

2008 PNCLL AGM

Saturday September 27th 2008,
PLU Campus, Tacoma, WA

Attending:

President Jason Stockton, VP Bubba Gutherless, League Secretary Marilyn Hoskins, At Large Members Brent Hoskins, Mark Brown,CAA Keith McFie.

Boise State, Gonzaga , Montana ,Oregon State, Oregon, Simon Fraser , Idaho, Washington, Washington State, College of Idaho, Central Washington, Pacific Lutheran, Puget Sound, Southern Oregon, Western Oregon, Western Washington, Whitman, Willamette,

Guests: Humboldt, Portland State, University of Portland & Pacific University

Jason Stockton welcomed everyone and announced a change to the agenda. All teams applying for membership in the PNCLL would be asked to make their presentations first.

Portland State - James Taylor –President

- Lacrosse club was officially recognized by the school in 2007.
- Initially 17 players on the roster that number has now increased.
- The team played a home (7) & away (4) exhibition schedule last year – with a minimum of 15 players at all home games.
- New coach – Danny Ernst with assistance from Ross Lancaster & Alex Johnson
- Expect \$1600 from school
- \$1000 in player dues
- \$2000 projected in fund raising
- Use of 12 passenger vans for travel

Q – Why was your coach not at this meeting? – Other commitments today

Q – What year are current executive members of the team? – Senior year for President & Treasurer- have other players ready to assume responsibilities (Freshman & HS seniors)

Q – Is Stott field available for use for home games? – should be fine if lots of notice is given

Q – Who did the team play last year? – Div 2 mostly as they weren't sure where they would be if accepted in PNCLL. Now feel they are better suited to Div 1 given school size & fact Portland is a "hotbed" of lacrosse

Q – Field specs were a problem last year – that will be resolved & school is Ok with NCAA lines being on field

Q – Has a budget been drawn up ? – school provided a template & team executive have plugged in costs of dues etc & planned for 6 home & 6 away games

University of Portland - Ken Ankrom - President

- Coach Mark Meckler is a prof on campus
- 27 players last year – 14 return
- Minimum 15 players at all games last year
- Final record of 3-2 last season – contacted many PNCLL school but most could not commit due to their own schedules
- Practices for the last 18 months have been twice a week in the Fall and 3 times a week in Winter & Spring
- Dues \$300, Gloves \$96, Pinnies & shorts \$25-\$30
- School bough helmets & jerseys
- Budget - \$6900 from school will cover referee fees, League dues

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- Player dues \$5400 will cover hotel, transportation & field rental
- Expect to play at Delta Park

Q – Do you have jerseys? – yes white with purple accents for home & purple with white for away

Q – Budget is small what if it runs out? – Looking for sponsors & working on fund raising plans

Q – Concerned about Delta Park not NCAA specs – If it can't be used confident can get a HS field. There is a field on campus but it doesn't have lax lines on it

Q – Coaches background? – grew up playing lacrosse but hasn't played for a number of years.

Plans on being involved with the program for along time

Also stressed how responsible the executive is & how impressed the school has been with their work so far

Q – Which division? Div 2 – School plays Div 1 in all other sports. School is growing 5500 students at the moment.

Humboldt – Tony Silvaggio – Coach

Encouraged all present to read his team's application. Gave a review of Humboldt's past lacrosse history

- 20 year history of being run by students with little direction
- lack of lacrosse culture in the area
- expelled from WCLL after failing to meet their commitments
- Different culture now
- Team had 16 players last year now has 28.
- Practice 4 times a week in Fall
- Lacrosse is a class at university worth 2 credits
- \$3000 from school
- Coach plans on long term involvement – spent 2 years developing the program
- Why join the PNCLL – premier league on West Coast, similar # as other PNCLL Div 2 schools, close proximity to Oregon

Q – How do you plan on bringing players in to keep the program alive? – studied program & has actively recruited players. Half of team members work on recruitment – visit HS speak to lax coaches in the area.

Q - Coaches background? From New York, played lacrosse in Syracuse area. Not tenured at school but has been there 5 years

Q - Will your position be extended? – definitely they will craft a position if necessary

Q – Why did you not bring any players today? – need to practice & work on academics

Q – How long was the drive today? – left at 3pm Friday arrived Centralia about 10:30pm. Drove to Tacoma this morning

Q – Is travel a problem for your team now – no traveled lots last year – no one wanted to go to Humboldt

Q – Dues are very small – plan to fund raise will also focus on alumni. Have some high level donors (\$2000 - \$3000)

Q- What is your estimated budget? \$14000

Q – Do you have uniforms – not yet looking for non “sweatshop” manufactured ones

Q – What will the team use for travel? Vans or bus

Q – At present WCLL doesn't have any Div 2 once they do will you move there? No plan on staying in PNCLL

Q – Who is running the program while you are here? There are 4 team leaders (Jr, 2 Fr & Goal tender) These players were chosen by the coach. Also 4 other team officers who attend meetings

Q – Are players aware of MCLA academic requirements? – Yes must have 2.5 in order to play anyway

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Discussion was held regarding applications (the following are main points expressed).

- Admitting 3 teams will have an impact on ALL existing PNCLL teams.
- Assigning officials cannot be done by Keith if Humboldt is admitted, as California is District 10 – PNCLL all District 11. This will be a problem.
- Cost & availability of referees
- Schools along I5 corridor should be OK for officials
- Do we want to expand our boundaries further South?
- Mistake to expand too quickly
- Concern coaches/players not in attendance
- Are budgets too small?
- Field availability – Delta Park doesn't like lax lines on the field
- Lack of commitment by one of the teams last season – scheduled a home game then didn't play

Voting was held:

PSU – 3 opposed – 14 yes

PSU will be admitted to PNCLL - Division 1

UP – 3 opposed – 14 yes

Up admitted to PNCLL- Division 2

Humboldt – 15 opposed – 2 yes

Humboldt's bid rejected

Suggested all new teams applying to PNCLL in the future be required to pay a performance bond of \$5000.

Proposal: Jason / OSU

New teams admitted today make the first PNCLL payment \$2600 by October 1st

Approved

MCLA SUMMER MEETING – Jason

A new MCLA President will be elected at the winter meeting in December. Nominations close November 12. Once the new person is elected they will work with John Paul and assume the Presidency in the summer.

The website MCLA.us does not currently serve our needs. It will be completely overhauled to look more like the ESPN site. It will contain player bios & action shots. The group responsible for the MCLA magazine will be running the website now. They will also redesign Conference websites to connect with theirs for a cost of \$150. All teams will be getting 20 copies of the MCLA magazine to distribute to their players. Sonny Pieper will still have the collegelax site but it will not receive any financial support from the MCLA.

As a conference we need to decide if we still want to keep Daryl Fernquist running our site, pay him plus the additional \$150 we have to pay the MCLA group. After discussion it was decided we will just go with the MCLA group.

By Laws should be posted on the new website shortly

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MCLA dues will increase this year to \$1300 per team. PNCLL will write one cheque \$26,000 by December 15th.

It is important all teams pay Invoice 1 promptly – cheques must be post marked by December 1st to avoid late payment fines.

Officials have received a \$5 increase

National Championships in 2009 will be in Denver at Dicks Sporting Goods Park – it likely to be a 3 year deal.

A proposal to expand the number of teams at the Div 2 Nationals was rejected

All Div 1 teams must play a minimum of 8 games – any games against Div 2 opponents will not count towards their total BUT Div 2 teams who play Div 1 teams can use those games towards their count.

In future at Nationals only those teams that lose their first game will be scheduled a consolation game this guarantees every team who qualifies to attend the tournament will play at least 2 games.

Currently the poll at Collegelax determines the National Championship seeding – that will change. Now a selection committee of 5, headed by Tony Scazzero, will meet via conference call each week to determine team seedings. This is expected to be a better system.

Defensive Midfielder will be added to the awards in 2009.

The term Academic All American will not be used now (copy write violation) now the award will be known as MCLA Scholar Athlete

Teams should be aware that membership in the MCLA does NOT provide any insurance coverage to individual teams

Treasurers Report : Jason for Kyle

Collected \$117,000 – spent \$115,000 for a small gain of \$2000. Our largest expense is officials - \$80,813

Some teams have credits – these will be applied to the 2nd invoice that covers officials cost

CAA Report : Keith.

No rule changes & the expected stick changes are not happening

Web Master Report: Marilyn

Daryl sent a report he had some suggestions to improve the website

PNCLL-relevant forms (application to join PNCLL; year-end awards; hosting criteria for playoffs)

Any PNCLL announcements like coaching vacancies or new coaching announcements

Information for teams in the PNCLL (guides and hints for new teams)

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Regular news reports on what is happening in the league

Playoff information (continually updated)--we actually do this very well

Perhaps some general information on former PNCLL players and coaches

Criteria for all Americans, etc.

2008 Final Four Recap

Due to field scheduling conflicts Saturday semi finals were moved to the soccer fields. The largest crowd was at the Oregon/ Montana game. Commentary & Webcast was a success with approximately 5000 viewing Sunday's games. A HS game was also held during the weekend between Hellgate HS & Gonzaga Prep.

Jason also reported the PNCLL has 5013C status (non- profit) and all games in Washington State are subject to a recreation tax. In 2009 games in Washington will be an extra 6% per game. Our officials all claim their own taxes.

Lewis & Clarke were expelled for the PNCLL for forfeit of games in 2008. All invoices were paid.

New Business

Logo – we would like to have new design ideas. At the moment we flip back 7 forth between 2 designs neither of which is in a high definition format. It was suggested that Will Moss & Shawn Carmen work on some ideas and submit to Jason by December 25th.

Division Re alignment

Teams from both divisions met to discuss changes for 2009:

Div 2 – North : Whitman, PLU, UPS, WWU, CWU
South: Willamette, SOU, WOU, Coll. Idaho, UP

There will be 4 games per division. Top seed from each earns a bye into the semi-finals. April 24-25th @ 1pm - # 2 North vs # 3 South. # 2 South vs # 3 North will play to determine the other 2 teams that will advance to the FF weekend. Playoff seeding in Div 2 will be determined by games that take place within each sub-division.

Div 1 –Discussion was held to realign in a similar way to the GRLC with a Div. IA and Div. IAA- it was determined that Div 1 will remain the same for 2009. Top 4 teams will go to FF.

Teams that are able to secure field times for possible Friday night games are – GU, UO, SFU, PSU, Willamette, UP. Possibility that OSU, PLU & BSU may be able to as well.

Final Four

No other bids have been received – Curtis HS will host again the weekend of May 2nd & 3rd

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Election of officers:

Board consists of President –Jason Stockton(no team affiliation), VP – Greg Gutherless (PLU)
Treasurer – Kyle Berggren (UPS) Secretary – Marilyn Hoskins (SFU) Member At-Large – Brent
Hoskins (SFU)– Member At-Large-Mark Brown (SOU)

Each year 3 positions are up for renewal – this year

Vice President – nominations Bubba Gutherless, **Brent Hoskins – Elected**

League Secretary – Marilyn Hoskins elected

Member – at – Large (2 positions 1 year & 2 year terms) – Mark Brown, Ryan Hanavan, Bubba,
Will Patten – **Elected Ryan Hanavan (2 yr) & Mark Brown (1 yr)**

Each team gave a review of their 08/09 teams.

Coaching changes were announced at the following:

Whitman – Dan Wishengrad will be Co coaching with Dave Schmitz

UPS – Doug Vaskas

CWU – Chris Johnson

College of Idaho – Don Grey

Willamette – adds assistants Luke Green & Steve Blair

SOU – new assistant Stev

Montana- Ryan Hanavan with assistants Kevin Flynn, Mike Chase, Phil Rohing

OSU – Alex Tillson

UO – Andrew Clough & John Wright

UI – Mike Band

UW & WSU are both looking for new coaches for their programs

Pre Season Poll results:

(First Place Votes in parentheses)

Div 1

Division 2 Poll

1. SFU 100 (10)

2. Oregon 86

3. Montana 81

4.OSU 67

5. Washington 55

6. Gonzaga 50

7. BSU 40

8. Idaho 38

9. PSU 18

10. WSU. 15

1. WWU 95 (6)

2. CWU 72 (2)

2. Whitman College (1)

4. WOU 71 (1)

5. UPS 59

6. SOU 57

7. PLU 49

8. Willamette 36

9. College of Idaho 23

10. U. of Portland 16

Meeting adjourned at 5pm

