



BOYS YOUTH LACROSSE OF WASHINGTON

Minutes of October 15, 2009
Meeting of BYLW Program Directors

- 324: The meeting of the Boys Youth Lacrosse of Washington Directors was held on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Seward School (TOPS), 2500 E Franklin Street, Seattle, WA.
- 325: In attendance: Michael McGinn, Steve Robinson, Hal Smith, Jay Stendahl, Dave Acker, Garry Hartzell, Brian Clem, Joan Olson, Peter White, Brian Van Baush, Angela Krisinger, Zach Smith, Robert Smith, Erick Smith, Ron Wright, Bill Hanaford, Dejon Hush, Rick Jenness, Tedd Girgus, Stan Kosick, Steve Weaver, Chris Sherman, Scott Kelly, Kevin Martin, Jim Sokol, Steve Wisman, Bob Hodge and Susie Petersen.
- Minutes of the Coaches Meeting of June 11, 2009 were reviewed.
- MOTION #58: Motion was made by Rick Jenness and seconded by Michael McGinn to approve the minutes as stated. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.**
- 326: President Michael McGinn reviewed the upcoming US Lacrosse-WA Chapter convention, to be held January 30th and 31st at Eastside Catholic High School. This is for coaches, parents, and officials.
- There will be Level II Coaches Clinic on February 13th, also at Eastside Catholic High School. It was mentioned that there will be a Level I clinic on December 12th at The Lakeside School. Coaches must complete Level I training before attending the Level II clinic.
- 327: Erik Smith, representing WALOA, informed us that WALOA will be holding their Referee Training at Seattle Pacific University-Bertona Building on January 31st, 2010 and will then hold four more regional training sessions the following four Sundays. WALOA will also be putting on a Timers/Scorekeepers Clinic on February 28, at SPU – Bertona Building.
- 328: Michael McGinn informed the Directors of the recent split of the East Region teams, who wanted more autonomy and decided to create their own league. BYLW and the new league will work together to promote inter-league games. This will reduce the number of teams in BYLW back to 2008 figures, and should have little financial impact on BYLW, as most of our costs are pass-through costs.
- 329: Rick Jenness explained the 2010 Registration process. Registration will be performed through BYLW's new website (www.bylw.org) and



will have a link to two forms; one for Program information and one for Team information. Fees can be paid by check or by PayPal.

- 330: Susie Petersen provided information regarding important upcoming dates:

Team Registration will open on November 14, 2009 and end on December 13, 2009.

Payment for registration is due by January 10, 2010.

Coaches Meeting will be held February 11, 2009.

Dates to keep in mind when looking at schedules include:

Three Rivers Shoot Out - April 24th and 25th

High School Championships - May 22nd (No Games Scheduled)

Memorial Day - May 29th

Spring Break – varies by School District

Battle of Bothell - June 18th through June 20th

Conferences need to decide if they will be holding a Jamboree

- 331: Rick Jenness outlined the fee structure for the 2010 season. This past season, 85% of all games had two referees, which means that referee costs were higher than anticipated for the season. The Executive Board would like to restructure fees to more accurately align with actual expenses.

7/8 and 5/6 Teams: Dues would be \$50 per team and \$55 per game for referees, for a total of \$600 for the season.

3/4 Teams: Dues would be \$50 per team and \$18 per game for referees (only one ref per game – cost split between both teams), for a total of \$230 for the season.

Jamborees would be Pay-As-You-Go. This way, clubs are not paying for a jamboree if they are not participating in one.

A discussion was held as to perhaps raising the dues to \$75 and using the extra money to put on a Goalies Clinic, as this is one position that a lot of coaches do not have a lot of expertise with. It was suggested maybe Stealth would be interested in helping out, but their workouts begin in mid-December.

A question was raised as to how the rate of \$55 per game for referee's fees was determined. It breaks down to \$51 to WALOA for the referee, including travel, plus \$4 per game for the



scheduler. The last few years, scheduling has been done gratis by Ron Wright, but the job has become too onerous to expect that any longer. Eric Smith of WALOA mentioned that there will be more mentoring of newer referees by more experienced refs this year.

- 332: Michael McGinn reviewed the new Lystedt Law and how it affects every program. As BYLW does not handle player registrations, it is the responsibility of each program to make sure they are in compliance with the new law. Information has been placed on the BYLW website to assist them in this effort. There is a lot of information available online, as well. A flyer was handed out entitled ***Heads Up – Concussion in Youth Sports***, prepared by the US Department of Health and Human Services, available online at www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports.

It was also brought up that programs should look beyond simply complying with the law, but to develop a plan of action to enforce the law. Decisions need to be made as to whom to report injuries to within their program, who is tracking clearance from doctors, etc.

- 333: The President reviewed NFHS rule changes. They include:

Revision: Players must completely wrap hands around crosse on face-offs.

Clarification: Player receiving a pass cannot be checked unless the ball is within 5 yards.

Revision: Locking down with the arm or any other body part over another player's crosse is an illegal hold, and a face-off man may not grasp any part of opponent's stick during the face-off.

Emphasis: Teams stay on designated side of field during warm-ups; circling the field is not permitted.

Emphasis: Excessive check to the head (including check that rides up to the head) gets a 2- or 3-minute penalty.

Emphasis: Refs to call stall warning if offensive team is not attempting to attack the goal and score.

Emphasis: Stick specifications unchanged for NFHS in 2010 – there are now crosses on the market that are legal for NCAA but not for NFHS.

Emphasis: A single strip of tape is not adequate taping as a substitute for a cap plug.



- 334: There are no BYLW rule changes proposed for 2010. However, Michael McGinn recommends reorganizing BYLW's Rules & Regulations document by re-grouping certain sections, explicitly referencing the NFHS rule book.

Erik Smith answered questions regarding referee irregularities from last season. Stalling in middle school games will be addressed in referee training sessions. Body checking was discussed. In the 3/4 division – no body checking is allowed, so if a kid hits the ground – there is automatic substitution. At the 5/6 level – some aggression is allowed, and even more at the 7/8 level; however not to the point of laying out a player on the field.

It was suggested that a Cheat Sheet for the different divisions be created and kept in the scorebook for referees and coaches to review prior to a game. It was also pointed out the referees need to do a better job of signing the scorebooks.

- 335: Michael McGinn reviewed in more detail the split of the East Region and how this may affect conference alignment. A discussion was held whether it is better to keep larger conferences or break it down into smaller conferences so there is more cross-conference play. The Board would like to rename the conferences, getting away from the traditional geographic names of North, South, and West.
- 336: Results from the Coaches Survey were discussed. About 45% of those who responded would like to show standings and scores on the website. BYLW has responded by creating a place on the website for tracking standings, which is the responsibility of the regions to maintain. If participation in this effort is good, it may be expanded to include scores in future years.

The website now also has the ability to report referee no-shows, to help facilitate refunds at the end of the season.

Many of the programs would like to see the Honor The Game tradition be expanded to include the 7/8 division. A brief discussion took place.

MOTION #59: Motion was made by Rick Jenness and seconded by Bob Smith to extend the Honor The Game tradition to the 7/8 Division. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- 337: Since the Executive Board will be re-organizing the Rules and Regulations, BYLW will wait until the February 11, 2010 meeting to ratify any changes.

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338: Two options were presented by the Executive Board as to season dates for the 2010 season:

Option 1: March 6th through May 15th. This would include 11 Saturdays, allowing for one bye week.

Option 2: March 13th through June 12th, with no games on May 22nd (HS Championships). Jamborees could be held on June 12th or another day of the conference's choosing. This would allow for two bye weeks and more flexibility in the schedule, as well as keeping the kids actively practicing in case they are participating in the Battle of Bothell on June 18th-20th.

A discussion took place and the general consensus was that parents do not like dragging the season out past Memorial Day and there are too many end-of-school-year activities that kids participate in. For those conferences that want to hold a Jamboree, it could be held the Sunday after HS Championships, Memorial Day weekend, or June 12th.

339: Michael McGinn reviewed the open Board position of Vice-President and noted that there will be even more open positions for the 2011 season, as many people will have served their two-year terms by then. Members are encouraged to volunteer or nominate others to fill these positions.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Petersen, Secretary