

South Sound Youth Lacrosse League

Annual Membership Meeting- January 22nd @ 11:00am-1pm

Via ZOOM

11:00

Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Introduction of SSSL Executive Committee – 11:06 am
 1. Roll Call of Programs in Attendance – ER (Kristi, Valerie), Gig Harbor (Marty, Steve), Graham (Melanie, Jeremy, Brooke), Hornets (Morgan), Kitsap (Josh), N. Kitsap (John), N. Tapps (Beth, Patrick), Olympia (Jennifer), Orting (Chris G, Crystal), Peninsula (Paul, Paola), Puyallup (Wes), Rogers (Kris C., Matt), Sumner/Bonney Lake (DeAnna, Suzanne), Tacoma (Zeek), UP (Nick A., Nick W. Tripp), Twin (Matt), Vashon (Sarah)
- ✓ SSSL Membership Compliance – As of right now 6 of the 17 clubs have turned in their paperwork.
- ✓ Please make sure your sending in the expiration dates so I can verify that your insurance and non-profit status is good throughout the whole season.
- ✓ If you are using the same Coaches Code of Conduct from last year, you don't need to send it again but just let me know. Indicate that the coaches have signed it, either in the coach's spreadsheet or via email. If there is an issue during the season, we will reference back to your code of conduct.
- ✓ I will send an email to each club after I check their coach's spreadsheet and verify that their coaches are approved to start practices. The coaches need to be in compliance prior to them stepping foot on the field with players.
- Treasurers Update – Treasurer Kris Conner
 - ✓ Honor the Game Stickers- Arrived
 - Send mailing address to sslaxtreasurer@gmail.com
 - Willing to meet anyone in or near Graham to receive in person.
 - ✓ Invoices
 - Will come out on Monday or Tuesday
 - Send checks to 13915 229th St Ct E Graham WA 98338

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League Report & Progress on Priorities - President Chris Gerke

- Secretary Position
 - Currently, we have Chris, Melanie and Kris running the Executive Board. We need to have a secretary to be compliant with 501c3 as our bylaws state 4 board members. We will need more help. We cannot have Melanie doing VP and Secretary. There is a lot that goes into each position and not meant for one person.
- Chris Hall Memorial Scholarship- \$500
 - No one applied
 - Waving the letters of recommendation.
 - Board, family or athlete can fill out.
 - [Due by the first game](#)

- League Rules and Regulations
 - Up to date on SSYL website. If you have any questions, please reference there first.
- Game Results and Comments Reporting
 - Southsoundlacrosse@gmail.com
 - One representative for EACH CLUB with the scores for all teams and issues such as referees, parents, another club, field.
 - One email per club per weekend
 - Due by Sunday evening of the weekends game.
 - This will help alleviate confusion when we receive multiple emails or things slipping through the cracks
 - Remember, we are all volunteers doing our best. When you're complaining about somebody just remember they're out there to as a volunteer and they don't mean an ill intent to act towards anybody so that's going to be my theme this year is just like let's keep it civil because it has not in the past.
- Coaches Compliance-
 - SafeSport is now Abuse Prevention Training- 2 hours
 - Lanyards-
 - Came from the football community. That lanyard says you can be on the sideline. Only 4 adults per team can be in the coach's box. This includes board members. They need to be background checked. **The head coach should be addressing referees ONLY.** We do not want 4 full grown men yelling at a teenager for a bad call. I had a very long talk with Jeff Bambrick regarding this. We are having a poor return rate because of this.
 - First Aid/CPR
 - Cannot get in person classes right now. Online is acceptable.
 - Excel Template
 - Please fill out and send to secretary
- COVID
 - Club Website
 - Moving target, we are going to be as compliant as we can. We will update the website as new information arises.
 - No masks outside as of right now.
 - Beth- are we able to do Honor the Game Stickers this year?
 - Chris- As of right now, not sure. I'll let you know prior to games starting.
- Status of SSYL
 - Growth, Boundaries, Competition
 - We lost a club. We had a club who had issues with GEL and came to SSYL. They were able to resolve their issues with GEL and went back to them due to location convenience. Tahoma was a great asset to the SSYL.

- We have almost half the numbers we have had in the past. Your base should be to have two $\frac{3}{4}$ teams. There are clubs that only have one $\frac{3}{4}$ team. This is not sustainable for growing into 5/6. We are the largest lacrosse organization in the region for OR and ID and it seems like everywhere has had a deficit. Even select programs are having issues. We need to recruit and build future lacrosse in this region.
 - Steve Hildreth worked on this years ago and is still applicable.
 - BOD Attendance
 - In season, we need high attendance. Everything is a moving target and things change. Issues arise that will need to be addressed so we can continue to move forward.
 - K-2
 - If you want your club to grow, the place to focus is kindergarten through second grade, get in the schools. Have a program like having high schoolers run no contact 3v3 with tennis balls with the little kids. The more little kids you get now, the more big kids you'll have later.
- End of the year tournament-
 - In the past we have done it in Olympia and Buckley
 - Propositions due February meeting.
 - Gives WALOA time to plan for lit
 - Would like K-2 out there as well
 - Open to all clubs/teams who want to participate

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WALOA – President Chris G.

- Heart Safe Chest Protectors- Required this year for all age levels. Everyone has to be compliant. We were given 1.5 years to accommodate it.
- Respect of Referee Staff
 - Includes the Field marshal and table
- Field Marshall- Info sheet at score table for every game
 - Wears a safety vest to be easily identified for the referees. The field marshal polices the parents to make sure they are being respectful to the referees
- Ref / Scorers Bench Interaction
 - The table staff is able to stop the game at any time if they are not sure what is going on. They are not to be cheering or talking to kids. They should not step into the coach's box even for minor injuries.
- 1.5 Referee per determined team
 - We still need referees but are not as desperate as we thought. 1.5 referee for each team declared. Jeff has a lot of returning referees. WALOA.INFO
 - Classes Feb. 6th for new referees @ Bellarmine Prep
 - Feb, 12th for new and returning referees @ Bellarmine Prep
 - Bellarmine Prep.
 - UP Mark Nigh- Feb. 26th and 27th referee training/Jamboree at the high school and possibly Cirque field.
 - Jeff Bambrick talks to all of the head coaches. Even the coaches whose teams are not participating.

12:00 League Schedule – President Chris G.

- Team Verification
 - Screenshare. Each club verified.
- Blackout Verification
 - Screenshare. Each club verified.
- Division assignment
 - 99.9% will get what division you wanted. If you wanted division 1, you got division 1. If you asked for division 2. I just have to make one or two phone calls to verify one or two clubs from division two to be division one. Try to alternate home and away games. Trying to have all of your teams home and all of them away but it may not work out that way every week.

Waiver request-

Going to a middle school that fed into a certain high school. Athlete was expelled. They had to transfer to another middle school that leads into different high school. They intend on going to their original high school. They would like to play for their original school.

Matt Rose (Rogers)- I think sports may be a positive outlet for this young athlete. I think staying with his team is best.

Waiver granted.

Zeek (Tacoma)-Mask requirement?

Chris G. (Orting)- No masks for athletes. Masks for spectators as of right now.

11:15 Closing