



Rockledge High Parent Lacrosse Meeting
Tuesday, August 23, 2012

Proceedings: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Al Forbes, President.

Al Forbes introduced himself, coaches, and board members. The following topics were addressed:

- Contract with Friends of Brevard and Brevard Public Schools is for 10 years. This year Rockledge High, Cocoa Beach and Melbourne High will have lax teams.
- Al gave thanks to Tony Hines, Principal of Rockledge High, and Bonita Holland, Athletic Director, for their continued support.
- Open board positions: Field Director – Al encouraged parents of girl players to consider the position.
- Lacrosse website: raiderlax.net
 - Raider Lax Store links to My Locker.net and Prep Sportswear. Stores offer numerous lacrosse logos to individualize your purchase.
- Budget
 - Fees: \$250 to join; actual cost is \$347/player. We hope to cover the additional expenses through fundraising and sponsorships.
 - Al explained that we are self-sufficient and starting at ground zero. We will be offering numerous fundraisers to offset cost for players. We will have gate fees during games which will come directly back to the school.
- Fundraising
 - We currently have 13 opportunities for player to earn money towards the fee.
 - Sponsorship is a huge opportunity; will apply to player fees.
 - Al requested parents to email him if they had any businesses that would sponsor so board would not contact them.
 - Once a month team will raise money through Krispy Kreme donuts; this fundraiser starts today and will end on September 4. Donuts will be delivered to McClarty Park on September 8, 2012. Players will receive \$3.00 per dozen toward their player fees, after they sell 10 dozen minimum).
 - Daytona 500 – a percentage of what we sell will come back to us.
 - Lacrosse magnets - \$10
 - Our goal is to raise enough money before the 2013 season to build a concrete Wall Ball and have a bronze plaque incorporated into wall.

- Grant
 - We received a grant through U.S. Lacrosse which will help with the cost of equipment. Grant details are unclear at this time. Coaches will be sent to special training events.

Parent Questions:

- **When does the season start?** *Season officially begins on January 30; tryouts will be 1-2 weeks before; conditioning will begin in December. All will continue to post clinics and camps on website so players can get additional practice. Coach Kuhblank is thinking of having camp-style games in December. Players are highly encouraged to get out with their stick and ball to practice throwing and catching. Parents are also encouraged to grab a baseball glove and work with players.*
- **How much equipment do players need to purchase?** *Boys are required to have a stick, shoulder pads, gloves, arm pads, mouth guard, cleats, and helmet. Goalie will need additional protective clothing. Out of pocket expense for equipment is approximately \$100-\$200. Our goal is to absorb the cost of helmets through fundraising activities. Helmets must be certified every 2 years. Don't rush out and buy all new equipment. Buy a stick and ball and PRACTICE!*
- **Are there different sized sticks?** *The size of the stick depends on the position. In the beginning all players should have a short stick; defense players will use a long stick which will be provided to them.*
- **Do players need a practice stick and a game stick?** *No, just a regular size.*
- **Are there any other player requirements?** *Yes, players must register with US Lacrosse. Cost: \$35 for one year.*
- **What happens if players are also involved in other sports?** *Coaches are flexible and will work with you, but if a player commits to lacrosse, he/she must attend all practices.*
- **When is the deadline for payment?** *\$250 is due by January 1, 2013. If a player does not make the team, money will be refunded to you.*
- **How many players will be on the teams?** *Boys: Coach Kuhblank is looking for 20-25 players for Varsity and Junior Varsity; Girls: Due to Title 9 all girls will make the team but there is no guarantee that everyone will get playing time.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

