



Annual League Meeting

Eugene, Oregon

February 10, 2006

- Minutes -

I. Introduction

- a. Meeting called to order at 9.09am
- b. Meeting agenda, ground rules, proxy submission.
 - i. Proxy: USC- Rich Dyer for Gabriel Valenzuela, Asst. Dir, Rec Sprts; WSU- Chris Soriano for Carly Morse, Coordinator, Sport Clubs, Univ. Rec; Cal – Wil Tsai for Mark Hikin, Sport Clubs, Cal Rec Sport

II. PAC 8 Year-in-Review

- a. Active Team Reports:
 - i. Cal: On ice, up and down season. Off ice, club is in a financial pinch, but hope to deal with it in house. Suggestions include working pro-sport concession stands and discussing it with the alumni.
 - ii. Oregon: Good season on ice. They picked up some motivated volunteers and organized a new sponsorship program. The team is trying to work on improving their game times.
 - iii. Washington: Tough season on ice due to key injuries. They are working on playing at a new home location in the hopes of getting earlier game times.
 - iv. USC: Season started well, but has been tough since Winter Break. The roster is starting to build consistency. Getting fans to the games is still a struggle due to the logistical issues of their home ice.
 - v. UCLA: Successful season on ice with overall solid growth of the program. The team apologized for the incident earlier in the season that led to the forfeit of several games.
 - vi. WSU: Team moving forward organizationally. They played 22 games and had their largest incoming class. There are possible issues with ice in the upcoming season with the closure of their home rink.
 - vii. Stanford: Season steadily improved in the end. They are working at moving away from Belmont Ice and have built up a stable officer core.
- b. 2005 Minutes approved unanimously
- c. Budget review
 - i. Roger Kupla presented the overall league financial statement. The 2005 fiscal year ended in a slight loss (\$726). The 2005 Tournament ended with loss of \$2,775. Overall, the League's financial situation is stable. Even with last year's loss, the league can afford to do some marketing.
 - ii. Comments were made regarding the previous year's tournament. It was noted that the loss includes 2 years of trophies. In terms of planning, it helps to talk to previous hosts. However, the biggest lesson is to use grass roots and local advertising methods versus mainstream media.

III. Review of League Status and Expansion

- a. Executive Director Mark Wilbur briefed the league on two prospective schools considering entry into the PAC-8.
 - i. At Oregon State, the previous contact studied abroad, ending the momentum toward starting a program there. The biggest problem is logistics involved with usable ice. Progress requires a dedicated group to make it work. Of the closest rinks, Eugene's rink has limited ice time; the next nearest rink is hours away. This would make establishment of any fan base difficult.
 - ii. Arizona State has a DII program again, although communications difficult. They have spoken to a few member schools about scheduling games.

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- IV. Club Sports System**
- a. A discussion was opened about dealing with universities' club sports programs. The consensus is that there is difficulty in dealing with Club Sports offices. There needs to be more resources to the each club than is currently provided. It was noted that more schools are moving toward a tier system. A suggestion was made that each school try to bring in more money for club sports on whole to help out.
- V. PAC 8 Conference Spirit Support**
- a. Per a discussion last year, the league amended Section 1.14.(b)(iv) of the Bylaws to read:
(iv) Notify home team by email 2 weeks prior to the game if the school's band will be coming to play; notification must include the number of band members attending. No admission will be charged for instrument-carrying student band members. The visiting team shall be limited to 40 band members, unless a greater number is allowed by the home team.
- VI. League Ranking System**
- a. There was discussion of a proposal by David Kell regarding dealing with forfeited games. Because of the weighted system, it was suggested that a limit should be placed on the number of points from a forfeit. There was a discussion of how much of an effect one player has on a game and if it would really affect the outcome. In the end, the committee decided to table the issue for negotiations over the next year. David Kell agreed to spearhead the effort.
- VII. Officer Elections**
- a. The league unanimously voted Roger Kulpa to another one year term as Commissioner and Treasurer.
 - b. The league unanimously voted Cyril Allen to a two year term as Executive Director.
 - c. The league voted Chris Soriano to a two year term as Associate Director, with 1 opposition vote from Washington.
 - d. The league unanimously voted William Tsai to another one year term as Secretary.
- VIII. Marketing**
- a. There is definitely a need at each school for new marketing ideas to draw fans to each team. The ideas are there, but each team needs help executing it. Based on Oregon's experience with the tournament, it helps greatly to ask parents.
- IX. Dues**
- a. Treasurer Roger Kulpa made a motion to keep league dues the same. The motion passed unanimously.
- X. League E-mail System**
- a. Commissioner Roger Kulpa gave each team a refresher packet, overviewing the league's e-mail system. Teams were given an opportunity to update their contact information at the meeting. Teams that have not yet updated their contact information should do so through the conference's site.
- XI. 2006-07 Season**
- a. The committee decided that conference play starts Sept 29, 2006 and ends Jan 27, 2007 The tourney will be held Feb 9-10, 2007 at UCLA.
 - b. In discussing future tournaments, WSU committed to host in 2008, although they are considering doing so in Seattle versus Spokane.
 - c. The 2009 site selection was deferred until next year.
- XII. 2006-07 Scheduling**
- a. The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 11:47am. Team representatives broke into scheduling mode for the 2006-07 season.