

1. **Roll Call** – Via phone call
  - a. Call to order : 7:05
  - b. In attendance- **Bethel (Dan, Melanie)**, ER (Valerie), Gig Harbor (Marty), Hornets (Mark F.), N. Kitsap (John), N. Tapps (Beth), Olympia (Drew), Orting (Crystal), Peninsula (Brian, Paola), **Puyallup (Wes)**, Rogers (Kris C., Matt R.), Sumner/Bonney Lake (Lewey, DeAnna), Tacoma (Zeek), Tahoma (Misty), UP (Tripp), Vashon (Brett)
  - c. Absent- Puyallup, Twin Cities
2. **Review Meeting Norms-**
3. **Review and approve minutes from the June meeting.**
  - a. **Motion to approve minutes:**
    - i. Yea- Bethel, ER, GH, N.K., N.T., Olympia, Orting, Peninsula, Rogers, S/BL, Tacoma, Tahoma, UP, Vashon
    - ii. Ney- none
    - iii. Abstain- President of the SSYL- Mark (Hornets)
4. **Board Reports**
  - a. **Review of meeting agenda and President’s Report- Mark F.**
    - i. Review of the agenda and introduction of the board members.
    - ii. Updating the website regarding COVID protocols.
    - iii. Meeting on Friday with the president of the Central WA lax league to discuss how SSYL operates.
  - b. **Vice President’s Report- Chris G. – NOT PRESENT**
    - i. **TABLED**-Draft for Consequences if clubs aren’t following SSYL rules
      1. Mark F.-VP is responsible for the rules. Chris was drafting up what we need to do if clubs do not comply to the rules. The state board and greater east side enforce fines. We can vote a program to be on probation. If a club is on a probation for a prolonged period of time, they could be voted out of the league.
  - c. **Treasurer’s Report- Kris C.**
    - i. All the bills paid
    - ii. Outside check to Nick Lyon. Sent in July hasn’t been cashed.
    - iii. \$16,645.49 checking savings
    - iv. All referees were paid, and all kinks figured out throughout the season
  - d. **Secretary’s Report – Melanie C.**
    - i. Quorum count: 16:18
    - ii. Accuracy of President and Rep Contact Information
      1. Changes: Peninsula, Hornets, UP, Gig Harbor, Tahoma
        - a. Mark- we do not share information from the contact information. It is solely for our inner circle of board.
    - iii. Critical dates- \*Possible dates\*
      1. 1/17 team declaration- emailed to Mark
      2. 1/21 General meeting- Club Compliance Due- club dues
      3. 2/9 MBO and Referee fees due
      4. 2/26 first Game of the season (10 weeks of games 1 bye week)
      5. 5/21-22 End of Season Tournament
5. **Old Business**
  - a. **End of the year Tournament**
    - i. Beth (N. Tapps)- N. Tapps hosted the SSYL End of the Season Tournament. With regards to only having 3 weeks to plan, I think it went very well. Everyone was thankful that there was a tournament. Thank you for all your grace. Shout out to Mason from UP and Tacoma and Sumner for helping make this possible. Olympia RAC was fantastic. They were organized and set up everything. They had great

fields and went above and beyond. We made a couple thousand dollars from the tournament, which was great for our little club. We would do it again.

- ii. Mark- Really great job with stepping up and thank you for doing it. Great weekend, great competition. Please pass to your board a huge THANK YOU.

## 6. New Business.

### a. Bethel Blackhawks name change

- i. Dan (Bethel)- We would like to rebrand our lacrosse program as a feeder program to our high school. We would like to change our name from *Bethel Blackhawks* to the *GK Eagles Youth Lacrosse*, with the support of the board of directors. This would change the name, colors, and jerseys. Our participation has been largely in the Spanaway, Graham, Puyallup area. Bethel Lacrosse athletics will stay as our license. 90% or more of our youth teams will be going to GKHS not Bethel HS. Bethel HS does not have a high school team, although, GKHS does.
- ii. Mark (Hornets)- Can you describe your catchment area?
- iii. Dan (Bethel)- We have about 6 elementary schools that feed into GK, that would be southeast boarder of Spanaway, South of graham, Northwest of Orting.
- iv. Mark (Hornets)- You're not changing the classification of the state license. All you're doing is changing the color and name. The only thing I'm worried about is that you continue to allow an avenue for the Bethel kids to be able to have their own club.
- v. Dan (Bethel)- We would not be exclusive to only GK. We would welcome kids from Bethel. The advantage would be to build a youth program into our high school.
- vi. Mark (Hornets)- Since Bethel doesn't have a lacrosse team, this makes sense. This is not something we will need to vote on. You are just changing the colors and name. If you make sure you are not the same colors as another club, you shouldn't run into any issues.
- vii. Dan (Bethel)- We would consider the other clubs colors when we order new jerseys.

### b. Improvement ideas for the 2022 league and prioritizing them

- i. Phone Conference-
  1. Mark (Hornets)- We have been doing the conference call for a year now. How does everyone feel about it, especially those who have been there for the old in-person meetings?
  2. Beth (N. Tapps)- I did not go to any in-person meetings but I would love to see faces. I don't know anyone when we have games. Knowing the faces will help build comradery.
  3. Bett (Vashon)- We definitely like the teleconference meeting opposed to the mandatory in person meeting due to our geographics.
  4. John (N. Kitsap)- We sort of already adopted a policy for more teleconferencing prior to COVID. We would like to keep this as an option. Maybe wait a year or two prior to going back to in-person mandatory meetings.
  5. Mark (Hornets)- From a health and safety standpoint, it will be better to do the phone conference. One barrier may be location and service issues.
    - a. **SECRETARY TO DO**- set up demo video chat for an upcoming meeting.
- ii. MBO
  1. Brian (Peninsula)- As a board, we would like to get an MBO at every 5/6 and 7/8 game. Even if it is out of our own pocket. The officials were doing the best they can but there were a lot of missed which causes a lot of escalation for parents and coaches.  $\frac{3}{4}$  has minimal contact and a much less of a need for an MBO during those games.
  2. Mark (Hornets)- The only barrier would be resources and the number of kids qualified to be a supervisor. If one club pays for it, it may cause issues with the other clubs thinking that club will eat up all of the resources. It may be something that all the clubs will want to pay into.
- iii. Pre-season compliance
  1. Brian (Peninsula)-Can we get a little more "teeth" for clubs to get their stuff in on time? This way we can get the brackets made and schedules done.
- iv. Game reporting
  1. We didn't have blackout games last year due to the shortened season which led to a lot of rescheduling.

2. Beth (N. Tapps)- I would love to see a BYE weekend during the season. While SSYL is our priority, we do try to attend other tournaments throughout the year.
  3. Mark (Hornets)- This was the first year that we did not have a blackout weekend. In previous years the blackout was due to different Spring Breaks. This was harder because it was so late into the season that fed into another season being a month behind.
- v. Division alignment
1. Martin (Gig Harbor)- Regarding bracketing, please take the recommendations from the clubs. Please contact the rep after the schedule and tournament so there's no surprises.
    - a. Brian- A heads up call with any change would be appreciated.
  2. Mark- The perception that coaches have about their team and where they may be incorrect 20% of the time. Especially after all the team determination forms. Last year was tough compared to other years. We may be able to make it a committee decision. Some teams struggled with getting their forms in on time.
- vi. Twin Cities- Officially a voting member.
- vii. How the board can do better
1. Matt (Rogers)- There was an advantage to having the season later. We had daylight since we didn't have to fight daylight savings. The kids that went straight from the SSYL season into the summer season were more polished and didn't have an opportunity to set their sticks down.
  2. Mark (Hornets)- That is true. That may be why Colin Smith called. They practice for 3 weeks then go to a tournament and so forth. They want to compete with our teams. They start later than us. It may be a possibility to do that. Our schedule tends to align with the surrounding leagues.
  3. **CLUBS TO DO**- Discuss a later season with your board.
  4. Brian (Peninsula)- I would like to get back to each team sending a representative to Starfire field.
  5. Mark (Hornets)- Each year we end right before Memorial Day weekend. The state championship from all the divisions. In the past, we have selected a kid from each team to participate in this tournament.

7. Next Meeting –**Wednesday, October 13th @ 7pm Via Conference Call**

- a. Motion to adjourn: 7:56pm