

SSYL Meeting Agenda – Meeting Date: September 16th, 2020  
Conference Call (425) 436-6385 @ 7:00 PM

1. Roll Call – Sign-in Sheet
  - a. Call to order 7:01pm
  - b. In attendance- Bethel (Rowdy, Melanie), ER (Valerie), Gig Harbor (Jen), Hornets (Mark F., Mark C.), N. Kitsap (John), Olympia (Jennifer), Orting (Chris G., Crystal), Peninsula (Brian, Paul), Puyallup (Wes), Rogers (Matt), Sumner/Bonney Lake (DeAnna), Tacoma (Zeek), Tahoma (Eric), UP (Mason), Vashon (Megan)
    - i. Absent- Kitsap, N. Tapps
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, Mason (UP) second
    - i. Yea- un
    - ii. unanimous
    - iii. Ney- none
    - iv. Abstain- none
4. Board Reports
  - a. Review of meeting agenda and President’s Report- Nothing new that will not be covered later in the meeting.
  - b. Vice President’s Report- Nothing new.
  - c. Treasurer’s Report- (via VP- Chris G.) We had no transactions in August at all or September as of the 15<sup>th</sup>. The bank balance is \$11,949.40. We have no bills to pay at this time. We are going to start having some annual things come up to pay in the next few months, but nothing major.
  - d. Secretary’s Report –
    - i. Quorum count: 15:2
    - ii. Accuracy of President and Rep Contact Information **CLUBS TO DO:** Email secretary of any updates to club contacts.
    - iii. Critical dates- In the making and to be discussed
      1. SEASON FOUR schedule (April 26- June 27)
        1. 3/29 team declaration- emailed to Mark (1 month + 1 week before first game)
        2. 4/3 General meeting- Club Compliance Due- club dues
        3. 4/14 MBO and Referee fees due
        4. 5/1 first Game of the season (8 weeks of games NO bye) (one 1 week of official practices)
        5. 6/26-27 End of Season Tournament
5. Old Business
  - a. SSYL Guidelines Recommendation for COVID
    - i. Mark (Hornets)-We will hopefully have some indication prior to the season of what our season will look like.
    - ii. Chris G. (Orting)- just keep the players ready.
  - b. Illegal Player – Sub-committee Committee formed-
    - i. John (N. Kitsap)– This was an interesting situation, Christy, Valerie, and I looked at the info from both clubs right before we were cancelled due to COVID. Since

COVID, we stopped the investigation and didn't do much with it. We wanted to share the basics of the situation to help solve a potential "hole" in our group. A player who resides in club A use to attend a school in Club B. Student needed a waiver to continue to go to go to Club B. Family moved to club A due to work. Player played with club A. Player went to school in club B. CLUB B came aware and made a complaint during the last game of the season.

1. Section 5 rule 1: Player must play with their club of school attendance.
  - ii. Since the player was playing for club A (where they live) but attending school for club B, should the rules say where the player SHOULD go to school? The waiver was for the player to attend school for club B. You play in the catchment area of the school you attend. Player will play high school this year and is a moot point.
  - iii. Chirs G (Orting)- If we want to revamp the rule, we would need to revise basically a whole page of rules.
  - iv. Mark (Hornets)- Thank you committee for working on that.
- c. 2 Ejected Players from Game
- i. Mark (Hornets)- Let bygones be bygones, although, I was not involved and if anyone wants to address it can.
  - ii. No one spoke to address issue
- d. Olympia willing to pay extra for referee travel distance
- i. Mark (Hornets)- We need to understand that we have resources in our community, so we don't have games without refs. Lets keep this on old business to review and make sure we have 1 ref per team in the league. We may need to have that in our guideline or rules, so this does not continue to be an issue
  - ii. Jennifer (Olympia)- We have always provided refs but in the past they weren't ever scheduled. Could it be a scheduling problem?
    1. Mark (Hornets)-good point, we now have an MBO coordinator that works with the referees. I think going forward, Nick Lyon could continue to assign kids in their own communities to keep distance short so this should help with this.
- e. Ticker Tape game schedule issue on Website needs to be resolved
- i. Mark (Hornets)-We will try to improve that and try to do a better job with our game schedule. We need to standardize how we let our scheduler know our schedules.
- f. Need standard form for Clubs to turn in game field location schedule to Scheduler/MBO Coordinator during planning
- i. Mark (Hornets)- High school align with WIAA. Football was moved to March 1 to April 25<sup>th</sup>. Football will be 2 months long. WIAA moved spring sports to April 26-june 27<sup>th</sup>. If counties move into phase 3 or 4 then we will be able to target that same time period. So, we're going to be losing 2 months. If we start earlier, we would overlap with youth football and potentially we could lose out of those players. It is all speculation at this time. In order for us to have a local competition we would need to be in stage 4. At minimal, phase 3 for the counties. Thurston could be in stage 4 prior to king county. It is not easy for us to pin this down at this time. It may be easiest for us to align with those dates. Open for comments.
  - ii. Marty (Gig Harbor)- Are we aligning immediately or will these dates slide and we need to be flexible?

- iii. Mark (Hornets)- The school and the school districts will be holding the keys for our success. We could open up in stage 4 with kids attending school and not be allowed activities on school premises, which makes it complicated. I have been talking to Chris Gibson head of athletic director in Puget Sound. He does not have a lot of info for us at this time. If the schools may not allow non school activities because of the risk of a pandemic, we may not have a place to practice for everyone. So, we may need to modify the league or cancel. We are hoping that once they go back to school, in phase 4, we go back to normal. If they go to phase 4 and have a relapse, we are going to be the last ones in line for the school's resources. I think that the best we can do is continue to stay in contact with the school district and lobby where you can with athletic directors and understand that youth lacrosse is suffering and try to get the kids back to the sport that we all love. In phase 3 you can go back to practices as you want or can. Tahoma, Enumclaw are both in King county. Thurston is in phase 3. Peninsula is in phase 2 along with everyone else (with the exception of the one). We are in jeopardy of staying where we are at. We can only plan to align with what WIAA and high school.
- iv. John (N. Kitsap)- I am a strong believer in deadlines and goals. With everything we know, we need more time to figure out what is going to happen. Aligning ourselves with season 4 is aspirational. It gives us more time than if we start in March. Which is a good thing. We wouldn't be able to field teams if we overlap with football. In May, we may have more info to move our season back or to cancel. If we were to vote, I vote to align with High school for season 4 and to not conflict with football and always leave it open to adjust when more info comes out in May.
- v. Mark (Hornets)- If we try to do season 4, we would need to do a modified season, limit travel, and have precautions for limiting exposure. We can always do as we have always done and start practices when we want to. We may need to go back to our boards and explain to them what the SSYL is thinking about this upcoming season.
- vi. Mason (UP)- June 1<sup>st</sup> is typically the start of select season, this may pull kids away from our regular season.
- vii. Chris G. (Orting)- June 27<sup>th</sup> is almost a month into the travel season which may conflict. Trying to squeeze an entire season in that time frame. I think we should wait a little bit since we do not know what the fields will be like
- viii. Mark (Hornets)- Field availability is definitely a concern, with the football players getting done and us starting in season 4 should help with that. Field availability shouldn't be a deciding factor for us, all those teams are still going to plan their season, sometimes those tournaments don't happen. Best we can do is plan our season in align with WIAA and give our clubs a window to shoot for, if clubs feel like forming teams and are afraid of losing players due to select, they may need to make their teams bigger. We may need to adjust our rules accordingly.
- ix. Eric (Tahoma)- If we align in season 4, would this occlude an End of Year tournament for SSYL?
- x. Mark (Hornets)- We may have to do weekday games or shorten the season to 5 games. It was not too long ago from when we did not have a tournament. Our goal is to get the kids out there playing. We want to be prepared if things open

and get the kids out there on the field. We may need to do 4/5 games regular season and go straight into a tournament. It would be up to vote.

- xi. Mason (UP)- We could do 2 giant tournaments. We could try to fit in 5 games per weekend.
  - xii. Melanie (Bethel)- My only concern, is if we did do 2 big tournaments, that is a lot of people.
  - xiii. Mark (Hornets)- We could do just officials and teammates on the field. Parents may not be able to watch. We would need to follow the governor and CDC guidelines during that time. Maybe next month we need to focus on the targeted dates and critical deadlines so we can move forward when the counties open up.
    - 1. John (N. Kitsap)- Make a motion to make a tentative start date align with high school and WAll
      - a. ZEEK- Season 4 is April 26-June 27<sup>th</sup> and Season 3 is March 1<sup>st</sup>-April 26<sup>th</sup>
    - 2. Mason UP- Second motion to accept season 4 for 2020 lacrosse.
      - a. Unanimous to align
6. New Business.
- a. 2021 Season timeline and important dates
    - i. See above
  - b. New Goalie Chest Protector Requirements
    - i. January 2021 certified chest pad will be checked by refs every game. This is to make sure there is a heart stop guard.
    - ii. All field players will need shoulder pads with the same heart stop protections in Jan 2022.
7. Next Meeting –Tentatively 1/13/2021 @ 7:00pm Via person or Zoom. Per discussion by executive board on 9/29/2020
- a. Motion to adjourn: 8:10pm