

Nathan Hale LaCrosse Club Meeting Minutes – Thursday, August 31, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. – in attendance – Kelly Malone, Stan Boone, Ellen Hofmann (Harkey) , Dorothy Landeen (Root), Glen Osborne, Richard Strickland, Della Hurt (Substitute Secretary), Glen Harvey (father of Ian- 9th grader at U. Prep)

AGENDA

Coach Recruitment

3 responses from ads placed in Web locations. Resumes from candidates reviewed. All three are out-of-state and look very promising and have considerable coaching experience. Two are planning to move to Seattle soon and one would like to.

Glen Harvey asked re: What we were looking for in a coach. Kelly reviewed the criteria that were discussed at previous meetings, especially maturity, a positive coaching philosophy, an emphasis on skills development, a commitment to building a long-term program, and an ability to relate well to players and parents. Decision to wait another week to see if there are more responses to the ads. Board decided to pre-screen – 1 layer of screening with athletic director & parents – before presenting the candidates to players. This will involve checking references & possibly videoconferencing. Stan Boone & Kathy Shiplott (not present) are the leads in the screening. A set of standard screening questions was chosen. We would like to have 3 assistant coaches.

Coaching Salary – proposed \$3,500 for the Head Coach (in city salary ranges from \$2,000 - \$4,500). Assistant Coach salary - \$1,500 - \$2,000 – dependent on the amount of funds.

Player Recruitment:

Goal of 50 players minimum, meaning 20-25 new recruits. Meeting of players & prospects to be held by Stan Boone during the 2nd week of school to outline fund-raising plans, to be announced in the school newsletter.

Sept 5th- Raider Day- Stan will set up table w/film of games & will be available to take names of and answer questions from interested students. Kevin Harkey & Patrick Malone will help. Dorothy Landeen will work on a flyer. Stan suggested getting players & parents interested before introducing the financial aspect. Stan will have a sign up sheet for players who are interested and from there will contact potential players via e-mail for a players meeting.

Stan suggested talking with the athletic director of U. Prep (and other schools?). Glen Harvey will speak to the AD of U. Prep regarding recruiting athletes who are not involved with other spring sports. There was talk of a “pickup” game at Dahl field to attract potential players. There was some clarification of rules concerning where out-of-school players are supposed to play.

Other Activities:

The Lacrosse players need to be involved in activities all year. WALAX.com has games on Sundays at Marymoor Park (announcement sent to Yahoo group). Players should be doing this if they are not involved in Fall/Winter Sports. Stan Boone will send out an e-mail to players about staying involved and staying conditioned.

Fund raising:

Car Wash – Saturday, September 23rd, to be confirmed with school. Stan will print pre-sale tickets before the meeting with students (to be scheduled). Stan suggested a \$5.00 donation request on the ticket.

Raider Gear- available for purchase (T-shirts) Stan suggested keeping the hats for the coaches. Dorothy suggested an ongoing bake sale every Friday. Stan brought up school regulations regarding food in school- i.e: no soda, no candy machines. Kelly suggested selling coffee – website www.cafehumana.com Richard Strickland suggested selling “Raider Bags.”

League Meeting – October, 2006

Kelly discussed ongoing communications via e-mail regarding Div. I vs. Div II. Division I requirements – must have 50 players and have a “feeder” team – middle school. Division I teams are – Lakeside, Garfield, Roosevelt and Nathan Hale.

Discussion – regarding Nathan Hale team playing position. At Division I – possibly a mediocre performance. At Division II – possibly better matched teams for Nathan Hale. Division II teams are – Eastlake, Franklin, Snohomish, Stanwood, Mukilteo, Lake Tapps, and several more. Stan brought up issue of players reaction to “dropping down” to Division II level of play. Discussed distance factor of traveling to play against Division II teams.

Next meeting Wednesday, September 6th, at 7 p.m. at Ellen Hofmannn’s residence 2732 N.E. 88th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.