

2007 PNCLL AGM

Saturday September 29th 2007,
PLU Campus, Tacoma, WA

Attending:

President Jason Stockton, VP Bubba Gutherless, League Secretary Marilyn Hoskins, At Large Members Dan Wishengrad, Kyle Berggren, CAA Keith McFie.

Boise State, Gonzaga , Oregon State, Oregon, Simon Fraser , Idaho, Washington, Albertson, Montana, Pacific Lutheran, Western Washington , Central Washington, Lewis & Clark, Puget Sound, Whitman , Willamette , Western Oregon, Southern Oregon.
Guests: Washington State, Portland State

President's Report – Jason Stockton

Main issue last season was the officials contract which saw a significant increase in the travel reimbursement. We were able to make it through and expect little change but costs will likely be more expensive in 2008.

VP President – “Bubba” Gutherless

The MCLA checklist was distributed to all teams. The MCLA Championship will be the same weekend as last season – May 13 -17. Same format as last year with a senior showcase event on Thursday. The PNCLL Final Four will move back a week to May 3 & 4th.
The MCLA made a small profit last year (\$7051)

- Medical Hardship Cases:- Should a player receive an injury and have been rostered for 3 games. He can fill out a form to and may be able to get a year of eligibility back. The form is available from Doug Carl.
- The previous rule regarding Graduate students has been changed. Grad students can now play at a school they did not attend as an undergrad, providing they meet all eligibility requirements (12 credits)

Q: Can a grad student take fewer credits if it is his final semester??

Q: Can a player who graduates in December play in the Spring providing he is taking 1 course?

Bubba will check into both of these questions with MCLA rules

- Teams who get an At Large bid to Nationals MUST accept. Also teams MUST stay through the consolation round games. Both of these statements are as a result of action taken by UC Irvine who left early and Calvin College who declined their At Large bid.
- CCLA has lost its AQ for Division 2 & have a 3 year probationary period
- UC Irvine has a 1 year probation for leaving the Nationals early
- The CCLA is struggling but there are other conferences in worse shape. Conferences must get their leagues together or risk being expelled from the MCLA
- School size will determine which Division a team plays in. Actual size cut off will be determined at next MCLA meeting likely to be somewhere in range if 8-10,000

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Q: CWU would like to make sure PNCLL discusses what we would like & our rep would then be aware of our conference's wishes

- By-Laws & Code of Ethics will be ratified in December's meeting

By Laws written by November 18th contact Jason or Bubba to review

- Code of Ethics – originally 10 now cut back to 6. They will be on the Eligibility Form so all members can see. These are a guideline they are not “set in stone”

Jason will review By Laws & guidelines prior to the MCLA meeting & give his comments to Bubba for discussion at the meeting

MCLA Board of Directors will approve the list of voters for the polls as some did not vote last year in the final poll leading into Nationals

Jason: Urged any PNCLL team who felt they could not make a trip to Nationals -should they qualify – to not participate in the Final Four weekend. If a PNCLL team ever declined a trip to Nationals they would be expelled from the Conference.

Discussion among members about National Tournament – teams urged to make sure their school is aware of their standing as Nationals approach. All teams should make sure their school knows their schedule. Build a good relationship early on – it will help when the FF & Nationals come around.

Stipends: MCLA Board does a lot of work – President gets \$5000, each VP gets \$1500, Eligibility Chair \$5000, Tournament Director \$6500. If a MCLA board member does a great job can get up to \$2500 bonus.

No changes expected for Nationals for 2008

Treasurers Report : Jason

Dave Schmitz has been the PNCLL treasurer since the PNCLL's inception. Dave has had to resign for health reasons and we need a new Treasurer. This is a big job. Having our money at Whitman protected the PNCLL from the IRS. Keith & Jason will file a 501 (c) 3. From now on all cheques will be written to PNCLL. We will lose the original \$1000 given to us by Whitman.

Q: Dan – What other leagues set as 501 (c) 3? - Just about everyone

BUDGET:

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| Income | \$101645.00 | Costs Officials | \$41735.00 |
| | | MCLA | \$19390.95 |
| | | Supplies | \$54.85 |
| | | Communication | \$26.44 |
| | | Officials Travel | \$30,414.66 |

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| 2008 Dues: | MCLA | \$1000 |
| | PNCLL | \$700 |
| | Assigner | \$175 |
| | Webmaster | \$145 |
| | TOTAL | \$2020 DUE December 1st |

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Late fees are \$100 per week until invoice is paid.

Keith: It will be approx. 16 months before the final paperwork is complete. We can still be registered with Washington State, with final approval in 2009. Initially \$100-\$150 to register as a non profit organization after that the fee will be \$10 per year. We will get a tax ID #.
The corporation will be formed quickly all the paper work is complete
It is possible for individual teams to "piggyback" off this application for fund raising purposes.
Teams in other States do this.

CAA Report : Keith.

No rule changes are available yet.

Travel rate will now be 100% of the IRS rate for drivers.

48.5c/mile after the first 30 miles.

Passengers get a set rate (unchanged for 2 years now)

Fred Zensen is the district governor for our league

CWU tournament will provide new officials an opportunity to demonstrate proficiency with MCLA rules.

There are 9 potential candidates – 2-3 with a good chance to make the grade. Efforts will continue to draw more officials.

Still very weak areas for officials – Eastern Washington, Montana

Expect about 35 officials for 2008

Biggest problem is travel – sometimes sacrifices must be made. Scheduling- once it has been assigned - causes major effect on entire league if times or dates are changed. Teams are asked to give as much notice as possible if changes occur.

Q: When is the National Officials convention – In January in Baltimore

Q: Should we expect any surprises like last year – No all good now until 2010

Canadian officials cannot get visas – so they are not able to ref in US. In 2008 only 1 Canadian official – Dave Goulet taking a year off as he is involved with U-19 Worlds.

Q: Did the grading scale effect any officials – No – officials who did the FF had some weaknesses but were assigned as a reward. Officials for the 2008 FF are already chosen.

Grading is a valuable tool – if an official shows a consistently poor evaluation in one area – Keith can work with that official to get it fixed.

Web Master Report: Marilyn

Daryl would like to see some changes to the web page – regular updates, news articles, photos, features "whats happening in the PNCLL" For this to happen he would need someone to work with him.

Will Moss would be a good candidate – he does a similar thing with collegelax. Kevin will call him at the break.

Dan: Really need to make sure teams get info in – difficult to provide a stipend to cover Will's costs to see games outside Missoula

SFU: Articles sent to collegelax get lost quickly – need to make sure we get a link on our site

Dan : ALL teams should write a game summary – not all do

Jason: encourages all teams to designate someone from the team to do a write up

Bubba: reminded teams not to bring alcohol onto the field at any time – even if they win a National championship

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Kevin Flynn: circulated the new MCLA magazine - \$35 subscription for 7 issues. MCLA will purchase a subscription for each team. All articles are strictly MCLA related. Rob Graff doing an article on incoming Freshman.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 3 PNCLL teams went to Nationals – Oregon who played in championship final, Montana 2007 MCLA B League Champions & Western Washington.

We are very proud of all these teams. They represented the PNCLL well on & off the field.

- Final Four at Curtis HS went very well. The school provided 40 volunteers who were great.

The only negative was having just one field but for the first time ever the weekend was FREE! Gate receipts covered all officials costs. We are getting close to staging a revenue generating event. All involved did a great job. Friday nights youth clinic was a huge success with 25 coaches for 75 players. If the event returns to Tacoma expect double the number of participants. All youth received a T shirt & entry to FF. It is hoped we can always host a youth clinic at the FF.

Team Fees:

- Likely stay with same invoice format – 1st in December then 2nd at start of the season with a 3rd invoice at midseason.
- No fines were issued last year.
- Linfield have paid some of what they owe. They are no longer members of the PNCLL – sorry to lose them but there is zero tolerance for that type of behavior

By Laws:

Many have been passed in previous years but not actually adopted.

Keith & JC have reviewed them.

The general membership, by two-thirds vote, agreed to amend the bylaws by removing the sections dealing with League legal counsel and scheduling games at the time of the AGM Once MCLA By Laws are available – new proposals can be made.

Scheduler:

Dave Schmitz has done the job for the past 2 years. This year Jason (Div 2) , Keith & Kyle (Div 1) will assume those duties. Aim to get it done as quickly as possible.

Keith:

Last season a PNCLL (designated as the home team) played 2 OOC games at a neutral site in California. WCLL officials were used. This resulted in the PNCLL being held responsible for payment. Teams are reminded they must tell the executive board if they are in this situation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Portland State are observing at today's AGM with a view to joining in 2009 or 2010

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Teams joining PNCLL

Washington State are applying to rejoin the PNCLL Division 1 – presentation by new team Executive – none of whom were involved with the team during their previous membership in the PNCLL. Dan Wishengrad & Ryan Hanavan were recognized for their help with WSU. Henry Cross – coach, Nick Lyons VP & Tom Gibbon treasurer. Matt Kushin (U of Miami) will be the head coach but is unable to take on sideline duties. A letter was circulated to the PNCLL members.

The team has participated in some games last season & plan on playing this Fall in tournaments. Player dues will be \$450 & the school will be giving \$1500. The team has access to university vans & discount lodging.

Uniforms were shown & a second set of home jerseys will be purchased.

Bubba reminded the WSU reps that players who were rostered in the Fall 05, 06 & 07 have used a year of eligibility.

Concern that budget estimate is too low – Gonzaga spend approx \$9000 on travel alone. If costs are double what have been estimated can the team still meet the obligations?

WSU reps recognize they will likely need to increase player dues but feel confident they can meet this challenge

**Jason - Motion: WSU be admitted to PNCLL Division 1
–seconded JC**

Passed 16 – 1

Movement of teams:

Montana petitioned to move to Division 1 – their resume is known – they have an OOC trip planned to California. They will become part of the athletic department at UM

Bubba reminded members that most conferences have put a hold on teams moving until after the MCLA ruling on school size to determine division location. WWU are also on the bubble & may be required to move next year.

**JC – Motion Montana moves to Div 1
Seconded Dan**

Passed 17-1

Schedule

Plan to blackout dates in 2009 to schedule league games. Currently we do things backwards by scheduling OOC first then try to squeeze in PNCLL games. Plan is to have 4 dates for div 1 & 4 different ones for div 2 to avoid problems for Keith.

Must have 6 league games to retain AQ

Passports

Currently in January 2009 all persons entering US will need a passport. Teams are encouraged to have their players get them now.

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Final Four

- 1) Tacoma – Curtis HS same as last year. Tacoma boosters would support the event again. Only disadvantage is having 1 field. There is another on site but bad weather would make this field very difficult to play on. Using UPS field a possibility but better to have all games at the same site
Difficult to do a banquet
Last year gate receipts were used to pay officials. Concessions & Youth clinic revenue went to Curtis HS
Increased advertising could see profit reach \$5000 (\$3000 in 07)
- 2) Montana – Use Riverbowl & stadium fields. Games could be broadcast live on web.
Locker rooms & officials rooms are available
Vendor village could be set up
Hotels – 3 within 1 mile of game venue rates \$55-95 per room
Banquet – university ballroom will be donated – university will cover at least half of the costs
Officials cost will be the biggest cost & Montana are willing to cover that cost
Recent clinic had 90 kids attend. 2 new HS teams in the area
Typically get 450 at home games

Discussion

- Good idea to promote lacrosse in another State.
- Stadium sounds great.
- Good idea to move the FF around
- Until sport grows in Missoula should keep FF in Tacoma area as so much growth there
- National championship team known to HS kids doubt having FF there will promote growth

Vote – FF in Missoula – UM, SFU, GU, UI, L&C, Willamette, SOU, Whitman, Albertson, BSU, CWU
FF in Tacoma - UO, OSU, UW, WWU, PLU, UPS, WOU

FF will be in Missoula, Montana May 3rd & 4th

Discussion held between teams in Division 1 & 2 on league schedule. Various scheduling suggestions on how to split divisions.

Division 1 – all teams play each other once – top 4 go to FF

Division 2 – all teams play each other once – top 6 go to post season – top 2 get a bye 3-6 playoff to determine other 2 FF teams

Motion - Bubba –to pay PNCLL President \$3500

Second – WWU

Discussion: Also important to make sure if a board member is not affiliated with a team they are eligible to vote. All board members serve without compensation- important to keep growing the bank account. If we have a surplus maybe we should invest in a T Bill account. Difficult to lock money in & then find out we need to access the funds.

Better to wait to determine exact amount to be paid

Vote: 13 in favor, 1 against, 2 abstentions.

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Motion – Dan – \$90 per team at the beginning of the season paid to the President + another \$90 per team at the end of the season. Total of \$180 per team
Second-JC

Vote: 17 for 1 against

First Team Invoice will now be \$2160

Discussion on MCLA school size regulations – 8-10,000 is the typical.
PNCLL would like 8500 to be the #.

Web Site Assistant:

Will Moss will do the job. Executive board will discuss & deal with Daryl & Will

Election of officers:

Board consists of President – Jason Stockton(no team affiliation), VP – Greg Gutherless (PLU)
Treasurer – Dave Schmitz (Whitman) Secretary – Marilyn Hoskins (SFU) Member At-Large – Dan
Wishengrad (UW)– Member At-Large- Kyle Berggren (UPS)

Each year 3 positions are up for renewal – this year

1 - President

Jason Stockton by acclamation

2. Treasurer

Nominees: Mark Brown (withdrew) Kyle Berrgren by acclamation

3. Member At Large

**Nominees: Mark Brown (1 year term) ,Brent Hoskins (2 year term) ,Ryan Hanavan, Jean
Claude Ed Raoulx**

Dan Wishengrad will assume the Past President position as Josh Barbour does not want to be involved

Game Fees:

Last year fees were set at \$350 per team. WCLL & SELC do a similar split however the WCLL has officials in every town that has a team. Other conferences with high travel have the home team pay the officials costs. As we have more officials this year there is a possibility that game fees may go down. Right now \$350 may cover the costs but if the league has a shortfall all teams would get another invoice in June to cover this shortfall - not a desirable option. We need a solution to avoid a major problem.

Q: Home Team pays officials: SFU,PLU,OSU,BSU,UO,UM,UPS,WWU,Albertson (9)

Q: Officials costs split between both teams: UI,GU,CWU,Whitman,WOU,SOU,Willamette,L&C (8)

Q: Neutral site games – both teams split cost: All agreed

Each team gave a brief preview of their 07/08 teams

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Pre Season Poll results:

Division 1

1. Oregon (8) – 80
2. SFU – 70
3. Montana – 54
4. Oregon State – 49
5. Boise State – 45
6. Washington – 41
7. Gonzaga (1) – 35
8. Idaho – 19
9. WSU – 12

Division 2

1. Western Wash (9) - 90
2. Western Oregon - 70
3. PLU - 61
4. SOU - 59
5. UPS - 53
6. Whitman - 52
7. CWU - 48
8. Albertson - 28
9. Willamette - 20
10. L & C - 14

Score-sheets distributed & meeting adjourned at 6pm