

MS Coaches Council
January 30, 2007

1. Welcome and Introductions – Kelly Haley
2. Updated Contact List for Website – make sure it is correct!
3. Laxfest – Michele Gross
 - a. June 2nd
 - b. Mercer Island HS
 - c. Format: Grass field available all day for girls' programs. MI, Double Cross, Queen Anne, SGS, Issaquah, and North Kitsap expressed interest in a multi-game, mini-jamboree format. Michele will coordinate.
4. Honoring the Game, Sportsmanship and Codes of Conduct—Jessanne Allen
 - a. Roosevelt High School Code of Conduct for players/parents was distributed. Review and consider implementing something similar.
 - b. US Lacrosse is implementing a *Sportsmanship* program and is embarking on a nationwide effort for youth lacrosse. Instructions and contact information for US Lacrosse were distributed.
5. Important Dates –Kelly Haley
 1. **January 30th**--Signed handbook addendum due to Jamie Asaka .
 2. **February 19th** -First Day of practice:
 3. **February 26** --WSP Background Certification form due to Jamie Asaka.
 4. **March 9th** League and Official's Dues to Jessanne Allen. Games will be forfeited until received by treasurer.
 5. **March 12th** Official Rosters must be posted by on Sportability and submitted to Jessanne with league dues – **Failure to meet this deadline will also result in games being forfeited until rosters are posted and received by the league.**
 6. **May 19th** State Finals: at Memorial Stadium (We will be looking for volunteers – thanks to the Garfield team who has already volunteered their entire team to help out!!!) Volunteer Coordinator and Event Chair needed for the State Finals.
 7. **May 29th** Next League meeting: at 7 pm at TOPS
 8. **June 2nd**—Lax Fest at Mercer Island High School
6. Invoices – Jessanne Allen
 - a. Include form with check so money can be applied correctly
 - b. Okay to combine payment with high school programs
 - c. Invoice should reflect number of games on schedule. Adjustments can be made at season-end for any changes
 - d. Fees: \$5/player; \$25/ team for travel fee, ref fees remain the same
7. Scheduling Doug Armitrout
 - a. Early scheduling experiment didn't work out because too many programs don't have fields allocated yet
 - b. Next round will likely include more Saturdays and more week day games piggybacked with high school games to maximize ref availability
 - c. Programs with two teams in the same age group should make the teams balanced rather than fielding an A and B team.

- d. Discussed issue of field space competition with boys' lacrosse programs. Recommendation that WSLA take a position and work towards better balance between the two programs.
 - e. Group decided that a mid-season jamboree (Saturday, May 12th at Bainbridge—tentative date) would be good. May mean teams have nine games in season rather than ten. The group decided that one jamboree mid-season makes sense. The location of the jamboree will change annually depending on programs interested in hosting.
8. Game change procedures reminder
 - a. Any change to a scheduled game must be **agreed upon between coaches of both teams and approved by the Executive Board.**
 - b. Any change must be reported 48 hours prior to the originally scheduled date and time. It is the responsibility of the home team to contact Doug Armintrout. **Doug will contact the referee assignor.**
 - c. Failure to comply with procedures will result in forfeiture of the referee fees for that game.
9. Players' Clinic – Craig
 - a. February 24, 2007
 - b. Eastlake High School
 - c. Grades 5-8 – 9:30 – 11:30
 - d. Grades 9-12 – 12:30 – 2:30
 - e. Volunteers needed to help with clinic
10. Reffing
 - a. Website: <http://www.wwlua.org>
 - b. Lorrie has received about 36 inquiries from parents. Fewer have actually signed up for program.
 - c. League funding for programs providing more than one ref (\$ available from programs which pay penalty for not providing a new ref) will not likely be available until next season.
 - d. Junior Ref candidates must be 14 years old by March 13th. Parental consent forms will be available at clinics and at the www.wwlua.org website.
 - e. US Lacrosse Cross Participant – Ref candidates should renew/establish their US Lacrosse membership at the regular level (player/fan). Once they've received rating from wwlua, the upgrade will be made at US Lacrosse by wwlua. Clinic participants should bring a \$10 check with their US lacrosse number to the clinic.
 - f. Proper procedures for questions/complaints. All feedback should go to Kelly or Lorrie. Young refs should not be criticized at the game.
11. State Championships – MS & Youth
 - a. Group decided that we will have no formal activity at this event.
12. Field Directions – Val
 - a. Verify and update field directions. Send updates to Val at davidrusso@sprintmail.com or dave.russo@seattle.gov
13. Coaches' Convention – Great program. Thanks Kelly for all the hard work!
14. U 15 Tournament in Orlando, FL. June 24-25. Tom Wehe will send out information.
15. Closing – Good luck with the season!
 - a. Please check our website and sportability for updates frequently.

- b. Look for emails regarding state finals, end of season awards, and laxfest!