



BOYS YOUTH LACROSSE OF WASHINGTON

Minutes of June 10, 2010
Meeting of Coaches and Directors

- 413: A meeting of the Boys Youth Lacrosse of Washington Coaches and Directors was held on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 7 pm at TOPS School, 2500 East Franklin Avenue, Seattle, WA.
- 414: In attendance: Michael McGinn, Susie Petersen, Colin Hunter, Kipp Strong, Stan Kosick, Dave Acker, Sandy Schneider, Michael Foster, Rich Schwartz, Mark Funkhouser, John Heritage, Marcus Rosenbam, Scott Kelly, David Colter, Mike Shigley, Steve Toliver, Ron Wright, Sean Cappello, Mark Benedum, Jim Sokol, Steve Wisman, Nathan Morris, and Quincy Milton.
- 415: **MOTION #71: Motion was made by Sandy Schneider to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2010 Coaches Meeting. John Heritage seconded the motion. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
- 416: Treasurer Rick Jenness was unavailable due to a scheduling conflict; however, he did submit a Profit and Loss Statement by Season and a Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual Report which the Secretary made available to all attendees. He did note that reconciliations are not final with respect to referee fees. If a team had less than 10 games, they should be expecting a refund. For teams who had more than 10 games, they may be billed for additional fees, unless they had games during the season where they didn't have two refs show up, in which case, it could be a wash.
- 417: Elections for the 2010-2011 season were held. The question arose as to who is eligible to vote? Per our ByLaws, every team (3/4, 5/6 and 7/8) gets one vote and one designated Director from every club gets one vote. This presented another question...if a person serves two roles (i.e. Director and Coach) – do they get two votes? A discussion was held. The point was made that if every team is allowed one vote by a Director, then that vote should be allowed, regardless if the position is filled by a coach. Otherwise, that club is losing a vote that is rightfully theirs. So if a person is filling a dual role, that person should get two votes.
- MOTION #72: Motion was made by Mike Shigley to allow anyone who serves a dual role to have two votes. Stan Kosick seconded the motion. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**



418: Two changes to the candidate list took place between the time the Secretary sent out biographies on the candidates in early June and tonight's meeting. Justin Hunt withdrew his name for the position of Master Scheduler, as recent work conflicts arose which would interfere with performing this task to the best of his ability. Secondly, Sean Cappello put his name forward for the position of Treasurer.

Each of the candidates who were present gave a brief speech about their background and qualifications. For those who were not present, Michael McGinn presented relevant facts and qualifications for these individuals.

Voting took place by paper ballot and results were tabulated by the Secretary. The meeting continued during this time.

419: Michael McGinn reviewed results from the 2010 End-of-Year Survey. Participants spanned all age divisions and all regions. Almost everyone's response as to what was the best part of the season was seeing their kids develop as players. While there were many suggestions for next year's Board to consider, some major themes did present themselves in the survey:

- 1) Competition – BYLW needs to create a better system to distinguish between the level of players. Very few teams called themselves "A" teams, making it difficult to schedule for those who were "A" teams. There were a lot of teams who called themselves "B" teams, who could have easily been "A" teams. There were a lot of very lopsided, blow-out type of games, which is not good for either team. Suggestions included making sure that Program Directors and Coaches are communicating at the time of registration to ensure that the correct classification is noted; not assigning team classifications at the time of registration, as team rosters are not known at that time; using an A-B-C system so that "A" teams are not playing "C" teams – thus eliminating the blow-out type of games; and lastly using a scale of 1-10 to rate teams, again helping to prevent the lopsided type of games.
- 2) Referees – The biggest problem seemed to be lack of consistency in calling games from week to week. One week, there would be a ref who would call every infraction and prolong the game and the next week there would be a ref who never flew the flag. Some refs were good at controlling the physicality of a game and others seemed to apply high school rules and the games got out of hand. The question was asked as to how many people reported ref



issues on the BYLW website? The Webmaster was not available at the meeting, so no one could address that point.

- 3) Scheduling – this topic ran the gambit from the season was too long to the season should be extended into June. Some felt there was too much traveling. Some of the 3/4 coaches do not like the concept of playing multiple games in one day, as the kids get too tired.
- 4) Opposing Coaches – Some coaches seem to only teach aggressive play rather than the rules of the game. Some coaches are loud and demeaning to their players. Some coaches are not participating in the Honor The Game program, making for an uncomfortable situation when the opposing team looked forward to that part of the game. Some coaches were unaware that the Honor The Game program is for every age division, including 7/8. All in all, most of the coaches were pleasant to work with, but it just takes that one less-than-stellar coach to leave a bad impression with the opposing team.

420: Election Results were announced. Vice President – Mark Funkhouser, winning by a slim margin of two votes over Rich Schwartz. Secretary: Matt Alberto, running unopposed. Treasurer: Sean Cappello, running unopposed. Master Scheduler: Quincy Milton, running unopposed. At-Large: John Heritage and Joe Baldwin.

As the voting was so close in the VP race, President McGinn asked Rich Schwartz if he would accept a position of At-Large, as he obviously has a lot of qualifications and support. Rich graciously accepted. For North Region Rep – John Heritage received all the write-in votes. John will decide over the next few weeks which position he feels he is best suited for. If he chooses the At Large position, then the North Region will need to find a different North Region Rep before next season.

421: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Susie Petersen, Outgoing Secretary