

SSYL Meeting Agenda – Meeting Date: February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Round Table Pizza University Place 7:00 PM

1. Roll Call – Sign-in Sheet
  - a. Call to order – 7:08pm
  - b. In attendance - Bethel (Christy, Melanie), ER (Valerie), Gig Harbor (Martin), Hornets (Mark F.), N. Tapps (Ryan), Olympia (Jennifer, Skyler), Orting (Chris G., Crystal), Peninsula (Brian), Puyallup (Wes, Chris C.), Rogers (Kris C.), Sumner/Bonney Lake (David), Tacoma (Zeek, Troy), Tahoma (Eric), UP (Mason), Vashon (Ed)
  - c. Special Guest- Lyn Porterfield from USL
  - d. Absent - Kitsap, N. Kitsap, N. Olympia (dropped)
2. Review and approve minutes from the January meeting and General Meeting
  - a. Motion to approve minutes: Brian (Peninsula), Eric (Tahoma) second
    - i. Yea- unanimous
    - ii. Ney- None
    - iii. Abstain- None
3. Board Reports
  - a. Review of meeting agenda and President’s Report-
    - i. Completing the club compliance has put a burden on the board. The clubs who are doing well are using the coaches excel that was adopted by the SSYL for some years now. At the General Meeting, a club stated they had an attorney look through their bylaws to make sure they can release coach’s information to the SSYL. Lyn Porterfield is here to help with any questions regarding the USL and what their insurance covers. Clubs can’t have practices until each coach has Safe Sport, USL membership up to date, background, and First Aid/CPR. This will be the first year we will need to have consequences for not complying. If there’s any questions, the representatives should be the first person the clubs talk to about the SSYL meetings and club requirements.
    - ii. Per club vote, we divided the 7/8 and 5/6 into 3 divisions which took 10+ hours to accommodate. Now we need to turn in the fields and times to turn into arbiter.
    - iii. After talking with Lyn from USL, should we have AED’s at the ready by next year? 6 clubs have AED’s already for their clubs home games. We need to make sure we have a system in place to make sure we keep our athletes safe.
      1. Lyn from USL- The USL has a Players Pulse Fundraiser to help fund grants to get AED’s for clubs. American Heart Association has a youth sports training kit, a self-facilitated training. More information is in this month’s issue in the USL magazine.
        - a. CLUBS TO DO-Make an emergency action plan for each field. How will EMS get access to your athlete? Most schools already have one in place.
        - b. Mason (UP)- Suggests getting trained on AED’s, even though they walk you through it, it is still very stressful to do it on a person.
        - c. Chris (Orting) They are foreign for people who regularly perform CPR or are trained on certain devices also.
        - d. Mark (Hornets) We need to start coming together as a league to find funds to help get all the clubs an AED.
    - iv. How much do we pay Nick Lyon for everything he is doing for arbiter? How does a couple hundred dollars + the thousand he is getting paid? He is the MBO coordinator, scheduler, evaluator, and organizer. We need someone to volunteer or have Nick put the whole schedule into the arbiter at the beginning of year. MBO’s go to new refs or problem areas.
      1. Mason Phelps (UP) makes a motion that we pay Nick Lyon \$25 per team for all duties associated with MBO’s in arbiter. Brian (Peninsula) Second. Yea-Unanimous. Ney- None, Abstain- None.
    - v. Online CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid is okay for coach’s compliance.
    - vi. No restriction on times for games. Can start as early or late as need be, please keep in mind your visiting teams travel times though.

- vii. No rules for girls to play in our boys league. Girls ARE ALLOWED to play in our league. If a club has a girls program, that club could have a rule that states all girls have to play on the girls team.
  - b. Vice President's Report
    - i. Read through the articles due to all the emails and questions within the last few weeks. Changing the articles to reflect our name (South Sound Youth Lacrosse). No other changes will be made.
    - ii. Per 2020 SSYL – Game Info Sheet provided- Needs to be laminated and have at EVERY GAME. Will be emailed to secretary then out to the clubs.
      - 1. Swing players do not need to be in the game roster but will need to be identified before the game. Swing players can only go up one grade level. A 3<sup>rd</sup> grader cannot play up to 5/6. A 4<sup>th</sup> grader can play up to 5/6.
      - 2. Open discussion on our current swing player rule. Rule will stand.
    - iii. Found an area where 10u was not changed: the ¾ goals are 6x6 goal (same as 5/6 and 7/8), not 4x4.
    - iv. Need to add Safe Sport to Section 7 in the rules as part of the coaches requirement.
  - c. Treasurer's Report-
    - i. Turn in Referee and MBO dues: \$13,758.24.
      - 1. League dues from the General Meeting have been deposited but has not gone through yet.
      - 2. Hornets to do: mail the check again due to water damage.
    - ii. Clubs TO DO: SEND EMAIL AND PHYSICAL ADDRESS WHERE INVOICES GO TO [SSLAXTREASURER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SSLAXTREASURER@GMAIL.COM).
    - iii. Honor the game stickers are ordered but not here yet. They will be handed out at the Mandatory Coaches Meeting. It was suggested that one person collect all the stickers for the club and then distribute to the teams afterwards.
  - d. Secretary's Report –
    - i. Quorum count: 15:2
    - ii. Important Mandatory Meetings: September-Rules, January- General Membership Meeting, February- Referee Dues
    - iii. Critical dates
      - 1. 2/12 MBO and Referee fees due
        - a. \$85 for MBO per team
        - b. \$50 for 5/6 and 7/8 per assigned game
        - c. \$40 for ¾ per assigned game
      - 2. 2/29 first Game of the season (10 weeks of games 1 buy week)
      - 3. 5/16-17 End of Season Tournament
4. Old Business
- a. US Lacrosse and SafeSport Tracking- Follow up on each club who is not in compliance-
    - i. Melanie (Bethel)- Clubs who have everything completed for the whole season: Olympia, Peninsula, Tacoma, Vashon. Clubs who are cleared but are on a watch list because they have a compliance document that expires during the season or some coaching documents that need to be updated: Bethel, Hornets, N. Tapps, Orting, Puyallup, Rogers, Sumner/Bonney Lake. Clubs not cleared for missing/expired documents: ER, Gig Harbor, Kitsap, N. Kitsap, Tahoma, UP.
    - ii. Should we have consequences for clubs that don't have their compliance turned in?
    - iii. Games won't start if someone doesn't have a lanyard. Not a big issue if someone doesn't have their lanyard. Although, if it becomes an issue, tell the ref and get the other team involved. There will be a flag for delay of game and possibly some sort of deterrent.
5. New Business.
- a. Honor of the game stickers- per treasurer report.
  - b. Secretary position- Melanie is stepping down from the Bethel board, is willing to stay on for the SSYL board if bylaws permitting.
    - i. Chris (Orting)-Per articles, a board of director representative can be elected on the executive board.
    - ii. Mark (Hornets)- If Bethel wants to keep Melanie as their club representative and communication from SSYL meetings to Bethel Board Meetings fail, Bethel can remove Melanie as their rep and then

she will no longer be able to be on the executive board and a new secretary will need to be voted in. It is ultimately up to Bethel to decide.

- c. Age instead of grade request for young player- There is a student who is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade but is the age of a 4<sup>th</sup> grader. Would like to play with his age group, not grade level.
    - i. Brian (Peninsula)-We shouldn't penalize a kid who may be academically inclined, who moved up a grade but hasn't developed emotionally or physically to the older grades yet.
    - ii. Mason (UP), Wes (Puyallup), Zeek (Tacoma) would like to move to an age divided league not a grade divided league.
      - 1. Eric (Tahoma)-Let's see what happens this season and re-evaluate it after the tournament
    - iii. After getting age verification-Eric (Tahoma)-motion to allow the 5<sup>th</sup> grader to play for ¾ due to age. Wes (Puyallup) seconds. Yea-Unanimous. Ney-None. Abstain-None
  - d. Compliance Timeline discussion- per old business.
  - e. CLUBS TO DO: Turn in home game field locations and times to Mark.
  - f. WALOA Ref-Coaches Training at Mark Nye Memorial Pre-season Scrimmages- February 22-23<sup>rd</sup>, \$120 per team
    - i. Mason (UP)- This is a great opportunity Train SSYL referees, give clubs an opportunity to train their own table volunteers (Please bring your own table trainers. None will be provided.), give participating teams and coaches a chance to have game like play in multiple scrimmages.
  - g. North Olympic dropping membership- Due to lack of registrations this year, N. Olympic cannot field a team to participate in the SSYL this year. They would like to remain on the email list to stay informed on what's going on in the SSYL.
    - i. BYLAWS-Section 1-subdivision 3- SSYL has a policy that we do not share the coaches or players contact lists with anyone. This is a matter of privacy and people who give their email addresses to SSYL have an expectation that it will not be passed on to for profit organizations, non-profit or companies.
      - 1. This makes it hard to send emails out to N. Olympic since it has the other clubs' emails and their personal information such as name, email, and phone numbers. We need to decide if N. Olympia is still with the SSYL or would need to reapply when they are able to field a team.
    - ii. Brian (Peninsula)- We're not sure when they will be able to field a team, when they have the numbers they should re-apply as a new club.
    - iii. Marty (Gig Harbor)-The league is set up to progress the sport, what has SSYL done to help them progress? Have we as a league done anything to help grow their club?
      - 1. Mark (Hornets)- has talked with the club with examples and ideas that has worked for other clubs to try to keep their numbers and grow.
      - 2. Lyn (USL)-worked with them on getting starter up grants. (if she has the right club in mind)
    - iv. N. Olympic is welcome to sit in at any SSYL meeting but will no longer be an SSYL club. When they have the numbers to field a team, they will need to go through the steps as a new club.
  - h. Accuracy of President and Rep Contact Information List- We are missing some phone numbers and positions need to be updated.
    - i. CLUBS TO DO- Look though the club contact sheet and make sure everything is correct. If you see something that needs to be updated, email changes to the secretary.
  - i. Waiver for Eatonville student to play for Orting, not Bethel- Due to boundaries, athlete should play for Bethel. Family submitted a hardship waiver which discussed how the father works nights and isn't available to transport the athlete. Mom is undergoing cancer treatments close to Orting. The athlete would not be able to make Bethel practices due to cancer treatment appointments, taking the athlete to Orting is more achievable for the family.
    - i. Valerie (ER) motion to approve waiver. Zeek (Tacoma) second. Yea - Unanimous. Ney- None, Abstain- None.
  - j. End of season tournament-Brian (Peninsula) When the tournament was at Enumclaw 2 years ago, the conditions of the fields were unsafe, and the fields were shortened. Some families were concerned.
    - i. Mark- The fields should be full sized. Pete's pool is rented, just in case field conditions are not up to par. We are restricted because the two super good soccer fields are not available if weather is not ideal.
6. Next Meeting – 3/11/2020 @ UP Round Table Pizza @ 7:00pm
- a. Motion to adjourn: 9:07pm