

# EHS Lacrosse Parents Association Meeting

March 8, 2017

## Minutes

### Coaches Opening Remarks:

**Our new Assistant Coach, Brian Donovan** introduced himself: He is a former EHS and Montclair State University lacrosse player, providing him with 8 years of solid experience to mentor our players with. He is happy to be back at EHS and looking forward to “giving back” to our team.

**Head Coach James Duhamel** welcomed everyone and spoke about the importance of good sportsmanship. He stressed this was going to be a key focus in this year’s season. Denial from participation in the Avis Cup Tournament was cited as a prime reason for this. Conduct forms were passed out and requested to be signed by the players and parents; and then returned to Coach Duhamel as soon as possible.

Coach Duhamel also stressed that “school is first” and that grades were going to be checked in the coming weeks. Players will be held accountable for their grades. Players are excused from practice if they require extra help and/or tutoring. Coach Duhamel’s only ask is that they advise him of this in advance.

Coach also requested that if a player will miss a practice for any other reason that they always let him know in advance.

Spring break is approaching. There will be daily morning practices during the week and games are also scheduled. All players are expected to be available. Players who will not be here over break must let Coach know as soon as possible.

Coach advised he is accessible for questions and provided his cell phone number to call or text him – (908) 208-0431.

### Team Game Schedule:

This season’s schedule has been imported into our website calendar. However, lacrosse schedules are notorious for having last minute changes – fields change location, away games switch to home field, games are rescheduled, Varsity and JV start times switch with each other... The website will be updated and communications sent out advising you of changes as soon as we can. Unfortunately, some changes occur right up to the last minute. We want all of you to see the boys play and we’re here to help, so... If you want to attend a specific game, especially away games, maybe let one of us know the night before or even that same day, so we can keep you in the loop for any changes as they happen.

### Financials:

2016 financials were presented, sources/uses were discussed, compared with prior years, and current funds were cited.

### General:

The team website was discussed as being a central source of information (along with emails): [www.EHSBoysLAX.com](http://www.EHSBoysLAX.com)

The team email address for communication is: [EdisonHSBoysLAX@gmail.com](mailto:EdisonHSBoysLAX@gmail.com)

Team and Family Apparel Store is open for orders at [ErnstSports.com](http://ErnstSports.com). The last day to place store orders is March 17; after which they will be scheduled for their production run and shipped out, usually within 2 weeks of store closing.

Picture Day will be done by PM Studios after team jerseys are given out. Players will get order forms prior to Picture Day. If you wish to buy pictures, select a package, complete the order form and include a check payable to PM Studios.

Pasta Nights will be managed by Cathy Johnson. These are great team building events and truly appreciated by the players. Cathy will contact parents shortly with pasta night dates and requests for parents to provide pasta, salad, drinks and desserts, as well as serving volunteers. Pasta nights are being changed to a 5:00 pm start time. Cathy is willing to work with volunteers to obtain their contributions in order to accommodate this earlier start time.

Bus Snacks for Away Games: Players are provided with snacks and water on the return trip from away games. We request that each family contribute \$8-10 towards this, rather than giving donations. Any peanut or food allergies??

Team socks have been ordered and 1 pair will be provided to each player free of charge. If you would like an additional pair, they cost \$10. Please send us an email if you want to buy an extra pair. FYI, we encourage payments by check, rather than cash. Checks should be made payable to our operating account, "EHS Lacrosse Parents Association"

### **Fundraising:**

Shoprite "Bagging" is scheduled for Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10am-6pm. Coach will have players signup; we need chaperones.

Dates for the players to do "Canning" outside Walmart and Stop&Shop are being sought – signups pending.

The Johnson's will contact Quaker Steak & Lube to schedule another fundraising night; targeting "all you can eat wings" night. This is a great opportunity for parents to get to know each other; more information to follow.

EHS Bake Sales are scheduled for May 4th and May 23rd; please let us know if you would like to manage either of these.

Dawn and Jim discussed the very successful Chocolate Fundraiser last year. They agreed to manage another one this year; and will be coordinating it with everyone in the near future.

FYI, typically, Coach coordinates player commitments for fundraisers via sign-up sheets in the team room and we seek parent chaperones for them – so volunteer! Also, by tradition, Seniors are excused from these fundraisers.

### **Roster:**

The roster we provided is preliminary. A final roster will be provided once jersey numbers are assigned to each player.

### **Rutgers Game:**

Will work with Coach to determine if attending a Rutgers lacrosse match (players/family) with pre-game tailgate party fits into our boys' schedule. If so, players will be provided tickets at no cost; others at group rate; more details to follow.

### **Banquet:**

A date – likely the 3rd week in May – will be scheduled at the Old Post Road Elks Lodge; details to follow. FYI, they have been a big EHS LAX sponsor. Each year they have given us the hall for free and donated \$100 to the team as well.

### **Banquet Book:**

Something new this year: PM Studios has agreed to contribute the players pictures free of charge for a "Banquet Book." Parents may purchase boosters ("shout outs") to be included in the book and sponsors will be solicited; more to follow.

### **Facebook Page:**

Cathy Johnson will look into updating the current Facebook page; and then linking our Team's website to it. This is a great venue to post photos, communicate with each other, and encourage our team. Thank you Cathy – Go Eagles!

### **Adjournment:**

There was general discussion between the parents; and, with no further questions, the meeting was adjourned.