

Men's Lacrosse
December 20, 2013

Present:

Alfred – Jason Lockner
Elmira – Preston Chapman
Hartwick – Bill Bjorness
Houghton – Joey Wilmot
Ithaca – Jeff Long
Nazareth – Rob Randall
SJFC – John Johnson
Stevens – Gene Peluso
Utica - Mike Parnell
E8 – Janelle Zera

1-Scheduling

- Schedule for 2015 has been unanimously approved.
- Janelle will draw up the 2016 and 2017 schedule that features a rotation in opponent order from the 2014/15 schedules.
- Discussion regarding the possibility of scheduling league games on Tuesday or Friday... the concerns with Wednesday's during the week are the availability of officials and having players miss classes on Wednesday every week
- 7:00 games could be a possibility... especially later in the season

2-Conference Championships

- With our current 4 team format, games will be played on Wednesday and Saturday, with the highest seeds having the home field advantage
- In 2016, Houghton will be eligible for post season play...the E-8 will now have 9 teams
- We as a coaching group would like to expand the E-8 tournament to 6 teams or at least 5
- Gene Peluso will research all of the other lacrosse NCAA conferences to look at the number of teams in the conference and the number of teams playing in their conference tournament
- It was noted that the E-8 has historically been an extremely strong league with many nationally ranked teams....in 2011, half of the way through the season, we had 5 of the top 17 teams in the nation....that changed with league play
- It was also noted that in the past, some of the teams participated in the ECAA tournament but that tournament is now almost obsolete....so post season with that tournament is virtually a thing of the past
- The tie breaker format to determine who will play in the conference championship will remain the same

3-Sportsmanship/Code of Conduct

- Janelle stated that all reports are due within 24 hours on any game infractions
- Infractions to be reported are: game disqualifications, unnecessary roughness and unsportsmanlike conduct

4-NCAA Legislation

- Rob Randall and Gene Peluso contributed to this, because they were in attendance at the National Convention
- Continual discussion on a visible shot clock
- A look again at the face-off rules (again)
- NCAA tournament will increase to 30 teams in 2014.....20 AQ's, 5 Pool B and 5 Pool C teams

5-Facility Issues

- Make sure to have your game day supervisor greet the visiting team
- Locker rooms---it is what it is...but make sure to not leave valuables unattended in the locker rooms.....Hartwick had an unfortunate incident in the fall, where many things were stolen
- Post game tailgates...make arrangements with the home school prior to the day of the game

6-Scouting Issues

- Nothing has changed
- Tape exchange is the same...each team may request 1 tape from each opponent.

7-Officiating

- What Commissioner Mitrano had reported to us, seems to still be in place
- Most schools would like to pay a flat fee for officials....that is still to be determined
- It has been strongly encouraged that all coaches complete the officials evaluations, with the expectation that the coaches will now get better feedback...Division III coaches only completed 49% in 2013
- It was suggested that if there might be any issues, that we contact Walt Munze (assigner)....he is usually very helpful
- **Please call or email Walt with positives regarding any specific official or crew....in that it will help them get post season games**

8-New NCAA Committee Members

- We nominated new committee members to represent us with the Division III Poll and the All American Committee
- Division III Poll Committee (1 member)....Mike Parnell will replace Gene Peluso
- Division III All American Committee (2 members)....Jeff Long and Bill Bjorness will replace John Johnson and Jason Lockner
- We will look into a rotation basis by school for representations on these

committees.

9-Other Business

- The All American Committee will have 1 more week this year to compile their results....that should be very beneficial
- All league nominations and voting will be the same (for all league) with 1 exception....Janelle will add a section for coaches who wish to rank their nominees (to help other coaches)...coaches are not required to do this
- Rob Randall announced that he will be serving on the IMLCA Board and he nominated Gene Peluso and approved by the group, that Gene will serve as an advisor to that board.