

**Texas High School Lacrosse League  
State Meeting – Agenda  
Friendswood High School - Houston  
October 20, 2007; 11:00 AM (Hard Stop is 4 PM)**

I. Handouts

- a. THSLL Board Org Chart
- b. 2006/2007 Statement of Operations
- c. 2007/2008 Budget
- d. Job Description – State Administrator
- e. Summary of Voting Issues
- f. Updated Rulebook

Jay began the meeting at 11:13am

II. Roll call – 57 Member teams in Person or Proxy ensures Quorum of at least 50% represented – roll call done by David Hamill

- a. Introduce Board – 11:17am; Don Carnes was absent
- b. Go Around Room: Name, Program, Position – 11:26am
- c. Commissioner’s Message – 11:30am
  - i. A Vision 10 Years From Now
  - ii. League Bylaws – School Based

III. Safety - 11:46am

- d. Dual Site Administrators Required
  - i. Home administrator must introduce himself/herself to officials – penalty for not doing so is technical foul of 30 seconds for the in-home and the ball awarded to the visiting team.
  - ii. THSLL will provide every “team” with lanyards/badges so the site administrator is clearly identified and officials know what to look for regardless of division or district. The Site Administrator needs to wear this. (Teams may buy extras or replacements at \$5 each.)  
SWLOA is aware of this rule and will assess penalties
- e. Games will NOT start unless spectators are on the opposite side of the field (unless you have a prior waiver from Coordinator and the officials are notified in advance).  
11:48am – SWLOA has been notified
- f. Trainer – REQUIRED – teams will define what a ‘qualified trainer’ is [dad is a doc, mom is a nurse, student trainers, certified trainers, etc]
- g. Emergency Plan – REQUIRED (must be posted on THSLL.org in Team Information)  
11:56am – look for examples of existing plans on the website.
- h. Roster – REQUIRED (must be posted on THSLL.org in Team Information) 11:52am  
– need name, position, number, school attending. A template will be sent to the teams  
- update and send to coordinator when new players join

- i. Lightening Meter – STRONGLY SUGGESTED (will likely be required in '09 or '10) 11:54am; SWLOA is pushing for this, can be purchased for under \$200, look at US Lacrosse website for deals
- j. Portable Heart Defibulator – STRONGLY SUGGESTED (will likely be required in '09 or '10) 11:55am

### III. Sportsmanship 11:56am

- a. FIGHTS will not be tolerated.
  - board has authority to penalize teams, coaches, players, etc.
  - follow NCAA rules – 1<sup>st</sup> fight – current game plus one game, 2<sup>nd</sup> fight – suspended for season
- b. Only the Head Coach and designated captains addresses an official!
  - to help recruit and retain officials
  - it's an NCAA rule!
- c. The table is Neutral – Neutral means no rooting for your team – it means your mouth is shut and you are an official. Table personnel should wear neutral clothes (not mandatory yet, but give it a year)!!!
  - i. The table works for the officials not the home team or visiting team.
    - need for training
    - have JV work for varsity games and vice versa
    - Cedar park has a parent 'rules clinic' before each season
    - Tom Fitzsimmons and any official will come speak to any program answer questions and explain rules.
- d. Negative comments from anyone should not be tolerated by the coaches or site administrator, especially negative comments towards an official or an opposing player.
  - Head coach sets the tone for sportsmanship
  - 'Honor The Game' sportsmanship cards for high school? Board will discuss with SWLOA
  - Sportsmanship booklet for team parents – Stacie to send a copy to Michelle [Wylie] to format for distribution via e-mail

### IV. Budget 12:11pm

- a. 2006/2007 Statement of Operations – handed out letter and budgets
- b. 2007/2008 Budget as proposed
  - i. Including paid, part-time State Administrator – explained by Jay
    - THSLL is applying for 501-c-3 status
    - No \$ budgeted for 'new programs' – suggestions made as to where to look for help – US Lacrosse
    - Discuss having a manual available [with contact information for start-up opportunities] on the THSLL site for new teams

- V. Voting Issues – 12:20pm
- a. Approve 2007/2008 Budget
    - i. Including Doubling Fees for each participating team
      - used ASA as an example... filling board positions, add administrator
      - David took a vote at 12:25pm – passed [including dues increase] - 47 votes for.

b. Rule Changes – including waivers

- 1) Add DIII  
District decides when to add DIII (section 3.3)  
Only post season honor for DIII – district championship (section 4.1)  
No All-Stars (section 17.0)
- 2) No State Championship (section 4.1)

Most teams abstained from voting – player recognition was the issue.  
Rule passed at 1:06pm - 31 votes for.

Broke for lunch – reviewed abstaining rule

Note: Abstaining has the same effect as a “no” vote. Per league rules a majority of the teams present must vote in favor of a rule for it to pass.

Returned from lunch at 1:33pm

- 3) 1.0 Member Teams: Add a sentence “All THSLL players and coaches are active members of U.S. Lacrosse.”

Unanimous vote in favor at 1:35pm

- 4) 2.0 New Member Teams: In the last sentence change “application” to “nomination” and change “applicants” to “nominees” so the sentence reads “Only member teams in the Division and District for which nomination is being submitted will vote to approve or deny membership to nominee.”

Unanimous vote in favor at 1:38pm

- 5) Section 8.0 Eligibility: Add a sentence: “Out of school in-coming Freshman will have the choice to play for the member program or the closest DII / DIII school.”

Unanimous vote in favor at 1:53pm

- 6) Section 8.0 Eligibility: Change “appropriate District Coordinator” to “THSLL Board”.

Unanimous vote in favor at 1:55pm

- 7) 8.6 Dual Division Programs: Change the required numbers from 23 on DI and 18 on DII to 21 on each. Add a new sentence at the end of the second paragraph: “Dual Division Programs must have DI, DII and JV rosters with 21 unique individuals on each roster.”

Vote taken at 2:05 – passed with 43 ‘yes’ votes

9) Approval of NCAA Waivers

Vote taken at 2:11pm - Unanimous vote in favor

8) 4.0 Championships. Add the following: “DI teams with 100% of their program with players from a single school and DII teams with 50% or more of their program with players from a single school are eligible to participate in state championships. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the THSLL Board.”

Vote taken – passed at 3:05pm – 41 votes for.

5 minute break

Two motions from the floor were heard by the Commissioner.

It was proposed that the Board of Directors have the ability to waiver the 50% rule described above.

Vote taken – passed at ??pm – Unanimous vote in favor

It was proposed that, in Dual Division programs, players may be allowed to move up to any higher team, but players be restricted from moving down at any time.

Vote taken – passed at 3:05pm – 30 votes for.

VI. Upcoming Issues: 3:17pm

- a. League Restructuring – Presented by David Hamill
- b. Play-off format changes – Presented by Lee Hayward
- c. Mandatory Lightening Meter
- d. Mandatory Portable Heart Defibulator
- e. Completely Neutral Table
- f. Annual Meeting Improvements
  - i. Coaches clinics

VII. Adjourn - meeting adjourned at 3:56pm