

**WSLA**  
**Middle School Coaches' Council Meeting Minutes**  
**5/30/06**

**Coaches Present:** Kara Gibson (Mercer Island), Marika Bonnema (Mercer Island), Betsy Bahn (Mercer Island), Nathan Lawless (Snohomish), Emmett Soffey (Bellevue), Mike Reynolds (Bellevue), Ray Dalrymple (Snohomish), Lorrie McKay (WWLUA), Maggie Campbell (Queen Anne), Kendall Wills (North Seattle Doublecrosse), Marci Clevenger (Queen Anne), Elizabeth Hurlbut (Queen Anne), Val Torrens (North Kitsap), Chelsea Mortell (Overlake), Tom Wehe (Eastside Eagles)

**Board Members Present:** Kelly Haley (President), Jan Hill (Vice President), Maggie Campbell (7/8<sup>th</sup> Representative), Jessanne Allan (Treasurer), Sarah Milo (Secretary)

**WWLUA Present:** Lorrie McKay

- I. Level One Coaching Clinic (Gail Shelton)**
  - a. Clinics geared towards beginning coaches (though seasoned coaches have learned a lot at previous Level One clinics).
  - b. Clinics include an online/classroom/field training components
  - c. Date- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006
  - d. Location- Seattle Pacific University
  - e. Coaches must be a current USL member
  - f. We must have at least 30 coaches present for the clinic to take place.
  - g. Interested in becoming a Level One trainer? Check out this website:  
[http://www.uslacrosse.org/cep/pdf/trainer\\_app06.pdf](http://www.uslacrosse.org/cep/pdf/trainer_app06.pdf)
  
- II. Coaches Clinic**
  - a. Coming next winter the weekend after the USL National Convention
  
- III. Budget- See attached budget**
  - a. Refunds and additional billing are still being processed
    - i. All refunds will go to the address on the refund form
    - ii. All refunds and billing is based on the information posted on sportability.com
  
- IV. Scheduling**
  - a. Suggestions for scheduling next season
    - i. Weekend games were a preference for most teams
    - ii. Doubleheaders were a preference for most teams
    - iii. Maybe we should shoot for 10 games per team rather than 12 games per team.
    - iv. More coordination with boys lacrosse for field space
  
- V. Referees**
  - a. **Jr. and Youth Referees**

- i. Grew out of a desire of MS/Youth teams to schedule scrimmages
- ii. These referees were trained and rated
- iii. These referees can step in and ref when WWLUA referees are unavailable
- iv. Next year it will be mandatory that each team provides one adult to be trained as a Jr./Youth referee.

**b. Suggestions:**

- i. Institute an incentive for teams to provide a Jr./Youth referee. Or a punishment for teams that don't provide a Jr./Youth referee.
- ii. Do not have referee clinic on the same day as coaches clinic

**VI. Season Culminating Event: Jamboree vs. Honor Game**

- a. Overall positive feelings about the Jamboree format
- b. Suggestions for next year
  - i. Longer games
  - ii. Culminate with an Honor Game
  - iii. Emphasize the community aspect (for example, have the girls trade shirts)
  - iv. More formal awards announcement
- c. The championship schedule will alternate between the boys and girls. Next year boys will play in all the time slots in which the girls played this year and the girls will play in all the time slots in which the boys played this year.
- d. Laxfest may be another venue for an additional MS/Youth culminating event.

**VII. Conduct- We are committed to upholding proper conduct and behavior**

- a. This year there were complaints regarding coach-to-player conduct and player-to-player conduct.
- b. Next year we may have coaches sign contracts in which they agree to behave appropriately.
- c. There will be formal procedures for coaches who are repeatedly reported for misconduct.

**VIII. Elections for MS/Youth board positions will be held over email**

- a. Positions available:
  - i. VP of MS/Youth League
  - ii. Secretary of MS/Youth League
  - iii. 7/8<sup>th</sup> League Representative
  - iv. 5/6<sup>th</sup> League Representative