

SSYL Meeting Agenda – Meeting Date: January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Via Video Chat @ 7:00 PM

1. Roll Call – Sign-in Sheet
  - a. Call to order: 7:03pm
  - b. In attendance: **ER (Kristi, Valerie), Gig Harbor (Marty), Graham (Melanie, Jeremy), Hornets (Heather), N. Kitsap (John), N. Tapps (Beth), Orting (Chris G, Crystal), Peninsula (Paola), Puyallup (Wes), Rogers (Kris C.), Sumner/Bonney Lake (Lewey, Suzanne), Tacoma (Drew N. Zeek), UP (Tripp), Vashon (Sarah)**
  - c. Absent: Kitsap, Olympia and Twin Cities
  - d. Quorum count: 14:17
2. Review Meeting Norms-
3. Review and approve minutes from the **December** meeting.
  - a. Motion to approve minutes: Heather from Hornets motion to approve December meeting minutes, John from N. Kitsap Seconds.
    - i. Yea- unanimous. Ney- None, Abstain- None
4. Board Reports
  - a. Review of meeting agenda and President’s Report- Chris G.
    - i. Chris Gerke will be taking on the SSYL Presidents role for the 2022 Spring season due to the previous President’s departure.
      1. Secretary to step in at VP
      2. In search of a new Secretary.
    - ii. Kris Conner (Treasurer) and Chris Gerke (President) are leaving after the 2022 season.
      1. Our children are aging out of the youth program and going into the high school. Whoever takes on the secretary role can step into another role at the end of the season.
    - iii. **CLUBS TO DO**-Start on your coach’s background and certifications now, at least for your head coaches so you can start practices. Sometimes it takes 30 days for the background to go through.
    - iv. After team declarations are turned in, invoices will be sent to each club.
  - b. Vice President’s Report- Chris G.
    - i. The rules are the same this year, especially since USL didn’t update/change their rules.
    - ii. Consequences document in place now for this season. This document stemmed from emails received on Sundays after games from clubs breaking the rules. We triage the complaints then we would send a sternly worded email. There was nothing we could do about it and the same things would keep happening.
  - c. Treasurer’s Report- Kris C.
    - i. Checking: \$14,172.00
    - ii. Outgoing: Honor the game stickers will hopefully be here tomorrow.
    - iii. **CLUBS TO DO**- Email Kris Connor (sslaxtreasurer@gmail.com) their preferred mailing address for the honor the game stickers as soon as possible.
    - iv. **CLUBS TO DO**- Strongly encourage someone to volunteer to do the treasurer position now.
      1. We can go through the position together throughout the season. It would make for an easier transition when we have 3 new executive board members at the end of the season.
    - v. Costs per club, MBO coordinator, referees
      1. MBO: \$85 per declared team
      2. Referee fees: \$50 per declared 5/6 and 7/8 team per game, \$40 per declared ¾ team per game.
      3. SSYL Registration: \$100 per declared team.
      4. Arbiter fee: \$25 per declared team.
  - d. Secretary’s Report – Melanie C.
    - i. Updated the SSYL website with previous meeting minutes and Consequences for SSYL document.
    - ii. Accuracy of President and Rep Contact Information
      1. Nothing new to update this month.
    - iii. Club Attendance/ Mandatory Meetings

1. Reminder, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> is a mandatory meeting. Every club president and representative should attend. This is where we get our game schedules and find out which division our teams are in. If clubs need to swap home and away games, this is the time to talk to other clubs about it. Using Zoom, we can break out into small groups so clubs can discuss more intimately their changes and then speak to Chris G. about their changes. I'm thinking we may have Chris in a break out group by himself to have the clubs jump in and ask questions throughout this process. Overall, by the end of the meeting, Chris will need to have an update of all of the changes to provide to the referees and arbiter.
2. Overall, our attendance looks great. Although, recently, there have been some meetings where it was questionable if we could vote due to lack of attendance. This may be my fault for sending the reminder emails too close to the meeting date but as a reminder, all SSYL meetings are always the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm. This is every month unless stated otherwise.

iv. 2022 Club Compliance- DUE at the Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> Mandatory General Meeting

1. Email to [sslaxsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sslaxsecretary@gmail.com) prior to the meeting
2. Peninsula is the first and only club so far that has turned in their compliance paperwork.

v. Critical dates-

1. 1/17 team declaration- email to [southsoundlacrosse@gmail.com](mailto:southsoundlacrosse@gmail.com)
2. 1/22 General meeting- Club Compliance Due/Club fees due
3. 2/9 MBO and Referee fees due
4. 3/5 first Game of the season (10 weeks of games 1 bye week)
5. 5/21-22 End of Season Tournament

5. Old Business

- a. Chris Hall Memorial Scholarship- NO APPLICANTS AT THIS TIME. Due March 5<sup>th</sup>
  - i. CLUBS TO DO- Please reach out to your community and see if there's a family who could use the \$500 scholarship. Especially if your numbers are low. This can go towards the registration fee, new lacrosse gear, families with multiple kids playing this year.
  - ii. Chris G (Orting)- I personally knew Chris Hall, he was a previous SSYL president before colon cancer took him. Our kids played together for Orting. We want his legacy to live on through this scholarship.
- b. Referee Training –The referee training date is still pending.
  - i. President TO DO- Talk with Jeff Bambrick and get a training date for referees and registered referees for each club.
    1. Chris (Orting)- The training normally takes place in Tacoma. Once we have a date for this in person training, Orting will try to host scrimmages for the referees to train since we have the fields to accommodate.
- c. League Athletics vs Sports Engine
  - i. President TO DO- talk to Lyn Porterfield about the USL website and which direction they are going.
- d. Club Referee Count – We want 1.5 referee per declared team per club.
  - i. Chris (Orting)- Recently we had so many people yell or harass the referees so now it's hard to get referees. This isn't like other sports, where you sit courtside or sit in the stand and scream at referees. Lacrosse is a complicated sport, and the refs are doing their best. We have implanted rules to protect the referees. Head coaches are the only ones who talk to referees and the field marshals enforcing crowd management.
  - ii. Kristi (ER)- Sponsor your referees through your club by paying for their expenses like their uniform shirt, equipment, training and WALOA membership to help incentivize them because they basically have to commit and invest money before they ever get a paycheck. Years ago a lot of kids committed and never earned enough money to cover their expenses. This left a bad taste in their mouth so they talked to the incoming group. This has really stymied the pool of applicants.
  - iii. Chris (Orting)- Great idea. How much is it to sponsor a referee?
  - iv. Kristi (ER)- Between \$100-200. It is probably \$120, without the black pants and black cleats.

6. New Business

- a. SSYL President Position- Discussed in President's report.

- b. Open Secretary Position-
- c. End of the Year Tournament-
  - i. Beth (N. Tapps)- When do applications to host the End of the Year Tournament need to be in? Ideally by the beginning of March.
  - ii. Secretary TO DO- Send out a reminder for clubs interested in hosting the End of the Year Tournament.
    - 1. Presentations during February meeting
    - 2. Representatives to discuss with their club boards
    - 3. To be voted in March.
- d. Lewey (S/BL)- We had a lot of kids move out of state for our 5/6 team. Anyone else experiencing a hard time filling out teams?

Emerald Ridge	1-3/4, 1-5/6, 1-7/8	K-2
Gig Harbor	1-3/4, 1-5/6, 1-7/8	
GK Eagles	1 ¾, 1-5/6, 1-7/8	K-2
WR/ E Hornets	1-3/4, 1-5/6, 1-7/8	
Kitsap	N/A	N/A
North Kitsap	1-3/4, 1-5/6, 1-7/8	
North Tapps	1-3/4, 1-5/6, 1-7/8	
Olympia	N/A	N/A
Orting	2-3/4, 1-5/6, 1-7/8	
Peninsula	1-3/4, 1-5/6, 1-7/8	
Puyallup	1-3/4, 2-5/6, 1-7/8	
Rogers	1-3/4, 1-5/6, 1-7/8	
Sumner Bonney Lake	1-3/4, 1-5/6, 1-7/8	K-2
Tacoma	1-3/4, 1-5/6, 1-7/8	
Twin Cities	N/A	N/A
University Place	1-3/4, 1-5/6, 1-7/8	K-2
Vashon Lacrosse	1-5/6	

- i.
- e. Beth- How many clubs have k-2 programs?
  - i. UP, SBL, GK, Hornets, ER,
- f. John- first year having ¾ team. What is the best number to have? 10-11?
  - i. Chris- I wouldn't go more than 13.

- 7. Next Meeting – **Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am via video conference- Club compliance and dues**
  - a. Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm via video conference
  - b. Motion to adjourn: 7:45pm