

USL Washington Chapter Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

**September 27, 2016 | 7:00PM
Conference Call**

Board Members - Bruce Reid, Kris Snider, Keith McFie, George Bergeron, Colette Foreman, Dave Haralson, Greg Chapman, Bo Weingaertner, Courtney Stringer, Jeffrey Grose

Excused - Matt Hipps, Mark Hahn

- Consent Agenda Approval

June board meeting minutes.

- President's Report
 - The 2017 USL CSB process included a constituent support budget meeting on August, 2016, and follow-up board self-evaluation and planning meeting on August 17, 2016.
 - The preliminary 2017 Chapter budget as approved by the Board at the August 17, 2016 budget review and planning meeting was submitted to USL by the September 1, 2016 due date. The final 2017 budget for submission to USL by the October 1, 2016 will be reviewed and approved at this board meeting.
 - The Chapter Q2 quarterly review with USL Regional Manager Ginger Miles on the chapter 's activities took place at the end June. The recent Chapter highlights have been pushed out on the social media sites.
 - The grant application that Chris Hall put together and which was approved by the Board at the June board meeting was approved by USL National. The Chapter will receive \$1,000 from USL National for boys and girls sticks and soft balls to be used for Chapter CEP and outreach initiatives.
 - All constituent groups who were approved for 2016 Chapter grants were notified of their grant awards in July.
 - Bruce and Dave attended the USL Chapter Leadership Conference and the materials from the conference will be shared with the Board. This conference is required attendance for at least one board leader, although there is great value in having more than just one Chapter representative attend.
 - Reminder that our November board meeting will include the implementation of the election process for the next cycle of officers and directors.
 - The Chapter will honor Chris Hall at The Seatown Classic with a short memorial.
 - Reached out to three potential new board members, which we should be ready to discuss at the November board meeting.

- Financial Report - 2017 Final Budget

Reviewed and approved the 2017 final chapter budget, with one addition to the previously approved preliminary 2017 budget.

The Board approved the establishment of the Chris Hall Memorial Coaches Education and Training Scholarship; in perpetuity. The details will be worked out, however the basic intent will be to provide a stipend of \$ 500 each to a women's side and men's side coach to attend the USL national convention. The criteria will likely focus on coaches who are from underserved areas – either geographic or socio-economic.

- Education & Training

At the Chapter Leadership Conference, it was announced that the education program will be designated as the Coach Development Program going forward. In addition, USL is in the process of establishing regional CDP local trainer coordinators. For our region, Bobby Laudig will be taking on the regional role. Bobby is currently the CDP coordinator for the Oregon USL Chapter and former CDP coordinator for the Washington USL Chapter.

Bruce met with Bobby at the leadership conference and reported that he will be following up with Bobby to identify L1 and L2 coaches clinic opportunities between now and the beginning of the 2017 season.

There have some inquiries about mens and womens side clinic possibilities in Spokane and Vancouver. In the case of Puget Sound area clinics, WSLA has been coordinating directly with USL National CDP for its clinic requirements. On the boys youth and high school side we need to do some outreach to determine the constituent needs for mens side clinics in the Puget Sound area.

With the passing of Chris Hall, we will need a new CDP coordinator for the Chapter.

- Chapter Grant Program

Dave has been coordinating with Matt Higgs on the planning for the 2017 equipment and trainer grant program. The target for posting the applications will be mid-November and due date of mid-January.

- Event Updates

Seatown Classic. The Chapter planning committee is in the final push for the event. For the women's game we have a signed contract with Cal, however, still waiting on a contract for the Army women. In addition to the Chapter requirement for contracts, contracts are also required in order to obtain weather cancellation or disruption insurance. The expense arrangements for the women's teams have been resolved, which included a private donor providing the Army women with the required travel amounts.

In the case of the Team Jesse participation, there was a significant delay on the part of the Team Jesse representatives in securing and finalizing the men's game. The men's game inclusion was not finalized by Team Jesse until mid-July with Michigan. This has had an impact on the Chapter's marketing, sponsorship and ticket sales efforts. This was further complicated by the delay in the youth jamboree organizers not being able to finalize the jamboree event until late August, and then subsequently deciding to cancel it.

Notwithstanding the challenges, we are optimistic that this will be a great opportunity to showcase NCAA Division I men's and women's lacrosse in the Pacific Northwest in support of promoting the growth of lacrosse in the area.

Bruce noted that volunteers from the Board will be needed to staff the Chapter tent in shifts between 11:30am and 7:00pm to answer questions about USL, sell the custom Strideline event socks and be the face of the USL Chapter. We are also expecting to have in attendance from USL, Regional Manager Ginger Miles and USL Diversity & Inclusion Manager Eboni Preston-Laurent. Invitations to attend were also extended to USL National leadership.

U19 MNT Exhibition Game. The USL U19 MNT scrimmage and boys youth clinic events took place July 5th at the IMA field at UW. There were about 60 youth boys in attendance at the clinic which raised \$600 for the Chapter. The Chapter got a very nice shout out on FB for the event from the USL U19 MNT and Ohio State coach Nick Meyer.

Hall of Fame. Tony Olney and the Chapter HOF committee are in the process of completing the process of selecting the 2016 HOF Class. The HOF Class will be announced at The Seatown Classic. An induction event will need to be planned for the first quarter of 2017.

Boy's Local Coaches Convention. The Chapter needs to determine if it will host a local convention in January 2017, in conjunction with WHSBLA or the boys youth leagues.

- Other Matters

There was a good discussion around the mission and vision of the Chapter in the context of the promotion and development of lacrosse at all levels in our region in collaboration with all of our constituent organizations. We have a very engaged group of board members who represent each of the key constituent organizations and some great feedback from our CSB process that will help inform the direction the Chapter takes in strengthening the constituent group relationships. The Board identifies this as an important priority.

- Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 2016. Location TBD. Need all board members to update the Doodle poll for the meeting dates.

The September 2016 board meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30pm