

SSYL Meeting Agenda – Meeting Date: November 10th, 2021

Via Video Chat @ 7:00 PM

1. Roll Call – Sign-in Sheet
 - a. Call to order – 7:07pm
 - b. In attendance- **ER (Valerie, Kristi), Gig Harbor (Marty), GK (Melanie, Jeremy), Hornets (Mark F.), Kitsap (Josh), N. Tapps (Nicole), Orting (Chris G., Crystal), Peninsula (Paola), Puyallup (Wes), Rogers (Matt), Sumner/Bonney Lake (Suzanne), Tacoma (Zeek), Vashon (Brian)**
 - c. Absent- N. Kitsap, Olympia, Tahoma, Twin Cities, UP
2. Review Meeting Norms-
3. Review and approve minutes from the **October** meeting.
 - a. Motion to approve minutes: Josh (Kitsap) motion to approve, Brian (Vashon) seconds
 - i. Yea- Unanimous
 - ii. Ney- None
4. Board Reports
 - a. Review of meeting agenda and President’s Report- Mark F.
 - i. Our club received a letter from a lawyer that was wrongly involving the SSYL into the South Sound Lacrosse Club (Starz). Regarding a mom who was incarcerated for being involved with a young boy. Our Treasurer and 4 other individuals were listed on the letter. Through further investigation we determined we were mis identified and that our league should not be involved with this incident. After a pro bono discussion with a lawyer, we were advised to not get involved. We notified the source of the letter and explained the similar names but that we are different organizations. South Sound Lacrosse Club (Starz) is a for profit and SSYL is a non-profit organization.
 - ii. Discussing meeting minutes and making sure our minutes are reflected correctly. Some of the information from the last meeting minutes may have been missed in translation and needed editing. It’s important that the minutes are read exactly as it’s intended and to continue to learn from the changing industry standards, this includes making sure that everyone who has contact with us has a cleared background check.
 - iii. Helping the VP with the edits to the consequences draft.
 - b. Vice President’s Report- Chris G.
 - i. Edits to the draft for consequences if clubs aren’t following SSYL rules
 1. This document stems from clubs not complying with deadlines and rules. These rules have been voted in throughout the years and are there for specific reasons. The issue is, there’s no teeth for when clubs don’t adhere to the rules. This document will need to be voted on for approval.
 2. Each step will be enforced by a disciplinary committee formed by the President if the need arises. The offense will be categorized by the committee, and they will decide the consequence. This process is to promote the club to self-correct and not to discipline. If it is determined a willful action that is blatantly against the rules or harmful to the leagues and/or it’s members/players, the club under investigation will have a period of one week to write an explanation or rebuttal.
 3. There are 4 different levels of consequences, the first being just a letter from the president. Second, forfeiture of the next game involving the coach/team with a \$200 fine. Third, a forfeiture of the ability of the team/teams to play in the end of the season tournament with a \$300 fine. Fourth, committee has the authority to remove the club for the league or probation for the next season.
 4. Failure to attend the general meeting or two meetings consecutively will place that club on a probation for the next two membership meetings. A club that fails to meet full compliance by the beginning of the season shall be placed on probation until full compliance is met. Probation does not bar a team from league and championship participation. Teams may appeal their probation or suspension to the Board of Directors for reconsideration.

5. Mark (Hornets)- What I like about the document that Chris has created is that it's based off willful negligence and that's why we are doing the consequences. We want to steer people to make sure their clubs are being ran the right way. That there's nothing illegal or an advantage gain that could be harmful to our members, our reputation or our players. As a reminder, the outcome would be different if it's regarding the preseason paperwork vs. a coach knowingly training kids to be harmful or recruiting out of their catchment area. This is a living document that will need to be adjusted every year.
 6. Chris (Orting)- I don't think this will ever go past a level 1 (a letter from the president). The probation is only until you rectify your non-compliance, and you are able to attend meetings, just not be able to vote.
 7. Wes from Puyallup, motion to approve the disciplinary document. Josh from Kitsap, seconds.
 - a. Yea- Unanimous, Nay- None, Abstain- none
- c. Treasurer's Report- Kris C. - Not in attendance.
- i. Checking: \$14,794.04
 - ii. We should expect a slight rise in referee's fees for this upcoming season.
 - iii. Treasurer will order new Honor the Game stickers.
 - iv. The league fess will remain close to the same as last year with the exception of the referee fee.
- d. Secretary's Report – Melanie C.
- i. Quorum count: 13:18
 - ii. Accuracy of President and Rep Contact Information
 1. Secretary TO DO – Update Graham Eagles name and president contact
 - iii. 2021 Compliance Form
 1. Secretary TO DO- Update and distribute out to the clubs.
 - a. Mark (Hornets)- It is important to make sure we have all of our compliance paperwork turned in on time.
 2. How and where do we want to have our general meeting?
 - a. Mark (Hornets)- Sometimes when there is a turnover with boards or there's animosity between board members, the ball gets dropped. Having this document is good because it lists everything each club needs to do. We have to be 100% on the fact that all of our adults that are around kids have a cleared background and have all their documentation done because it only takes one weirdo for a child to get hurt.
 - iv. Critical dates-
 1. 1/17 team declaration- email to Mark
 2. 1/8 Chris Hall Memorial Scholarship Due
 3. 1/22 General meeting- Club Compliance Due- club dues
 4. 2/9 MBO and Referee fees due
 5. 2/26 first Game of the season (10 weeks of games 1 bye week)
 6. 5/21-22 End of Season Tournament
5. Old Business
- a. Better discussion of board function
 - i. Mark (Hornets)- Some things that we do as an executive board is:
 1. Administer the league.
 2. Record keeping and compliance
 - a. Manage our bylaws and make sure they are correct with the state. Example: making sure the banking and tax information are correct
 3. Facilitate meetings and subcontractors like our MBO, scheduler and referees
 4. Public relations and website and anything to the public. If anything does happen, we will be the ones to talk and legitimize what we are doing
 5. Screen internal and external solicitation. We do not promote 3rd party or for our own profit.
 6. Manage the networking between teams and USL
 7. We manage scholarships through us
 8. Handle issues within the league through a sub-committee.

9. Chris (Orting)- On the website articles has a detailed description of each executive board member position.
 10. Mark (Hornets)- we need to stay within the parameters that the clubs have set.
 - b. Field Timers- Referee Timers: [Timers](#) Electronic Whistle: [Electronic Whistle](#) (Thank you Joshua Paulus)
 - i. Mark (Hornets)-This is in case the referees forget their timers/whistle for each home team to have at the game.
 - c. Chris Hall Memorial Scholarship- **DUE two weeks prior to General Meeting (Jan. 8th).**
 - i. Please push this information out to your families. This will be honoring for the family to have input in who gets the scholarship.
6. New Business.
- a. Video call vs conference call
 - i. Chris (Orting), Mark (Hornets), Brian (Vashon), Jeremy (GK) all liked the Zoom.
 - ii. Kristi from ER motions to approve to pay for Zoom at \$20 per month with transcript. Brian from Vashon seconds.
 1. Yea-Unanimous. Nay- None, Abstain- None
 - b. MBO/Assigner
 - i. Mark (Hornets)- Nick Lyon is still willing to do the MBO and scheduling this year. The MBO is a 3rd referee at a game with rowdy parents, new referees, unruly coaches. In the past it was **\$85 per club** for the MBO program. He selects 4 or 5 MBO's who are experienced referees that can evaluate the younger referees.
 - c. Referee Training and Referring
 - i. Mark (Hornets)- I contacted WALOA. No new changes. Fees the same. Will like to continue to have their preseason training for the jamboree. It's like having the ultimate practice. You can have a game like experience without the competition.
 - d. South Sound Articles change to SSYL
 - i. Chris G (Orting)- Our website articles currently state SSL and as we have mentioned already, this is confusing with the other South Sound Lacrosse and our name is South Sound Youth Lacrosse.
 1. Wes from Puyallup motions to change everything from SSL to SSYL on our website articles. Nicole from North Tapps seconds.
 - a. Yea- Unanimous, Nay- none, Abstain- None
 - e. 1.5 referees per team.
 - i. Mark (Hornets)- Clubs will need to provide 1.5 referee per team they declare to make sure there's enough referees per district. We may need to start requiring it. Or we may have to say anyone who does not provide enough referees will have to pay extra for the travel expenses for referees needing to pay for the travel.
 - ii. Wes (Puyallup)- a couple years ago we had a lot of referees. There were tons of kids who signed up, went through the training and never was assigned a game. The kids pay for their training and equipment and didn't get a job. This resonates with the families and makes it hard to continue to recruit young referees.
 - iii. Mark (Hornets)- Great point, with Nick Lyon as a 3rd party who does not have any ties to a club or region, he's a non-bias contractor. Another thing we need to strike a balance with clubs having too many clubs and clubs not having enough.
 - iv. **PRESIDENT TO DO** - Talk to Jeff Bambrick about where all of the kids play at for referees.
 - v. Kristi (ER)- 1.5 referee per team, is MBO part of that number?
 1. Mark (Hornets)- Yes.
 - vi. Suzanne (SBL)- How many other clubs are planning on having a k2 program
 - a. Mark (Hornets)- Tahoma has a Cub program hosted by their high school that is sticks only. For competition (with pads): N. Tapps, SBL, Hornets, ER
 - b. Valerie (ER)-Will it be necessary purchasing all new gear with the chest protectors for the k2 players.

- c. Mark (Hornets)- Hornets will continue to have them padded up with the new guidelines. Anyone who is thinking about starting a k-2 (with pads), reach out to any one of those cubs and try to get in that group for scrimmages.
- d. Marty (Gig Harbor)- Have you heard anything about League Athletics going away and what are the other options that may be out there and if Lynn Porterfield has said anything?
- e. Mark (Hornets)- I heard that a while ago too. I know Sports Engine is gaining a lot of popularity with lead management but I have not heard anything specific to share with anybody.
- f. **PRESIDENT TO DO** – Reach out to Lynn Porterfield at USL and their direction with League Athletics and Sports Engine.
- g. Josh (Kitsap)- sports engine is the new arm of the elite league athletics and the athletics is going away, and they're not bringing on any new clubs right now. Our organization uses League Athletics. They are steering everyone towards sports engine is what other clubs uses.

7. Next Meeting –**Wednesday, December 8th @ 7pm Via Conference Call or video chat**

- a. Motion to adjourn: 8:05pm