



Minutes
Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association
Delegates Meeting
September 20, 2006
7:00 p.m.

1. Attendance and Quorum:

- George Pereira (Diablo), Claudia Long (Lamorinda), Dan Nourse (Walnut Creek), Dale Tills (Monterey YMCA), Bryce Whitlock (Napa), Anne Jackson (Berkeley), Grant Corrigan (Morgan Hill), Dave Tubbs (Morgan Hill), Thomas Jacob (Red Hawks), Byron Hay (Pleasanton), Wayne Schatz (Bret Harte), David Deeds (Bret Harte), Erich Nolan (Elk Grove), Andy Shoop (Gold Country), Bill Cummings (Ross Valley), Michael Battey (Ross Valley), Steven Feinberg (Town), Mickey Parmelee (El Dorado Hills), Paul Abess (Pleasant Grove), Paul Frank (Pleasant Grove), Johanna Thomashefski (Palega), Joe Cheeseman (Town), Steve Alms (Coyotes), Mike Sheridan (Slingmen), Joe Russo (Pleasanton), Harris Holzberg (S. Marin), Wes Koenig (Santa Cruz), Beau Shore (Diablo), Kelli Shore (Diablo), Doug Appleton (Firehawks), Bill Glazier (Tomahawks), Tony Grzejka (Coyotes), Bill Kurz (Crusaders), Ron Holcomb (Vipers), Nipper Donovan (Vipers/New Team), Chris Hansen (Rancho Cotati), Jamie Poore (Santa Rosa), Blake Abbate (Sonoma County Day School), Ben Tarcher (Berkeley), Mark McQueen (SF Youth), Johnson Wong (City), Betty Hartog (City), Michael Stevens (Skyline), Mario Enea (CLC Select), Mic Paris (Fair Oaks), Bill Quinn (Fair Oaks), Russell Postell (Granite Bay), Don Kirby (Oak Ridge), Ed Ikeda (S. Valley), Don Aiello (Davis), Ted Griggs (Novato), Carlee Duncan (Girls' Commissioner).

2. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at Town School in San Francisco, CA by George Pereira, President. George welcomed the delegates and called for any new Club representatives to introduce themselves. A motion was made, seconded and the following new Clubs were approved:
 1. Napa-Bryce Whitlock delegate
 2. El Dorado Hills-Mickey Parmelee delegate
 3. W. San Jose Vipers-Nipper Donovan delegate
 4. Pleasant Grove-Paul Abess delegate
 5. Danville Triple Threat (Girls)-Jen Mylus delegate
 6. Firehawks-Doug Appleton delegate
 7. Redding-Donna Bridmoore delegate (Absent)

3. League Governance:

- The current commissioners were confirmed: Carlee Duncan/Girls; Kelly Quinn/Juniors; Mike Mindel/Pups; Ted Walker/Officials; Brad Hock/Travel Teams. George asked for volunteers for the following open commissioner positions: PeeWees, High School and Co-Commissioner for Girls.

4. Nominations for the 2006-2007 NCJLA Board:

- Board Nominees: Ted Griggs (Novato), Beau Shore (Diablo), Harris Holzberg (S. Marin), Don Aiello (Davis), Kelli Shore (Secretary, Diablo) and Todd Samet (Petaluma).
- Existing Board members: Dan Nourse (President, Walnut Creek), Joe Russo (Scheduler, Pleasanton), Carlee Duncan (Girls' Commissioner), Tony Grzejka (Treasurer, Coyotes), Doug Appleton (Vice President, Firehawks) and Kelly Quinn (Juniors' Commissioner, Lamorinda).

5. Recess:

- George called for a recess for the NCJLA Board of Directors to have a brief meeting. (See Board of Director Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2006).

6. New President Opening Comments:

- Dan Nourse, new president of the 2006-2007 NCJLA Board of Directors, reconvened the Delegates' Meeting at 8:05 p.m. He stated his three goals for the year:
 - Every coach to fulfill the Positive Coaching Alliance (P.C.A.) requirement, which is a 2-4 hour coaching clinic commitment.
 - Streamline scheduling
 - Grow the sport of lacrosse

7. Summer Committee Reports:

A.) Executive Director's Contract: Keith Denebeim will continue as Executive Director of the NCJLA on his current contract. The Board will re-evaluate his contract at the Oct. 18, 2006 Board Meeting.

B.) Referee's Contract: Doug Appleton explained the proposed Northern California Lacrosse Referees Association's (NCLRA) contract. The proposed contract only applies to boys' games. A draft of the proposal is included in the Secretary's binder. Proposed contract "unbundles" the fee structure, charging separately for game fees, travel expenses, etc. Board will discuss the proposed contract at the Oct. 18, 2006 meeting where the NCLRA representatives are due to attend. Contract does NOT have to be signed. Referee pay structure can continue as in prior years.

C.) Volunteer Structure: Carlee Duncan investigated volunteerism and how to increase parent participation at the League level as well as the Club level. After discussion at the Girls' Board Meeting Sept. 19, 2006, a recommendation to improve the marketing program for both the League and the Clubs was suggested. Something like a parent award/honor program might motivate parent involvement. The minutes of the Girls' Meeting are attached.

- Dave Tubbs reminded everyone that a "Visiting Coach's Program" is available on the US Lacrosse website (www.uslacrosse.org) and advantage should be taken of the program to offer individualized skill (i.e. face offs, goalie work, etc) assistance, as well as coaching assistance. In addition, recruitment of people with solid, lacrosse experience but no time to coach should be recruited to work with the program.

D.) Registration, Referee, Scheduling Systems: Dan emphasized that EVERY player, coach and referee MUST be a current member of US Lacrosse to be on the field. At the Club level, Bollinger Insurance Company can provide Officers' insurance for roughly \$400.

- Keith Denebeim explained his handout (attached) regarding Club registration with the NCJLA. He confirmed that Clubs might begin player registration at any time. The goal for scheduling is "a live schedule in a timely manner". Each Club should give Keith ONE scheduler as its primary contact, but each Club's scheduler may give out his Sportability "id" at his/her discretion. Keith encouraged Clubs to complete their NCJLA registration early (registration is open Nov. 1-Dec. 1, 2006), to be more descriptive in their scouting reports and to be "fairly certain" of their teams 'A', 'B' and 'C' designations before registering. He reminded everyone that NO FRESHMEN may play at the Juniors' level, and NO SENIORS may play on a J.V. squad for the high schools. No Club changes may be made after the Jan. 10, 2007 deadline, scheduling should be done from Dec. 1-Jan. 10, 2007 and NCJLA takes over schedules Jan. 15, 2007. Schedules should be posted Feb. 1, 2007. Games may start earlier than March 1st if both teams agree, NO games on Mother's Day (May 13, 2007), and ALL games should be complete by Memorial Day weekend (May 26-28, 2007). The Jamboree will be May 5-6, 2007, and the championship games will be the last weekend before Memorial Day (May 19-20, 2007).

8. Commissioners' Reports:

A.) Girls: Carlee Duncan discussed the highlights of the Girls' Board Meeting held Sept. 19, 2006 (minutes attached). She discussed the enthusiastic support the girls' program receives from Cal/Berkeley and optimism for support from Stanford in the future. The STX tournament will take place again and be held March 3-4, 2007. The year-end tournament will be May 19-20, 2007 and will be hosted by Davis again. Carlee recognized Don Aiello for his generous support of the Davis tournament. A Blog is being created for coaches, and a skills' list of

goals will be available. The Jr. Umpire program is being hosted again, and high school girls should be recruited to join to increase the number of coaches for the girls' program. Finally, Carlee re-iterated the need for a Co-Commissioner for the Girls' program as she is stepping down after this season, and she'd like to be able to train her replacement.

B.) High School: No report-no Commissioner

C.) Juniors: No report-Kelly Quinn absent

D.) Pups: No report-Mike Mindel absent

E.) PeeWees: No report-no Commissioner

F.) Travel Teams: No report-Brad Hock absent

9. Treasurer's Report:

- Tony Grzejka reported "we spent less than collected, so we're ahead".

10. Talon Lacrosse Sponsorship:

- Doug Appleton described his new company, Talon Lacrosse, and his goal of bringing tradition and culture back to the sport of lacrosse. Doug also described Talon's goal of awarding a "Talon Award" to one player in each age division (boys and girls) for representing his division with the most devotion to the sport.

11. Travel Teams:

- Keith Denebeim discussed the NCJLA's failure in terms of the Festival Team's timing. He also explained Brad Hock's (new Travel Team Commissioner) role as organizer for all six travel teams. Brad will be responsible for travel arrangements, communications, arranging tryouts, etc.

12. Confirmation of Rules:

- Keith Denebeim reviewed a few of the rules approved for the 2005-2006 season, such as:
 1. ball stops will still be in sticks
 2. 20 second rule for 8A division
 3. long poles for use in 6A division
- Rules are available in the NCJLA handbook, which can be downloaded from the website.
- Keith also reviewed the need for high school uniforms to be in conformity with CIF rules by 2008. New clubs should keep the CIF rules in mind when ordering uniforms.
- He reminded attendees that the NCJLA logo is available for use on apparel, but needs to be approved for use and should not exceed 4-inches in diameter.
- Steve Alms reminded new clubs that if to be used, pennies must be *reversible* with standard sized numbers *on all four sides* of the penny. Home teams are responsible for "changing" their uniforms to accommodate visiting teams' colors if too similar. Either two separate colored jerseys ("home" and "travel") or the reversible pennies need to be available.
- Keith reminded everyone that the Thanksgiving Referee Training Tournament would be offered again this year Nov. 24-26, 2006 for Juniors (current 7th/8th graders). The tournament will be held at the Sycamore Fields in Danville. All Clubs are asked to provide a team with eight teams as the goal. Dan Nourse commented that, ideally, the refs would go from a PeeWee to Pups to Juniors game to prove they know the different rules for each age division.

13. New Business:

- Keith Denebeim stated that in lieu of the SJ Stealth "hounding" everyone all year, they have put together an Annual Lacrosse Appreciation Night for Feb. 3, 2007 at the HP Pavilion. Ticket prices will be reduced to \$10/ticket. The Stealth is requesting that the \$10 charge be included in player registration fees at the Club level, but the idea is still in discussion. SJ Stealth flyer attached.

- Dan asked that NCJLA officers and delegates consider the idea of the NCJLA taking on the Jr. Stealth program as another travel team. The Jr. Stealth program is currently in limbo in regards to management and coaching.

14. Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Kelli Shore, Secretary