

Annual Member Meeting Highlights of the Lacrosse Association of Coppell

The annual member meeting was held Sunday November 2, 2008 and it was a real success. The members present voted to change the existing bylaws by combining the Board of Directors and Officers into one group and to ensure that, you the parent, will have the right to vote for the Lacrosse Association of Coppell Board of Directors/Officers at every annual meeting from this meeting forward. Your new Officers are:

President – Anne Carroll
Vice President HS Boys – Mark Wilson
Vice President HS Girls – Melissa Ditto
Vice President Youth Boys – Chris Braun
Vice President Youth Girls – Lee Shore
Treasurer – Lisa Ferree
Secretary – Lisa Allison
CISD/City Facilities Liaison – John Lucas

The PR committee has really taken charge. They organized a float for the CHS homecoming parade and had great participation from the high school and youth players. We will also participate in the Holiday parade on December 6th. Dick's Sporting Goods has agreed to be sponsor CLA and will be donating \$1,000 to the organization. CLA will be selling raffle tickets at the Dick's Grand Opening in Irving on Sunday November 9th. All funds from the raffle and sales of hot dogs will benefit CLA. There are times available to help throughout the day from 10:00am to 4:00pm so come out and support Dick's and enjoy food, raffle and games. We will also be selling CLA spirit wear this year so all parents will be able to show their support for our players at games.

The Coaching committee has been working extremely hard. They have updated and finalized the coaches' and players' code of conduct agreements. Chris Braun has developed a skills chart by grade level that parents will have access to. This will be a great way to make sure your player is on target for the next age level. There is a huge need for youth coaches at all age levels so if you, or someone you know, want to volunteer we would love to have you. No experience is necessary as the committee is planning to have three coaching clinics beginning December 13 to help new and existing youth coaches learn techniques, training methods and strategies.

Thanks to all of you who attended the meeting and those who have helped get CLA back on track these past few months. If you haven't been involved with CLA, this is a great time to volunteer so we can grow and become more competitive. There are many ways to help. You can volunteer as a team parent, a coach or a committee member. You can even help out with parades, school spirit rallies, game concessions or selling spirit wear. Please get involved in some way so we can make sure all of the players have a wonderful and unforgettable Lacrosse experience.

Get your players practicing now as spring is just around the corner. Look for registration to begin around December 1st.

We are looking forward to the coming season and hope to see you get involved!

Anne Carroll
President, CLA