

**Seneca Valley Lacrosse Association – Board Meeting  
November 15, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the offices of the Hospital Council of Western Pennsylvania.

Board Members in Attendance: Jeff Fyock, President, Doug Cundiff, 1st VP, Karen Frank, Treasurer, Barbara Schreibeis, Secretary, Phil Culichia, at large and Fred Peterson, at large. SVLA members in attendance; Ed Wirth, John and Lynn Howard, Craig and Judy Wehr, Bill Frank, Joe Argyros, Greg Gadberry, Lori Heinlein and Bina Fyock

Mr. Fred Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2009 Board meeting, Mr. Bill Frank seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Karen Frank presented the financials through November 2009 and the budget for 2010. Mr. John Howard asked what the objective of the budget was. SVLA needs to build up a fund to participate in ongoing obligations. We have already exceeded the capacity at Graham Park. SVLA is trying to keep other expenses down. In 2009 we invested in Haine School field mostly through charitable contributions. All SVLA financial statements are audited. Our goal is to finish this fiscal period with four or five thousand in the bank to devote toward long term growth of the organization. Currently we are not a school sport. If SVLA would become fully controlled by the school we would lose the ability to choose and pay our coaches at the level we need to and the school would limit our roster sizes. A key SVLA goal is to create programs that develop talent at the lower levels therefore creating a successful varsity program. Ms. Schreibeis moved to accept the 2010 budget. Mr. Culichia seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Bina Fyock reported that the fall ball travel tournaments are complete and the program was successful. Trips were taken to Buffalo, Maryland and Washington & Jefferson College. Mr. Doug Cundiff reported that the ILS and the PDP fall programs at the youth level went very well. However, in 2008 SVLA had offered a one day free program which was not offered in 2009. This one day program gives boys an opportunity to learn more about the sport and helps us achieve higher registration numbers. This event should be offered in 2010. Mr. Phil Culichia reported that the Pumpkin Classic was very successful and we received positive feedback on the event. In 2009 SVLA was able to put 3 teams in the event since we were able to use more fields on the high school campus. There were only 2 teams from SVLA in 2008. Mr. Jeff Fyock stated that the Board does not determine who goes to the tournaments. That selection is made by the coaching staff. Mr. Greg Gadberry stated that invitations to fall tournaments were late and invited members did not know who else was invited to the tournament. Board members stated that rosters will be posted on the web and not distributed through email. Also, communications come out as soon as we can coordinate the events with other programs. Other schools lacrosse programs are run by Athletic Directors and they are slow to respond.

Mr. Jeff Fyock reported that the Night at the Races will be held in February 2010. SVLA is looking into other fundraising activities. One idea is coffee mugs that could be purchased for a price and then when you purchase coffee at the concession stand it would be at half price. Mr. Fred Peterson and Ms. Lori Heinlein will look into this and perhaps find a sponsor. Ms. Lori Heinlein reported that the following concession stand coordinators have been assigned; Ms. Deanna Funyak, Ms. Jean Lynne Thomas, Ms. Eileen Podolec and Ms. Raelee Emslie. We still need people at the youth level. She would like to have team meetings before the season starts so that the parents know what will be expected of them.

Mr. Jeff Fyock reported that SVLA is not sure whether we will field a 9<sup>th</sup> grade team in 2010. We are not sure which other schools are committed to a 9<sup>th</sup> grade program. If there is no 9<sup>th</sup> grade team we are able to have two JV teams. Advantages and disadvantages to both options were discussed. SVLA's goal is to get 12 games per JV / 9<sup>th</sup> grade team and build from that. There can be a maximum of 18 games per team.

Under facilities, Mr. Bill Frank reported that Haine School field is greatly improved. The storage facility on Route 19 has been cleared out and everything has been moved to Graham Park. We will be installing shelving in our storage area at Graham Park and placing a box under the bleachers at the High School to hold tables, chairs and other items to start games. In the early spring, SVLA will use Linder field instead of Graham Park for practices since the Graham Park fields need time to rest. We are also looking into trying to get a “wall ball” at Graham Park.

Under communications, Ms. Judy Wehr reported that she will begin getting the email addresses loaded into the communications database. There will be people below her to communicate directly with each team. In prior years SVLA has used Yahoo as our communications mechanism. This year we will look at other options such as Constant Contact. Mr. Jeff Fyock will begin to develop a document “what does it cost to play lacrosse”. Ms. Teresa Gadberry is coordinating the ads for the yearbook and Ms. Lynn Howard will coordinate the yearbook, poster and pictures.

Mr. Jeff Fyock reported that the spring schedule is being developed. The first practice will be March 2. This is not a mandatory practice and it will be open to all who wish to attend. Coach Hoffman sets the Varsity schedule and we will work the JV / 9<sup>th</sup> grade schedules around that. Meetings at the middle school level begin in December. Mr. Jeff Fyock will no longer be on the WPIAL board and Mr. Doug Cundiff will take his spot.

There was no other new business and the meeting concluded at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara K. Schreibeis, Secretary

*Future General Meeting:*