suggestion was made to bring in a big-name coach to draw more participants and use high school players to perform the actual drills/skills to add more excitement. It was also suggested that there be more of an emphasis on regional training sessions, which could also boost attendance.

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There was a section of the survey entitled Rule/Other Changes, with a variety of topics. 44% of coaches want to extend the Honor The Game helmet decal tradition to 7/8 teams, while only 2% wanted to eliminate Honor The Game altogether. An average of 50% want standings and/or scores posted online, but it was noted that this interest is highest at the 3/4 level and decreases with each age group. Playoffs are of very little interest in the North region, but an average of 43% of those surveyed in other regions are open to it. 28% of responders like the idea of a pre-season Jamboree; however 0% of 3/4 teams feel this appropriate. This is understandable since they have mostly new players to the game and simply would not be ready for anything pre-season. 11% feel moving the season earlier is prudent, while 35% prefer a later start. Reasons given were overlapping with winter sports such as hockey and basketball, as well as muddy fields, lack of light, cold/wet weather. And only 5% feel less than 10 games should be scheduled for the season.

- 284: Eric Smith, WALOA representative, talked briefly about the 2009 season, from the referee's viewpoint. One suggestion he made would be to laminate new rules and have every team place them in the front of their scorebook. This is an easy way for coaches, scorers and referees all to be on the same page during a game. Referee training was discussed, as well as the idea of combining that with the US Lacrosse coaches clinic. Seattle Pacific University seems to be a fairly easy venue for people from all regions to attend, but they are open to other suggestions. Eric feels it is important to send some people out East for the national convention every other year.
- 285: A discussion was held on what topics need the most attention for the 2010 season. A review of what BYLW's mission is, Positive Coaching Alliance, governance of stated rules and regulations, and establishing consequences for those who do not follow them were topics that were mentioned.
- 286: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Susie Petersen, Secretary