

December 7, 2006 Nathan Hale LaCrosse Board meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. In attendance: Richard Strickland, Kelly Malone, Stan Boone, Ken Kerkhoff, Ellen Hoffman, Dorothy Landeen (Root), Bobby Laudig, Mike Christensen

### **Schedule for the 2007 season**

Kelly will email the tentative JV (9) & varsity (13) schedule handed out at the meeting to post online. We will share it with Girls lacrosse so they can use it for their scheduling. Away games are definite, the rest are tentative. There may be conflicts between JV games and varsity practices, and vice versa. No games are scheduled for the week of April 9, spring break. The last 4 varsity games are all away. A Roosevelt game is still to be scheduled. We may make a Roosevelt game at the end of the season— or May 10-11 (or the April 20 Blanchet game)—the senior honor game because of all the away games. WE requested a 6 PM start for most home games, & are waiting to hear back from the city.

The N. County tournament the weekend of March 10-11, probably an overnight trip, will kick-start the season. Another window for a Roosevelt game is April 20-25.

### **Coach's Outlook**

Bobby can do general conditioning and strategy and philosophy but not specific lacrosse skills until February 26, when sanctioned practices begin. He would like to have a meeting with parents & assistant coaches in early February (tentatively 7:30 PM February 7, room to be arranged by Stan Boone), and a separate meeting with the players, to go over plans & goals for the seasons. A board meeting at 6:45 PM would precede the parent meeting. He stressed his desire to recruit actively in advance of the season. Stan Boone discussed opportunities to have a recruitment event on a school day.

### **Assistant Coach Candidate**

Mike Christensen, a teammate of Bobby at U. of Oregon, visited as a potential assistant coach with an offensive orientation to complement Bobby's defense orientation. He emailed answers to the stock set of questions we used for recruiting. He has not coached before so he suggests having another assistant. His philosophy is to facilitate & structure learning & improvement, and to lay a foundation of fundamentals & skills from which the players & program can grow. He sees a goal of getting the team back to D1 level in a few years. Recruiting is a priority for him. He believes that a coach needs to observe & coordinate activities of the players in games. The head coach is the generalist & visionary & the assistants implement the specifics. Board members were asked to give Kelly their responses via email.

### **Budget**

Kelly presented a balanced draft budget in the middle \$9000 range & asked for board comments by email. We still need to send out a registration form and ask for payment. Early payment at the 2006 rate of \$175 was supposed to be due by the end of December. Rates rise to 2007 prices of \$200 on January 1. The form is to be sent to parents as an attachment, and could be downloaded from the web site, or picked up on paper from the

office. It should be mailed to Ellen Hofmann & checks made out to Nathan Hale Lacrosse. School forms also need to be submitted to the office if they were not already on file for another sport. The \$125 uniform deposit will also be due before practice starts as a separate check to be held and not deposited unless the uniform is not returned.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at 7 PM in the Nathan Hale teacher's lounge.

There was a general discussion about schools from which Nathan Hale can recruit: Ingraham, Summit, University Prep, Shoreline Christian.

Adjourned at 8:15