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Summary

1. *U13 girls to play finals.*
2. *LV to stringently police U12 bonus point rule.*
3. *"Evens" to remain for 2011.*
4. *LV requests submissions from Clubs to consider possible future change to "odds"*
5. *LV seriously considering changing U18 to an U19 competition.*
6. *Referees to receive 15% pay increase.*

Tip of the month: Find ways to overcome the April 1ST handover from the summer sports and get the Club and season started well before the fixture starts.

The LV Board met on Wednesday 9th February and considered many issues. Not all agenda items were heard so the Board will resit on Wednesday 16th February to complete its business.

John Barlow, the Junior Co-ordinator Director tabled the minutes of the Junior Co-ordinator's sub-committee from a meeting held on 2nd Feb 2011. Some new policy decisions have been subsequently made.

1. Despite advice emanating from the recent Women's forum, that U13 girls should not play in a finals competition, the Board took the view that the majority of the clubs were in favour of a finals competition and therefore accepted the wishes of the clubs in this instance.

2. The Board undertook to more readily enforce the U12 bonus Rule. That is, it will not entertain submissions from Clubs for points for out of school competitions nor would it consider excuses like broken down automobiles for not fielding two teams of eight players each Saturday. Furthermore, the issue was raised that some Clubs seem to be taking the establishment rounds with less seriousness than they should and often only one team out of four would turn up. It goes without saying that this sought of attitude would less than impress any newcomer to the sport and the Board did vote on whether Bonus Points should be awarded for the Establishment Rounds. The Board will closely monitor this years Establishment Rounds. Consideration was also given to hosting a competition wide Junior Registration day.

3. The Board felt that there was not enough time to implement a successful transition from an even aged based competition to a odd based system. Both camps are polarised on this issue and the Club based voting was very close.

4. LV is asking for submissions from both Clubs and individuals of the merits or otherwise of an even versus odd based aged system and it is envisaged that this topic will be thoroughly canvassed before the start of next season. What should inform people's perspective is sound policy formulation rather than self interested and therefore short-sighted and expedient arguments.

5. LV is seeking opinions from the Lax community on whether to extend the U18 competition to an U19 competition. There appears to be some compelling arguments but as with odds and evens debate, policy grounded in merit is what is required.

6. The ALRA referees have been granted a 15% pay rise. This is their first pay rise in three years. In my opinion, the their rate is still very favourable when compared to other sports and we are most fortunate to have some of the best refs in the world adjudicating our games of a Saturday afternoon. I note ALRA's contribution to the 2010 World Series.

We are always grateful for feedback. News, which you may feel needs to be shared may be sent via the monthly bulletin.

Remember: the answer to most of our Lax problems is recruiting!

Coming up: Notes from LV Board meeting 16th February.
NLL wash up!
Latest news on Warnambool Lax Classic.
News from LV AGM and Club Forum.

Do not forget the AGM on Saturday 19th February.

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