

AGENDA



OHSLA Statewide Coaches Meeting Agenda

January 14, 2011

7:00 – 10:00 P.M.

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Board Members Dale Waagmeester, Commissioner; Patti Baumann, Asst. Commissioner; Joanne Hauseman, Secretary; Mark Sleasman, Treasurer; Curt Sheinin & Grant Philips, Coaches Representatives; Fred Zensen, Officials Representative; Kris Van Hatcher, Coaches Rep Emeritus

Time	Item	Presenter
7:00-7:15	Welcome & Introductions	Dale
7:15-7:30	State of the Association a. OHSLA b. OSAA c. OLOA d. USL/NILCA	Dale Kris Fred Dale
7:30-7:40	Treasurer's Report	Mark
7:40-8:00	Concussion Management For more information & free literature, go to www.cdc.gov/Concussion	Joel Gray, AT/R Athletic Trainer
8:00 – 8:10	Coach To-Do List a. Review of required Coaches tests (www.osaa.org , click on Coaches) b. Updating Team Pages c. Reporting Scores: include your name, team, opponent & scores! <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joanne's cell: 503-998-5896• Joanne's home: 503-642-5896 d. Liability Insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OHSLA must be listed as "Also Insured."• www.sportsplexoperators.com	Joanne Joanne Joanne Dale
8:10 – 8:20	Game Scheduling	Kris
8:20 – 8:45	Responses to your Comments	Dale, Kris, Patti
8:45 – 9:30	Officials & Coaches Working Together	Don Huber - OLOA President, Fred
9:30 – 10:00	Questions and Answers	Board
10:00	Adjournment	Dale

Post Meeting Cocktails: Stanford's 14801 Kruse Oaks Blvd Lake Oswego (open till midnight!)

Coaches Clinic Saturday: Oregon Episcopal School 6300 SW Nicol Road Portland

- 9 to noon Fundamentals & Drills
- 1:00 to 4:00 Nike/OHSLA Coaches clinic featuring guest coaches John Nostrant and Kevin Giblin

Welcome & Introductions

Board Members Present: Dale, Patti, Joanne, Mark, Fred, Kris & Grant

Clubs Present: Beaverton, Bend, Canby, Century, Clackamas, Cleveland, Corvallis

Glencoe, Grant, Harney Co., Hood River, Jesuit, Liberty, Lincoln, Marist, McNary, Mt. View, Newberg, Oregon City, Redmond, Riverdale, Sheldon, Sherwood, Sisters, South Salem, Southridge,

Sprague, Summit, Sunset, Tigard, Tualatin, West Linn, West Salem, Westview, Wilson, Wilsonville

JV only teams: Forest Grove, West Albany

State of the Association

a. OHSLA – Dale reported that OHSLA has strengthened both financially and in number of teams since he and Joanne joined the board in 2005. For the 2011 season, there will be 58 Clubs participating, as compared to 29 in 2005. Cash reserves have accumulated to nearly \$40,000. The website is currently being modified to better serve the number of teams.

b. OSAA – Kris reported that OHSLA was going to apply to OSAA three years ago to be considered a school sport. Due to economic conditions, the application was suspended as it was not perceived that any school district would welcome the additional expense of adding another sport. OHSLA continues to follow all OSAA guidelines and rules as closely as possible to prepare for the eventual day that lacrosse is an OSAA sport.

c. OLOA – Fred reported on the growth of OLOA since the organization was formed in 2006. There is a strong need to improve the acrimonious relationship between coaches and officials in order to have less turnover in the ranks of lacrosse officials. Due to the growth in the number of teams, without equivalent growth in the number of officials, games will need to be scheduled throughout the week to have adequate official coverage.

d. USL/NILCA – Dale reported on the history that aligned HS lax programs into USL in the late 90's and the tension that has apparently caused the two organizations to separate. As of the meeting, it was unclear if NILCA would materialize into a functioning organization or if USL was taking any steps to maintain a relationship with HS programs. Advice to programs is to continue relationship with USL until further information comes forward from either organization. **NILCA has since announced their launch as an official group. More word to come in the future. There is no reason to cut ties with USL just because of the formation of NILCA.**

Treasurer's Report

Mark presented a recap of OHSLA's finances from 2006 to present. OHSLA was in arrears in Officials' payments when Dale took the reins in 2005. Since then, reserves have steadily increased to \$39,700. The OHSLA Executive Board would like to keep \$30,000 in reserves annually, which leaves about \$10,000 to spend. Board ideas on expenditures include:

1. Financial support for playoff teams
2. Coaches training
3. New/struggling team financial assistance
4. Meeting/travel reimbursements

Concussion Management

Joel Gray had an excellent & informative presentation on concussions. The presentation was videotaped and has been posted on the OHSLA website on the Forms & Information tab (www.OHSLA.net).

Coaches' To-Do List

Joanne reported on the items she is feverishly collecting from coaches, including certifications of required tests and scheduling information. She also explained the importance of calling scores in promptly and reminded coaches how to update their team pages on the OHSLA website.

Dale reminded coaches that the Coaches Committee decided in November that it would be prudent for all Clubs to provide proof of insurance to OHSLA. It was recommended that each program have \$2,000,000 liability insurance and list OHSLA as "Also Insured." **Requirement has since been changed to \$1,000,000 coverage for individual incident with no specified general aggregate. OHSLA does NOT have to be listed as an "Also Insured"**

Game Scheduling

Kris reminded coaches that all teams playing non-OHSLA teams are required to complete a waiver, which is available on the OHSLA website under the Forms and Information tab. Kris also reported on the challenges of scheduling games for all teams when so many coaches are pre-scheduling games on their own earlier each year, resulting in some teams not able to schedule non-conference games. There are no plans to change the present system; however coaches are encouraged to leave room in their non-conference schedule to allow OHSLA to assist teams needing games. Important game scheduling dates:

- March 14 – First Games
- May 16 – Last Varsity Game
- May 17 – Last JV Game
- May 18 – Varsity Play-in Game
- May 20 – Playoffs Begin

The JV Game Scheduling meeting will be held at OES on Jan. 29 at 10:00 am. Joanne hopes to have the Varsity schedules posted within a week, but it is each coach's responsibility to verify the accuracy of what is on the website. If the website is wrong, it must be corrected, as that is the template used to schedule officials. Joanne also reviewed the importance of properly using the Scheduling template.

Responses to Coaches' Comments

In advance of the meeting, an email was sent out to all Coaches on the Alert System asking them what items they would like covered in this meeting, in addition to what was already on the agenda.

- How OHSLA decisions are made – Dale explained the importance of the Coaches Committee.
- Growth Strategy – Dale explained where growth is occurring in the State. Would like to see more teams in Portland's "East County" area but all attempts have failed so far.
- 2-Tier Divisions – Dale explained the pros and cons of splitting Clubs into an A & B division; given the current # of teams and the tremendous distances between many teams, this would not be beneficial at this time. The new Conference alignment allows 32 of the 49 Varsity teams to advance to playoffs, which should accommodate many teams' desires to participate in the playoffs.
- Transparency – Dale encouraged coaches to be talking among their Coaches Committee of any concerns. Several changes have been made (or are in process) to the website to make OHSLA items easier to find. Bylaws will be posted on the website.
- Chain of Command – Kris reminded coaches that parents should be bringing any issues or concerns to the coach for resolution and parents should be discouraged from contacting OHSLA Board.
- JV Games & Posting their Scores and/or keeping standings on OHSLA website – Dale pointed out the manpower needed to post Varsity scores and that OHSLA simply does not have the manpower to also post JV scores. OSAA does not post JV scores.
- Additionally, due to the developmental nature of JV, it may not be in the best interest of JV teams to post scores or keep standings on the website. As soon as games start counting in the league standings, the better players will play and the players that need more development will sit, which is not what JV is about. Teams were encouraged to post their JV game scores on their team's website if they so desire.
- Youth Team Support – Patti is willing to help any teams needing help with their Youth programs. Coaches can also look to OYLA for support (www.oylax.org).
- Parent Volunteer Resource – Last year's Score/Timekeeper Clinics were well attended by parents, however it is unclear if another will be scheduled this year. An effort will be made to try to get scheduled prior to the start of the season.

Officials & Coaches Working Together

Don Huber (OLOA President) and Fred had a power point presentation of the role of the official and the life-cycle of a lacrosse official in Oregon. OLOA plans to have 82 officials this year, but most will have less than 3 years' experience. It is imperative that coaches treat officials respectfully so that the State accumulates more seasoned officials to improve the quality of officiating.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45!