

**SV LACROSSE GENERAL MEETING
12-14-08 MINUTES**

November 9, 2008 minutes were approved; approved minutes will be posted on the website.

Board members in Attendance: Barry Rotz, Peter Clakeley, Jeff Fyock, Phil Sonson, Teresa Gadberry, Doug Cundiff, Fred Peterson

Treasure's Report

YTD thru November net income \$63,000

Coordinators Reports:

A. Registration (Schreibes)

a) Current numbers:

3rd Grade – 6
4th Grade – 8
5th Grade – 24
6th Grade – 39
7th Grade – 33
8th Grade – 25
9th Grade – 22
10th Grade – 15
11th Grade – 20
12th Grade – 14

Total – 206

12% increase in players from last year (not including the 3rd & 4th grade teams). Registration ends February 1st.

B. Banquet (Rotz)

a) Tentative JV/V banquet set for May 31, 2009.

C. Youth (Fyock/Cundiff)

a) 63 5th & 6th graders registered. There will be 3 teams (1 6th grade team, 1 5th grade team, and 1 5/6 grade team).

b) 3 coaches have committed and another one is being recruited currently. Practices will be on Haine Field/Linder Field/Graham Park.

c) A meet the coach night will be planned in the future.

D. Coach Selection (Sonson)

a) Coaches have been assigned to the appropriate age groups.

b) Currently collecting all clearances and W9 tax forms from all of the coaches.

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E. Communications (Succop)

- a) Posted all upcoming meeting dates on the website.
- b) The “Night at the Races” date needs to be changes on the website from Saturday (2/7) to Friday (2/6).
- c) Sent into the newspaper an article and photo of the middle school food drive event.

F. Scheduling (Jeff Fyock)

- a) February 15th player/parent/coach meeting for 9-12 grades.
- b) February 23rd open practice 9-12 grades (voluntary).
- c) March 2nd varsity try-outs (season begins). March 14th scrimmage in Detroit.
- d) Schedule Synopsis: 8/home games, 9/away games, 2 trips
- e) One “Play Day” set at Seneca so far – April 18th

G. Clothing (McAndrew)

- a) Apparel order is in and ready to pick up.
- b) 4 helmets need to be ordered for 9-12 grade players.
- c) Additional uniforms need to be ordered by January.
- d) Another clothing order will be available in February.

H. New Business (Rotz)

- a) Bill Frank commented on his concerns of not having parent coaches to help out the paid coaches (at the middle school level). He feels strongly that the program would regress if parent coaches are not utilized. He was specifically commenting on Jeff Fyock and Fred Peterson’s involvement in the past.

Barry explained that the philosophy of moving away from parent coaches was the idea of the head coach (Peter Hoffman) and not a “board policy”. There will be 3 middle school teams with around 20 players per team. 1 will be an “a” team and 2 will be “b” teams. Also, Coach Hoffman will be working with the middle school teams at their scheduled practices (3 weeknight practices 5-7pm).

Many comments went back and forth. Below are various comments made by many members:

“The main concern I have is the safety of the players. With only 1 coach at a game, it would be very hard to control the safety aspect of a game.”

“From experience running the girl lacrosse program, utilizing parent coaches can be a political nightmare. Also, in my opinion, board members should not be involved with the coaching aspect due to a conflict of

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interest. Other parents do feel and voice their opinions concerning preferential treatment given to the players of board members.”

“I suggest having another board meeting with Peter Hoffman to further discuss his philosophy. If the board needs to make a policy concerning parent coaches, they will.”

“Both Jeff and Fred are such dedicated parents and have made a huge impact growing this organization. I feel that it is wrong not to let them help the middle school program continue to prosper.”

Many people commented throughout the entire discussion. There were pros and cons concerning the subject of parental assistant coaches helping out at practices as well as at the games. Peter Hoffman needs to be informed of member opinions (as well as the board opinions). He also needs to talk to his coaching staff and get their input on this topic. Further information will be presented at the next general meeting.