

CONNYLACROSSE

January 12, 2005 BOARD of DIRECTORS FALL MEETING

The CONNY Board of Directors met on January 12, 2005 in the Boardroom of the Pitt Center, at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut. A quorum being present, President Rich Heritage called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

A. ATTENDANCE

Program/Position	Name	Program	Name
President	Rich Heritage	John Jay	Chris Maxmin
Secretary	Jack Couch	Madison	Tom Davidson
Amity	Jane Zoufaly	New Canaan	Walt DeTour
	Steve Makowski	New Milford	Dan Swim
Branford	John Hughes		Pete Kuring
Brookfield	Mark Sackerson		Mac McDermott
Bethel	Dan Sieban	Newtown	Paul Kelly
Cheshire	Carl Gendron	Norwalk	Jack Couch
	Greg Garber	Ridgefield	Bob Chapman
Danbury	Anna Mitchell		Tom Galione
	Anna Ferris		Paul Ohrem
Darien	Jim Book	Redding/Easton	Paul Stauffer
	Kevin Waldron		Mark Cammarota
Eli	Fred Groen	Stratford	Pat Corcoran
Eastchester	Rick Trizano		Thomas Cotter
	Joe Gendusa	Trumbull	Ron Cristiano
	Jack Brewster	Watertown	Pat Hale
Fairfield-Wakeman	Glen Colello		Al Saarrdra
Greenwich	Bryan Tunney	Wilton	Dave Nightingale
Guilford	Paul Farren		Gary Cornbrooks
Hamden	Patrick Sannino		Doug Wetzal
	Scott MacDowall		

B. MINUTES

- December 15, 2004 Minutes**—Approval of the minutes of the December 15, 2004 Meeting of the CONNY Board of Directors as distributed was moved, seconded, and carried (msc).
- President's Report**—President Rich Heritage had nothing to report not covered elsewhere in these minutes.
- Treasurer's Report**—Treasurer Rob Campbell reported in absentia that there had been no activity since the November 18, 2004 meeting.

He reminded members that dues for 2005 are \$275.00 per program (entitles the member to enter two teams in CONNY play), and \$75.00 for each additional Junior or Senior team entered in CONNY play (there is no fee for Bantam teams). Send dues to Treasurer Rob Campbell by the April 1 official start of CONNY play. In any case, dues must be paid before games count in CONNY standings.

- Secretary's Report**—Secretary Jack Couch had two pieces of business. The Bethel Lacrosse Association had applied for membership. Bethel's application being in all respects complete and proper, membership was msc unanimously. **WELCOME BETHEL!**

Cheshire petitioned the CONNY Board on behalf of Bill Dooley, a 9th grader from their program at Notre Dame of West Haven, which will not offer a lacrosse program until 2006. Subject to the restrictions in the CONNY Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations, permission for Bill Dooley to play in CONNY was msc.

- League Play Committee – Carl Gendron**

Scheduling: Mr. Gendron urged each member to identify one person in their program who is familiar with the relative strengths of all their teams to be responsible for scheduling. In addition, schedulers must clearly identify the nature of their teams at scheduling (i.e., all 7th graders, mixed Senior, etc.).

The meeting voted to hold the Connecticut Chapter Select Team tryouts on May 24, 25, and 26 (spare day). Connecticut member schedulers should not schedule games those days for any of their teams that contain probable Select Team aspirants.

Tournaments Seeding: The Board voted to require members to declare exactly which teams they will enter in the CONNY tournaments by June 1, 2005. A program that withdraws a team after that date will face penalties. A pre-seeding meeting of a small committee will be held on June 3 or 4 to allocate teams into rough groupings for seeding at the June 6 CONNY Seeding Night. Mr. Gendron asked for volunteers for the pre-seeding meeting who are familiar with the teams in their area.

6. Competition Committee – John Hughes

2005 CONNY Tournaments: Paul Farren reported that we will have nine fields at Yale including the turf field which will be able to host games beyond our normal 6:00 or 6:30 PM last face-off time. Thus, in conjunction with fields at the adjacent Hopkins School, we should be able to accommodate anticipated growth in this event.

2005 CONNY East-West All-Star Festival: No decision yet on where this event will be held.

Connecticut Chapter Select Teams: The 2005 U-13 and U-15 USLacrosse National Youth Festivals will be held at different locations and on different weekends (June 17-19 for U-13 and June 24-26 for U-15). Connecticut expects an invitation to enter one U-13 team and one U-15 team in 2005. As noted above, the meeting voted to hold CT Chapter team tryouts May 24, 25, and 26 (spare day). Select Team practices will not supplant any player's responsibility to his home program. We still need coaches for the U-15 team and fields for the tryouts. Because tryouts will be so late, it will be necessary to order uniforms before the teams are selected. Therefore, the Board agreed to order twenty-two uniforms at each age level, and to require a minimum roster of twenty players.

7. CONNY Safety & Conduct Committee

Coaches & Rules Training: In December 2003 the Board voted to require that within two seasons every team at every game have at least one coach on the sideline who had completed CONNY coaching and rules training. Coaches must retrain at least every two years. Thus, in 2005 every CONNY team should have at least one CONNY-trained coach on the sideline at every game. Training schedules will be distributed by January 19.

Enforcement and Penalties: Discussion of enforcement of this requirement and penalties for failure to provide a CONNY trained coach at a game was tabled to the February meeting.

Age vs. Grade Divisions in CONNY Play

CONNYY is one of the few youth programs in any sport across the country that still organizes teams primarily by grade rather than by age. Bob Garry and others on the CONNY Safety & Conduct Committee are concerned about safety implications of this policy. In Mr. Garry's absence, discussion was tabled to a future meeting.

8. Navy vs. Providence – February 19, 2005 at Branford HS

Members can contact Bob Russell if they are interested in a group ticket arrangement for your players.

9. SCLOA

Discussion of relationships with SCLOA and CLOA were tabled to a later meeting.

C. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the CONNY Board of Directors will be held on February 16, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. at Sacred Heart University.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:85 P.M. A Scheduling Scramble followed.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Jack Couch