



Texas High School Lacrosse League



Texas High School Lacrosse League Board of Directors Meeting February 27, 2012

In Attendance: Ray, Rick, Ed, Al, Jay, Joe, Melinda, Steve, Ashley, Nancy,
Mike proxy to Al
Not Attending: Chris

Meeting began at 7:01p.m.

1. Minutes:

- a. BoD reviewed July 16th minutes. Rick made a motion to approve the minutes with the proposed edits , Joe seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- b. BoD reviewed August 8th minutes. Steve made a motion to approve the minutes with the proposed edits Joe seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- c. BoD reviewed October 10th minutes. Rick made a motion to approve the minutes with the proposed edits, Al seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously .
- d. BoD reviewed the Annual Member Meeting minutes, September 24. Discussion about the play-off dates. Friday, April 20th is the last date games may be played for Division 1 teams. Division II team may use April 21st as a makeup for rain-outs. Division I teams with games scheduled on April 20 have been reminded that if the district games are not played, they are not eligible for playoffs. Steve made a motion to approve the minutes, Ed seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Communication from SPC schools

The following letter was received from Dan Lee President Southwest Preparatory Conference:

The Southwest Preparatory Conference Athletic Directors met on February 9th and discussion was had related to boys lacrosse. During this discussion, much concern was raised over the guidelines that the THSLL sent to each of us earlier this spring. It is the collective opinion of all of the SPC lacrosse playing schools that it is time for a distinction to be made between what is asked of “club teams” compared to “school teams”. Although we greatly appreciate and respect the league’s concern for safety and sportsmanship, and the efforts to improve upon these important areas with those persons who might not possess the training and experience to do so properly, it is our position that school athletics administrators do not fit into that category and need to be permitted to proceed in a different manner without penalty. Club coaches/administrators have only the world of lacrosse in their sights, while those of us in education have multiple sports that we are responsible for and that require our attention and presence to be spread equally. We are also insured against sports related injury differently and deal with unacceptable behavior by players, coaches, and/or fans internally to mention just a few examples. In short, we are *different* from



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the organization and operation of club sports, not necessarily *better*, but most certainly different.

It has been our experience, and remains our fear that our student-athletes will be punished if/when some of the stipulations for THSLL game management, which school administrators find unnecessary and not applicable, are not strictly adhered to.

Therefore, we are asking that the THSLL guidelines be reviewed with a representative of the SPC, satisfactorily amended and enforced by officials accordingly.

Sincerely

Dan Lee, President of SPC

Earl Dorber, Greenhill School

Frank Gendusa, Fort Worth Country Day School

David Tollison, Episcopal School of Dallas

Mark Sullivan, St. Mark's School

T.J. Bath, Kinkaid School

Jon McCain, St. Stephen's Episcopal School

Laura Longoria, St. Andrews Episcopal School

Steve Leisz, Houston Episcopal High School

Vince Arduini, St. John's School of Houston

Derek McIntyre, St. Mary's Hall of San Antonio

BoD discussed the issue of Site Administrator – Rule 19.0 states:

The home Team Site Administrator shall be the governing Site Administrator. This position cannot be a sideline coach.

A housekeeping change will need to be made to the rulebook to allow coaches to be the Site Administrator.

Emergency plan – The BoD discussed emergency plans, and agreed that private school emergency plans meet all requirements. SPC schools need to communicate that they do have plans in place. Ray will respond to Dan Lee and address the concerns of the SPC schools.

3. US Lacrosse

The BoD will discuss at the June annual BoD meeting the requirement for coaches to be members of US Lacrosse.

4. Waiver Request

- a. St. Marks, requesting a waiver to the Definition of Division teams: Division I is made up of Member School Programs that are more established lacrosse programs. DI teams have bylaws, procedures, a designated head coach and president, reasonable relations with their host school and/or city / community, and a JV and Varsity high school Teams which play a full back to back JV and Varsity schedule.
Currently there are 32 players on the roster and 8 are injured.

AI made the motion to grant St. Marks a week to week waiver, with reports of players health of players. Jay seconded the motion. The waiver was granted.



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- b. Cinco Ranch, requesting a waiver for a student athlete who attends Seven Lakes High School to allow him play his senior year for Cinco Ranch for the 2012 THSLL Season. He is a senior, first-time player, and the only player on the Cinco Ranch roster not covered by the DI Matriculation and/or ISD Action rules. All of his friends who attend Seven Lakes High School are on the Cinco Ranch team, and if he does not get this waiver request approved to play for Cinco Ranch, he will likely not play lacrosse at all. Email vote by BoD , February 24, 6 yes votes.
5. New Member Teams:
The BoD voted via email and passed the following proposal:
Housekeeping change to clean up the language and remove the ambiguity in section 2.0 New Member Teams that also carries over to 8.0 Eligibility. This proposed change will eliminate any confusion and ambiguity in rules regarding 2.0 New Member Teams and 8.0 Eligibility and is consistent with the philosophy that “New Member Teams” coming into THSLL should be designated as DIII or DII whether they field a Varsity Team or JV Team or both, initially.

The current 2.0 New Member Teams section reads as follows:

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The proposed 2.0 New Member Teams section reads as follows:

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6. All American Committee



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Position for one committee member needs to be filled by North Division I. Ray will communicate with the DI North Coaches.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.