

USL OC Chapter Meeting
Minutes of the General Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2009

Members present:

Executive Board

President: Roger Brent
Vice President: Dan Perry
Treasurer: Kymm Rinderer
At-Large: Lambert Forman

Chapter Board members:

Bob Davis
Bob Hill
Chris Ritterhern
Hank Nunez
Jennifer Van Alstine
Jon Fox
Michelle Van Alstine
Ralph Cipriano
Toni Caudill

7:38 Introductions

7:42 Finance Report, Dan Perry

- Up until now, chapter rebate checks have not been deposited. The old checks have been sent back and will be reissued and deposited.
- Foothill kept half of the proceeds of the “CIF” playoffs per prior agreement. This money was used to pay off expenses. A percentage of money was promise to Aliso Niguel High School, about \$800. The left over balance was distributed to the teams in the playoffs.
- Present cash balance is \$5,900
- After all reimbursements the expected net balance is \$8,300
- Tax compliance and IRS/ State issues have been straightened out.

7:53 Unofficial “CIF” Playoffs

- USL OC chapter runs the playoffs
- 16 boys teams in the play offs
 - A and B bracket will give everyone two games
- Tentative schedule: May 5 seeding, May 7 Quarter-Finals (higher seed as home team), Saturday May 9 at San Clemente, Tuesday May 12 possible at Capo, Friday Ma 15 at Irvine for finals.
- OC chapter can help sponsor either through a sponsorship or awards
- We need someone to organize the girls tournament
- Board members will be need to run the later games, May 9 and 12.
- We should have someone walk through the fields beforehand to check accuracy and safety.
- Our goal this year is to show that the lacrosse community has their act together, from all sides (umpires, coaches, teams.).

8:13 Webmaster Report, Chris Ritterhern

- www.ocuslacrosse.org

- Webpage was re-hosted and restarted on November 15.
- Our hits are up.
- There is now an email component, if you would like an email address contact Chris
- Parent's Short Guide To Lacrosse has been created to increase site awareness and increase hits.
- The website only costs about \$230 a year.
- Chris, Roger, Dan and Lambert are the only administrators for the website to control content. If you would like to post events and information, contact anyone of them.
- If you have any ideas or suggestions, contact Chris at chris@ritterhern.com

8:23 Women's Umpiring, Toni Caudill

- Recognize that men have crossed over to women's lacrosse. Remember that it will be refereed as the women's sport.
- NCAA wants the referees to "call it and card it".
- To prevent injuries, the referees were encouraged to call a tighter game at the Lacrosse convention. California is already good at that.

8:35 Men's Umpiring, Johnny and Hank

- NCAA said that there was too many fouls being called.
- Umpires are urged to allow more legal contact.
- Working on training, retraining, observing and evaluating new and returning referees.
- Referees will be given games and assignments based on evaluations.
- Mentorship program pairs up a referee with two to three years of experience with a new ref. They are paired during training games. This system is used to reevaluate referees who did not get a high evaluation.
- Point of emphasis this year is mouth guards so tell your boys to keep them in their mouths.
- We need to avoid overlapping men and women's umpire training.
- Men's assigning will most likely be done by Steve Jeffery

8:56 Chapman

- We decided not to commit because it would conflict with our largest training event that is also held in December.
- We would like to see a Level 2 tournament in November.

9:04 Tournaments

- Supporting the All- Stars youth boys and girls game in March
- Surf City Girls Tournament- club teams only and it can be used for training
- Disney Wide World of Sports Tournament during the first weekend of October. No high school teams. Includes entrance tickets and other memorable opportunities like being apart of a parade down Main Street.
- Special needs game, which would be played girls rules, with a boy's stick, soft ball and partner.
- Brine two-day tournament during the first week of December.

9:22 Hall of Fame, Bob Davis

- Profile of current members
- The Hall of Fame selection criteria was revise to include a requirement to be a part of a chapter.
- We are trying to upgrade our criteria to be able to be up for nominations.
- 2009 is the 50th anniversary of organized lacrosse in California.

9:26 Coach's training

- Could be more efficient if classes were smaller

9:33 Open Forum

- The growing pains we are feeling (pay to play leagues, referee shortage, coaching shortage ect) are being felt all around the country.

9:40 Meeting Adjourned