

2008-09 Southeastern Women's Lacrosse League Board Meeting
Saturday, November 22, 2008

- **Recap of 2007-08 Season**

- UGA won SWLL Championship and AQ to WDIA Nationals

- **Discussion of New SWLL Members/changes to membership levels**

- Associate Members

- Florida Gulf Coast University – would like to join as an associate member

Points made by their coach:

The girls all have playing experience

They are 2 hours from Tampa

The school is giving them support

They have at least 16 players

We then voted 21-1; they are associate members

Also a new bylaw possibility was brought up by Nicole from SCAD about having 1 yr before becoming associate members to play with teams and such. Everyone thought this was a good idea.

- Status changes:

- Alabama – would like to be elevated to full member **Did not want to**

- Many other teams have expressed a passing interest in joining SWLL, however did not complete the application process in a timely manner. Please consider playing these teams in the spring if they contact you to see if they would be a good addition to SWLL in the future.

- **Election of Board Members for 2008-09 season**

- President – Thi Le **No one opposed**
- Vice President – Adam Weinstein **No one opposed**
- Secretary – Liz Boyd **No one opposed**
- Assistant Secretary – Eric Rudolph **No one opposed**
- Treasurer – Stacie Dees **Jen Crews; 22-0**
- Head Official – Beth Spinning **No one opposed**
- Members at Large – Eric Rudolph, Megan Bowen, Emily Brockway **New Members at large: Tom (UCF) and Paige Carpenter (Auburn)**
- Immediate Past President – Meghan McDonogh

- **League Structure Changes**

- Create a better system for the SWLL due to the expanding growth of lacrosse in the southeast – proposal approved
 - Each full member to play 7 games – 4 games will be assigned by the board within your region, 2 games outside your region, 1 game encouraged to be against an Associate member.
 - 2 Divisions
 - North – UGA, USC, Auburn, UT, Emory, Clemson, GT
 - South – UF, FSU, UCF, UM, USE, SCAD
 - Full member games would be 2 year contract
 - 1 representative from each region will go to championships
 - Seeding will be based on record and then by goals allowed
 - Tie Breaker System
 - 1) **Record against 6 full members**
 - 2) **Goals against**
 - 3) **Goals against in division**
 - 4) **Performance against common opponents**

5) Coin Toss

• **Umpire Clinic**

- Each school must send one person to be certified – the WDIA is giving a refund for teams with a certified official and this will keep our dues down.
- Can attend a clinic in Atlanta, Orlando, or other approved clinics – contact Beth for more information

• **Umpire Information**

- Assigner's fee will be given to the Head Official at a rate of \$50 per year for Full Members and \$30 for Associate Members.
- Use of The Arbiter for assigning, online system that keeps everything universally organized. Will increase assigner's fee by \$10 for all teams **Vote 23-0**
- Umpire rate is \$100 per game per umpire – non-SWLL games as set on the SWLL schedule are not built into SWLL dues, notify the assigner (Beth) a minimum of four weeks before the scheduled game for arrangements. **MUST PAY THE OFFICIAL ON THE FIELD AT THE END OF THE GAME.** Compensate assignor for their work for \$10 per game assigned. Assignor: Beth Spinning – update e-mail
- **Rate increase to \$105 to keep up with national club sports rates** **Did not do this**
- All games will have 2 umpires, 3 where possible/deemed necessary
- Travel reimbursement will be approx. .445 cents per mile after the first 50 miles (and will mimic the IRS rates throughout).
- Travel for play days in which your team is attending will not be reimbursed unless other plans have to be made (i.e. you have to stay after your team leaves)
- Travel reimbursement will be capped at \$155 per person unless special arrangements have been made.
- Cancellation policy and consequent payment:
 - If you are hosting a game, and weather conditions force you to cancel games, officials must be notified. If they are not notified before traveling, it is the home team's responsibility to pay for travel AND half of the officiating fees for the appropriate officials for all games scheduled.
- Host team is responsible for calling and canceling the refs. – check directions on the website for any corrections.
- **NEW RULES:**
 - We will abide by US Lacrosse rules – NOT NCAA rules
 - The WDIA Championships will use USL rules

• **SWLL & WDIA Policies**

- SWLL Full Members must be a member of WDIA - \$300 have been added to SWLL dues for Full Members to pay for these, please turn in the completed WDIA form by the end of the meeting (you received it via e-mail already).
- All teams must have light and dark shirts with numbers on the front and back.
- Scores will be reported to the SWLL Secretary, President, and rankings chair/at-large board member by noon, on Monday after the game. It is the host team's responsibility to report scores for **all SWLL** games played at your school. Completed stats (available for download on the website) is an additional requirement of the host team (again for all games hosted) and a completed Game Eval form is also required from ALL participating teams (this is how the all-SWLL team is selected – if your team misses more than one, members of your team may not be eligible for being named to the all-star team). All information is due to these three individuals by noon on the Monday following the game.
 - Failure to turn in this information in the appropriate time frame may hinder your team from receiving post-season awards (all-SWLL, player(s) of the year, coach of the year, etc.)

- Home team is responsible for having a scorekeeper and timer at all SWLL games being held at your school. Home team is responsible for STATS (goals and assists) for EVERY game played on their fields, for BOTH teams.
 - All home teams must provide: water and a visual scoreboard and a trainer.
Fine for not providing water, scoreboard, and trainer \$75; Vote 20-3
 - Make sure to be familiar with the WDIA Operating Procedures and familiarize yourself with all policies – www.uslacrosse.org/wdia
 - Roster verification forms due to SWLL President by February 15th, 2008; due to USL by March 1st
 - SWLL rules and bylaws are available on the SWLL website
 - review penalties for not meeting these policies
- **Forfeits**
- If you forfeit 2 or more games, you will be on probation through the following year
 - Forfeit fee is \$100 – there will be no make-up game, other team will be refunded.
 - If host team is aware of forfeit in advance and does not contact officials, officials will be paid, host team must pay the officials, otherwise forfeiting team will pay officials (this fee will change based on number of games scheduled that day, travel expense, etc).
 - Minimum of 72 hours notice for the game to be cancelled, any less time it will be a forfeit
- **SWLL Championships**
- Date – April 18th-19th – AQ is due Sunday, April 19th by 9pm PST.
 - Discuss Location If you have a proposal for another location other than Milton send it to Adam by December 15, 2008
 - 8 teams over 2 days
 - Schedule:
 - Saturday: #1v #8; #2v. #7, #3v. #6, & #4v #5; Winner 2/7 v. 3/6 and Winner 1/8 v Winner 4/5
 - Sunday Championship
 - US Lacrosse WDIA National tournament –Location TBA - May 7th-10th, TBA entry fee – SWLL plays for entry fee for AQ team.
 - Importance of out of league competition! – SWLL received its first ever at-large bid in 2007 due to the competitive schedules played by our top teams .
- **SWLL Committees** –Importance of getting involvement from students – we would like to rebuild/re-establish these committees.
- PR – Work on Sponsorship and fundraising; newsletter; articles for Lacrosse Magazine
 - Championship – Help with set up, clean up, score keeping, announcing, banquet, etc.
 - Website – Work on topics for the website and updates to the site – GT has contact to work on website
 - Outreach – Get involved with high school teams, hold clinics
 - Rankings – Help to keep rankings up to date.
- **Outreach**
- US Lacrosse National Convention will be held Baltimore, MD January. Visit www.uslacrosse.org to register. Opportunity for WDIA players to attend convention for free and receive housing in exchange for being a room moderator.
 - WDIA Rankings committee – Adam (UGA) to represent us SWLL
 - Move to implement game contracts for out of league games – if you back out, you will end up with a forfeit – Info will be on the WDIA website
 - WDIA Recognitions committee – Tom (UCF) will represent for 2008 New representation for

- **Budget**

- Review of last year's budget
- SWLL scheduled games are the only games covered by dues, other games scheduled against SWLL teams that are not on the official schedule are the responsibility of the participating schools.
- Dues must be paid on time, there is zero tolerance for late dues. Late dues will be assessed an additional \$100 fee per each 2 week period beyond each specified deadline of January 15, 2008. Full members: \$1800; Associate Members: \$725

- Mail dues to Jen Crews at: Make checks payable to SWLL
 - 3727 Foxwood Rd.
 - Duluth, GA 30096

- Teams wishing to change the schedule after **December 15th, 2008** will be charged \$50 per game change.

- **Expectations of SWLL Members**

- Knowledge of SWLL Rules
- Communication with fellow teams and the Board Members
- Punctuality; There is a 30 minute time limit for late teams who have not made prior notification and/or arrangements.
- Cancellation Policy (See Rule N)
- Sportsmanship on and off the field** - Representing not only your school, but your league!
- Proper contact information – make any changes, additions, etc. before leaving

- **SWLL Scheduling**

- Scheduling will be held in this room November 22nd, 2008 beginning at 5:00 PM
- The board will designate 4 Full member games
- Teams can only play each other once to count in the SWLL standings and must specify which game is SWLL if playing more than once.
- The Executive Board will make final decisions when a dispute arises about scheduling a game.
- When making your schedule, think in terms of playdays, meeting in neutral territory to shorten the distance of trips.
- When the meeting is over, the schedule will be set in stone, all changes must be approved by both teams involved and the Executive Board, with the requesting team incurring the schedule change fee.
 - E-mails will be sent confirming the schedule no more than 10 days after the scheduling meeting. Please check for any mistakes at that time. If you do not catch a mistake, teams will still incur the change penalty.

SWLL Board of Directors by school:

Auburn – Elizabeth Boyd

Clemson – open

Emory – Brenna Hanly

Florida – Kaley Pendley

FSU – Ellie Kennedy

Furman – Christin Lawler

GT – Katie Flinn

UGA – Lindsay Ruderman

Miami – Maggie Tague

SCAD – Nicole Pritchard

USC – Taylor Ryan
UCF – Tara Ware
USF – Lauren Smith
Vanderbilt – Laura Saenger
Alabama – Jessica Dupuy
Millsaps – Jessica Sampson
Tulane – Amanda Goldman
Kennesaw State – Heather Elston
Tennessee – Jessica Deardurff