



BOYS YOUTH LACROSSE OF WASHINGTON

Minutes of October 16, 2008
Meeting of BYLW Program Directors

- 223: The meeting of the Boys Youth Lacrosse of Washington Executive Board was held on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Seward School (TOPS), 2500 E Franklin Street, Seattle, WA.
- 224: In attendance: Tim Jones, Rick Jenness, Ron Wright, Bill Hanaford, Walter Valenzuela, Bob Hodge, Michael McGinn, Scott Tracewell, Mark Gillies, Cury Boyd, Steve Bisett, Craig Hess, Kim Gleason, Charley Simpson, Ed Flowers, Lodie Grubb, Jake Faleschini, Ryan Kelly, Doug Bratz, Tom Tochtenmagi, Steve Meredith, Henry Valentine, Jan Wanzer, Sarah Stuart, Dejon Hush, Andy Farrington, Matthew Balkman, Chris Boesche, Louis Lucchesi, Bryan Lee, Scott Kelly, Chris Brauner, Tom Girgus, Ray Foster, Jim Anderson, Jim Sokol and Susie Petersen.
- 225: Minutes of the Coaches Meeting of June 12, 2008 were reviewed. Motion was made by Rick Jenness to approve the minutes as stated. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.
- 226: President Tim Jones discussed the dates of the upcoming 2009 season. In response to the discussion from the June 12th Coaches Meeting concerning the season's schedule, the Executive Board proposed the following changes:
- 1) Extend the season to thirteen weeks to allow for two (2) bye weeks as well as no games being scheduled over Memorial Day weekend (May 23rd). This would allow teams more flexibility dealing with field conditions, field availability, the overlap of winter sports, spring breaks, etc.
 - 2) The season will remain at 10 scheduled games, with Regional Jamborees being held the weekend of June 6th, 2009.
 - 3) Team registration will begin on November 1, 2008 and run through December 21, 2008. Any team not registered by December 21st will be placed on a waitlist.
 - 4) January 10, 2009 is the final date to have payments submitted for team registrations, as well as referee fees.



227: **MOTION #35: A motion was made by Jake Faleschini (Lakeside) that the proposed 2009 Season Schedule be adopted. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

228: Referees / Fees / Team Obligations President Tim Jones has had informal talks with WALOA and indicated that there would be no major changes in referee fees for 2009. He will be addressing the issue of reduced fees for both rookie refs and refs for the 3/4 Division, should BYLW make that determination later in the evening, since those would be games of shorter duration.

Registration Fees will remain at \$125 per team for 2009.

BYLW is asking that every team that registers have at least one parent (or high school student) referee that can be added to the WALOA referee pool. Parent refs will receive payment by WALOA according to the fee schedule agreed upon between WALOA and BYLW. Training will be provided by WALOA. Tim Jones will be requesting more flexible training schedules since we will be having people coming from all points. It was noted that there is also training available online at www.uslacrosse.org. Parent Referees are responsible for purchasing their own uniforms. Parent Referees are able to choose the games they want to officiate online through Sportability, and are asked not to officiate a game that their own child is participating in. Parent Referees are not expected to officiate every weekend, but are welcome to do so, if they so desire.

229: 3/4 Division The recommendations by the 3/4 Steering Committee and the Executive Board were presented by Rick Jenness. The following recommendations were made:

- 1) The 3/4 teams will follow the same rules and regulations as the 5/6 and 7/8 divisions, with some slight modifications due to age and size. They will play on regulation size fields, with 10 players on the field (3-3-3 and goalie). They will wear full uniforms and protection.
- 2) Exceptions to be made include:
 - a) No long crosses are allowed
 - b) Stick length may be 37" to 42"
 - c) No penalty time for offenses; however, the offending player will leave the field and be immediately replaced with another player



- d) Game times will be Two (2) – 20 minutes halves with running clock and a ten (10) minute half time
- e) There will be one (1) WALOA Referee officiating each game.

Discussion took place. It was recommended that whatever the final rules agreed upon are, that a Rule Sheet be made available to both the Referees and Coaches before each game, for clarification purposes. It was argued that WALOA, and referees on a whole, find it difficult when there are different rules for different age groups and that they may not agree to these modifications.

Discussion was held as to why the Board is recommending an official referee, rather than parent refs or coaches serving as referees. The Board feels that an official referee is completely neutral and can serve as a teacher. BYLW would ask WALOA that they not assign rookie refs for 3/4 games, as the idea is for these referees to help teach the kids what they did wrong when a call is made. The child will then be removed from the game so the coach can reinforce the rules on the sideline. It was pointed out that in almost every other sport, regardless of the age, there are officials calling the games, whether it is soccer, basketball, baseball, etc. Since the 3/4 games will be shorter in duration, referee fees should not be as high; and as the recommendation is for one referee, not two, that will keep costs to a minimum. This will also keep coaches on the sidelines rather than on the playing field.

230: **MOTION #36: A motion was made by Jake Faleschini (Lakeside) that the proposed 3/4 Division Recommendations be adopted, barring any changes by WALOA. Should WALOA have serious issues and changes need to be made, the topic will be re-visited at the February, 2009 Coaches Meeting. Scott Tracewell seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

231: A yearly review of the Rules and Regulations took place. The major items that were changed in the 2008 Rules and Regulations were:

- a) Removing mention of "Juniors" and "Seniors", and replacing this with "5/6 Division" and "7/8 Division", respectively, throughout the document.
- b) Adding verbiage for the 3/4 Division in Section VII, Playing Rules, as it relates to Paragraph 3 Field & Equipment, and adding Paragraph 6, Time Factors and Scoring for 3/4 Division.

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- c) Removal of specific penalty times in Section VII, Paragraph 10, for both the 5/6 and 7/8 Divisions.
- d) Added "Games will be played on regulation size fields" under Section VII, Paragraph 10, 3/4 Division.
- e) Revised Game Time under Section VII, Paragraph 10, 3/4 Division to read "Game time shall be two (2) – 20 minute halves – running clock with a ten-minute half time.
- f) Deletion of Section XV, Directors Acknowledgement, as it is redundant due to the fact it is already mentioned in Section I, Paragraph 2.

It was pointed out that the following change should also be made: Removal of the bullet point under Section VII, Paragraph 10, 3/4 Division: "Each team can have a maximum of two coaches on the playing field for instructional and safety purposes only. Each coach shall maintain a presence on either the offensive or defensive side of play."

Any other changes were simply of a grammatical nature or changing dates from 2008 to 2009.

232: A yearly review of the By-Laws took place. The major items that were changed in the By-Laws, Revised in October, 2008 were:

- a) Changing the number of Conference Executives under Article IV, Paragraph F, Section 5 from five to four, as there is no need to have a 3/4 representative since all 3/4 teams fall under the umbrella of BYLW, and are therefore represented by their club directors and regional representatives.
- b) Changing Article IV, Paragraph F, Section 6 to read Two or Three "At-large Representatives". This was necessary to keep the total number of Board Members at an odd number.

Any other changes were simply of a grammatical nature or changing dates from 2008 to 2009.

233: **MOTION #37: A motion was made that the proposed changes to the By-Laws be adopted. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.** These will be posted on the BYLW as soon as possible by the Secretary.

234: **MOTION #38: A motion was made that the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations be adopted, including the removal of the bullet noted above. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.** These will be posted on the BYLW as soon as possible by the Secretary.

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- 235: **MOTION #39: A motion was made by Susie Petersen (North Seattle) that Michael McGinn (Bellevue) be elected Vice-President of BYLW. The motion was seconded by Rick Jenness. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**
- 236: Scott Kelly, Director of Pacific Cascade Lacrosse Club spoke briefly of the late spring and fall club that he runs. While he is not looking to make this a Spring team, he is looking for teams to play in the off season. He is putting together a tournament on November 29th, 2008, if any clubs are interested.
- 237: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Petersen, Secretary