

SSYL Meeting Agenda – Meeting Date: January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Conference Call: 1-971-224-6612 Code: 803571 @ 7:00 PM

1. Roll Call – Sign-in Sheet
  - a. Call to order: 7:01pm
    - b. In attendance- Bethel (Melanie), ER (Valerie, Kristi), Gig Harbor (Steve, Marty), Hornets (Mark F., Mark C.), Kitsap (Josh), N. Kitsap (John), N Tapps (Beth), Olympia (Drew P.), Orting (Crystal), Peninsula (Brian R.), Puyallup (8809), Rogers (Kris, Matt), Sumner/Bonney Lake (DeAnna, Lewey), Tacoma (Drew N., JD), Tahoma (Eric), UP (Mason), Vashon (Brian M.)
    - c. Everyone in attendance, Orting called in after roll call.
2. Review Meeting Norms- sent via email.
3. Review and approve minutes from the March meeting
  - a. Motion to approve minutes: Eric -Tahoma, motion to approve. Josh- Kitsap, seconds.
    - i. Yea- all
    - ii. Ney- none
4. Board Reports
  - a. Review of meeting agenda and President’s Report-
    - i. Couple things: Thank you Eric Werner for updating the website with timely information. We have a link to the governor’s office and CDC so you can track where we are moving within the phases. Make sure to look for that information. It was posted yesterday, along with details with sporting activities. The information is set up now with two different phases. Lacrosse is still considered a moderate sport. We fall under the outdoor school and non-school sport.
      1. Phase one: all coaches, volunteers, athletes need face coverings and have rosters for contact tracing for exposure. We will need to keep up with our records. We do not need to worry about 6-ft separation during practice. Outdoor can have practices and scrimmages within your club, as of yesterday. If the COVID metric changes by 10%, we may have difference in which phase the counties are in. Example, if Olympia is in phase 3, the city council will not allow participation with counties in phase 2. The governor placed all regions at level one so that everyone must improve by 10% as of yesterday to move to phase two. We are hoping we can get to phase two and sustain it.
      2. Phase two: facial coverings at all time. Competition is allowed between teams. No more than 200 people at a competition. No tournament = less than 200 people. We will need to reevaluate our End-of-the-Year tournament. We will make sure to get the information posted on our website. As for as practices go, if teams are meeting outside of the SSYL, that is not the SSYL’s business. We are not responsible for coach’s certification or lax memberships until after we start our season.
      3. In conversation with other Washington Lacrosse Leagues, north league, all the leagues are aligned with WIAA. Since our deadline is the end of June, we will have a minimum one-week practice before the start of the season = first game would be April 25<sup>th</sup> and last game will be June 26<sup>th</sup>. Its nice that everyone will be aligned for the demands of our families wanting to vacation or have multiple sports and coordinating the different seasons. We will have a shortened season no matter what. The good news is that we can start practicing and open registration and solidify our dates. We have some of the dates set that we may adjust.
  - b. Vice President’s Report- Per Mark-
    - i. We need to form a subcommittee, for clubs that are having issues with the catchment areas to help refine the catchment areas. Example: Gig Harbor, Peninsula, North Tapps, Olympia.

- c. Treasurer's Report-
    - i. We had no bills nor income.
    - ii. \$11,864 checking.
    - iii. We did not pay the MBO coordinator last season. We agreed \$100 per club to Nick Lyon. We need to figure out what we can pay him for the work he did even though the season got canceled.
    - iv. Eric (Tahoma)- a total of \$1,700 for a whole season correct?
    - v. Mark (Hornets)- If we said 50% of the job was the schedule and 50% troubleshooting and updating = \$850 bucks. Two games would be \$1000. I think if we offer \$500 or \$800 would be fair.
    - vi. Mason (UP)- Looks like everything is spot on. Half of each club is reasonable.
    - vii. Kris (Rogers)- we have enough from last years budget.
    - viii. Mark (Hornets)- Since we do not have anyone willing to do this, I think we should really keep him happy.
    - ix. Eric (Tahoma)- I make a motion to extend \$850 to Nick Lyon for his contributions to the 2020 Spring season for the SSYL.
      - 1. Mark C (Hornet)- second
      - 2. All in favor: Unanimous
      - 3. None abstain
        - a. Kris TO DO -will get a check to Nick Lyon tomorrow
  - d. Secretary's Report –
    - i. Quorum count: 17:1
    - ii. Accuracy of President and Rep Contact Information
    - iii. Critical dates-Tentatively
      - SEASON THREE schedule (April 26- June 27)
      - 1. 3/29 team declaration- email to Mark
      - 2. 4/3 General meeting- Club Compliance Due- club due
      - 3. 4/14 MBO and Referee fees due
      - 4. 5/1 first Game of the season (8 weeks of games NO bye)
      - 5. 6/26-27 End of Season Tournament or 9<sup>th</sup> last game
5. Old Business
- a. SSYL Guidelines Recommendation for COVID-
    - i. Mark (Hornets)-Chris G. was working on this. Mark will reach out to Chris. We will review this prior to moving forward with the season. Chris has been actively involved with everything going on with COVID. We need to make sure we comply with all the codes and regulations. A potential issue could be facial coverings during participation.
    - ii. Eric (Tahoma)- A clear face guard that attaches to the helmet has been our experience. Mask before and after the field.
    - iii. Mark- we would look at best practices on what has been successful and determine what we need to do. Chris may update us with current info and guidelines for what we should do.
  - b. Need standard form for Clubs to turn in game field location schedule to Scheduler/MBO Coordinator during planning
    - i. Mark (Hornets)-This was an issue from last year. We had clubs with nice spreadsheets to clubs with handwritten schedules or screenshot photos. This made things complicated for Nick. We will make a standard form for all the clubs to make it easier for Nick. We normally declare the teams then in approx. a week or 2, we will have the schedule. Once that is reviewed and troubleshot, then we find our fields. A lot of the clubs need to start right away for fields and may be scrambling to field clubs. Talk to the school districts and parks/rec for

field guidelines and availability. We are hoping they have been talking to their admin for club sports. AD's are not going to be open for school to be used by clubs if they are not safe enough for school teams. Start looking for different locations to hold practices.

6. New Business.

a. Centralia/Chehalis Club-

- i. Mark (Hornets) - I was contacted by a possible club in Chehalis, I loaned them 30 sticks and they are running clinics to field a club. They may have enough for a 5/6 team. They understand all the guidelines, bylaws, US lax membership etc. We can look forward to seeing them have a 5/6 sooner than later. They have not filled out an application yet.

b. 2021 Schedule & MBO-

- i. Mark (Hornets)- The importance of having a 3<sup>rd</sup> official monitor games is to help the high school referees. The MBO will also go to games with potential issues. We all pay an additional fee separate from Nick. Last year was \$85 a team. 5 MBO's to go around to the games. Any one object to MBO/fees?
  1. No objection.
  2. Mark (Hornets)- We will continue to move with MBO. I would imagine the referees are coming up with their own regulations for COVID safety.
- ii. Mark (Hornets)- It seems we are ahead of schedule since we can start practicing outdoor sports. Practices start 3/29/21, we may want to extend the number of weeks so that we are ensuring our coaches are in compliance to protect the kids. If everyone opens registration on Feb 1<sup>st</sup> for a month then Mar 1<sup>st</sup> practices could start. The 29<sup>th</sup> would be under our umbrella for making sure teams are compliant with coaches and players. With the changes that are going on and the vaccination, we are going to see progress. We may want to bump that forward to start practices sooner. We can make it so people can practice and coaches are in compliance a month or two prior to games.
  1. Lewey (SBLYL)- I want to clarify, if we can move forward, could we get clarification on start dates?
    - a. Mark (Hornets)- We cannot change start games/last games because of the WIAA. We are talking about ensuring we follow the governor and having practices with everyone in compliance. WIAA only allows us one week of practice prior to the first game. I believe we will be given more opportunity to get makeshift practices wherever they can find. The issue is that not every school district allows organized activity for sports. If you said you were hosting a birthday party, that would be okay. But if you say you are with a sports club. They wouldn't allow it.
    - b. Kris (Rogers)- WIAA, season two dates will be determined at the Jan 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.
    - c. Marty (Gig Harbor)- Let's keep our season as is.
    - d. Drew (Tacoma)- with other clubs having fields, should we waive the minimum requirements practices to first game.
    - e. Mark- From an administrative standpoint, the best we can do is get the kids on the field. We can't lose sight that safety/health is priority. If we only do practice a week prior it makes us more vulnerable to abuse. Which is in our past as a league. That opens us up for clubs not needing background checks one week prior to the game. If we move forward it may not even be enough time to get everyone in compliance since a lot of people procrastinate. Reducing the number of practices would not be safer for our kids. I would not reduce the minimum practices for games.
    - f. Beth (N Tapps)- I would like to see background checks prior to coaches and kids on the field.

- g. Kristi (ER)- The league needs to take a position with a week or two. Every club needs to be responsible for their own team. For our club, every coach needs to be cleared prior to being with the kids. It should be up to the club ensure this.
  - h. Brian R. (Peninsula) - Maybe we should keep it similar to last year. Most of our coach's memberships will expire this month.
  - i. Mark- That is a good point regarding the expiring coaches' certifications. I think we need to come to a medium.
  - j. Mason (UP)- We have a lot of coaches. We probably do not have fields. Because of this, we need to find fields, get kids, then coaches. Trying to get coaches before we have kids is kind of backwards. This will be a challenge.
  - k. Brian (Peninsula)- Do not you think it will be nice to have the coach's ready go.
  - l. Josh (Kitsap)- If the club has all their stuff in and ready to go, they should be able to start practices. For the other clubs that are not ready, it makes it harder for them.
  - m. Mark- What I am hearing is that clubs feel that this should be decentralized. Given the differences in our communities you should be able to manage your own compliance within your own club. We should be flexible as a league because things will be changing, and everything will be fluid since we do not even know if these dates will hold. I don't know if one week is enough time for planning. The declaration is due on the 29<sup>th</sup> may be too soon. Move it back a week to make it a 3 week time frame for scheduling. We will need to have flexibility this season with cancelled games, couldn't field a team in time. Spike in cases will cancel games, pulling kids due to sensitivities in the communities. My recommendation will be to shorten the window and put more pressure on the clubs administration. Keeping the schedule for games the same.
2. Marty (Gig Harbor) - Lets keep the tentative dates we have now.
  3. Mason (UP)- When a club is ready to start practices, the club needs to send everything to the secretary.
  4. Puyallup- I would like to keep the dates we have.
  5. Beth (N. Tapps)- I think it makes sense, especially since we can handle background checks as a club.
  6. Mark- We are going to continue with the dates we have.
  7. Brian (Peninsula) - Have we thought about using a platform like healthy roster for the parents who are still hesitant?
  8. Mark- If that is something you want to share to everyone, go ahead and do that. As we move forward with COVID, parents will need to be understanding.

7. Next Meeting –Wednesday 2/10/2020 @ via phone conference @ 7:00pm

- a. Motion to adjourn: 8:12pm