

Nathan Hale Lacrosse Club Meeting Minutes – August 2, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. – in attendance – Glen Osborne, Kathy Shipllett, Stan Boone, Dorothy Landeen (Root), Kim Allen (Arndt), Ellen Hofman (Harkey), Richard Strickland, Kevin Larson, Kelly Malone

Communications Report

Richard handed out updated Rosters for the 2007 season. He will continue to update the Roster and the Website as needed. The website was last updated in May 2006– perhaps by Nolan Cash who set up the website last year. Richard reported that the website address is: www.gocities.com/NathanHaleLaX. He brought the website up on his laptop to show the group. The website shows practice schedules and links to other Lacrosse sites. There was some discussion regarding other information to be posted on the website. Kathy Shipllett volunteered that the “Sportability” website could be a potential link. “Sportability” shows game scores – the winning team notifies Sportability soon after the game and reports the scores.

Richard invited players to send e-pictures to him so that he can post those also on the website. There was agreement from all attendees at the meeting, to have a protected Roster on the website – if we decide to place the roster on the website – names and positions will be noted, but no phone numbers.

Richard Strickland will take over the moderator position on the LaX yahoo group from Jennie Klein (Springer).

Operations Report

No changes reported. Glen Osborne offered to organize field times next year. Kathy Shipllett questioned whether we could get the field earlier so that practices could begin and end earlier. She said every activity on the field after 5:30 p.m. is a club activity vs. a school activity. Perhaps we can negotiate earlier use of the field since we are affiliated with the school.

Treasurers Report

There is \$300.00 in the bank at this time. The budget next year includes League fees \$1,750.00 and Insurance \$355.00. The Stipend for the coach needed to be determined but it should be close to last year’s stipend. Kelly will contact Ken Kerkoff to find out the exact figure that was paid to the coaches. Discussion was raised regarding increasing the fees for each player. Kathy Shipllett reported that Roosevelt charges 200.00 for each player. No decision was made about increasing fees. Kathy Shipllett reported that she can find a deal on LaX balls for \$1.02 each if we combine purchase orders in a group with other LaX clubs. We lose a large amount of balls each season. Motion brought by Glen Osborne to purchase 100 balls – motion passed by board members.

Players uniforms have not all been returned – each uniform costs the club \$55.00. The league requires 2 sets of uniforms each – one set for Home games and one set for Away

games. Kathy Shiplett suggested having each player place a deposit for \$75.00 for the uniforms. Motion raised by Glen Osborne to have players give a check for \$125.00 at time of registration- to cover the replacement costs of both uniforms if they are not returned. The check itself will be returned to the player upon return of both uniforms.

Coach Recruitment

Kelly presented a Coach Recruitment plan along with a proposed text for advertisement of the position. The board unanimously agreed on the text and the philosophy – that we are looking for a coach who is as committed or more committed to the program as the players. The Recruitment Committee is composed of Kelly Malone, Kathy Shiplett , Stan Boone and the N.H. Athletic Director – Emerson Davis.

Kelly will contact last year's coaches to let them know that they can apply for the coach position, before he posts the ads on several websites. We also need to encourage word of mouth recruitment.

Player Recruitment

Kelly would like to have a contact person for interested players for next year. He volunteered to be the contact person. Kathy Shiplett reported that there are two middle school players she knows who are looking forward to playing next year at Nathan Hale. Significant number of players attended summer LaX camps this summer. 5 players went to the Elite Camp at Husky Stadium, Sam Strickland attended the Crease Monkey Camp and Chris Larson will be attending a camp next week. Word of mouth- will encourage other students to join the team when players talk about their experiences at camp.

Fund Raising

Kelly presented a letter that will go out to Parents and Supporters of Nathan Hale LaCrosse, asking for financial support. Ellen Hofman will contact Roy Springer to see if he is willing to extend his offer of matching funds. The letter will go out after Ellen has spoken with Roy Springer.

Suggestions for fund raising – “Gold Cards” – Stan Boone will check with Emerson Davis about team selling Gold Cards – one night dedicated for sales.

Pre-sold tickets for a Car Wash set for September 23rd in front of N.H. Stan Boone will contact the school to get permission and will check his computer to find the program he used when the Football team printed up tickets for pre-selling car washes. Kim Allen will contact Cheerleading coach – Liz Richards to find out if the cheerleaders can help at the car wash.

Suggestion was brought up to ask players to donate their used Lacrosse equipment to be sold to new players. Two fold advantage to bring in funds for the team and to defray the high cost of new equipment for new players.

Secretary

Early registration was proposed by Kelly to encourage player sign up early in the year. Will benefit fund raising and increase exposure to the sport. With early registration the possibility exists that players can divide up the payments for registration fees. Further discussion to be continued at next meeting. We need to schedule a Parent meeting early in this next school year.

Next meeting will be August 31 at 7 p.m. at Kim Allen's house –2044 N.E. 104th Street

Following meeting will be Sept. 6th at 7 p.m. at Ellen Hofman's house- 2732 N.E. 88th.

Meeting ended at 9:25 p.m.