

**PGA general membership meeting
Oct. 13, 2020 / Virtual Zoom Conference
Draft minutes**

**Welcome – April Joseph, PGA president
Approval of May 7, 2020 minutes – Rebecca Panos, secretary
Motion was made, seconded and carried.**

Treasurer's report – Scott Ruthfield, treasurer

Big picture. This year is different. Our fundraising usually goes back to benefit Lakeside. It is a challenging year. We will stick to our budget as best we can. We hope ROAR is successful. If you do something for the PGA that requires reimbursement make sure you fill out form and get it approved so we can reimburse you and track expenses (do not spend your own money as this will prevent us from knowing what the real cost is). Also, do not sign any contracts on behalf of Lakeside.

ROAR@home virtual fundraiser and celebration – Juiling Edmonds, Jen Yeung, and Erica Moon, ROAR chairs

- Theme this year is GRATITUDE (especially for faculty and staff). Video tributes, and chat opportunities, other videos as well as a kick-off toast (cocktail recipe provided in advance).
 - We have worked with Logowear to offer three special items (tote-bag, insulated tumbler, pair of wine glasses). Proceeds will benefit RAOR.
 - Light House Cellars will also provide 20% off of their wine and 35% of proceeds will benefit ROAR.
 - Door prizes: register when you receive invitation. That will qualify you for the 7 pm door prize (Canlis meal for 4 delivered to your door step). If you stay for entire event you will also qualify for two door prizes: \$1,000 Applerouth gift card; Canlis gift card.
 - We have invited John Curly as our emcee and auctioneer.
 - Because this year is special, we will only focus on Raise the Paddle (no buy-in parties, vacation packages, etc.). Please join us on Nov. 21st. It is so convenient to attend from home yet it can be easy to miss. Set you calendar alert. Ask friends to join!
- Q: Proper attire? A: Anything goes. Dress up if you'd like or wear your bathrobe!

Diversity, equity, and inclusion report – Winston Yeung, VP

- Hopefully you received the e-mail from Bernie last week about “Our Work Together” which is the name of our inclusivity and anti-racism programs that are taking place at the school.
- Thank you to all of the P & Gs who have engaged already. It has been very productive and respectful.
- There are many ways to plug in to DEI. PGA Board had Cultural Humility training in September. This will be made available to all P & Gs in future.
- TJ Vassar Committee has already been very active this year. Many more events coming up, plus a lending library.
- A community night has been planned (hopefully it will happen in real life).
- A training for P & Gs, DEI Website and Resource Kit are also in the works. These resources will be open to everybody.

- Affinity Groups are also available. 130 people have already enrolled in these.
- Parent Education Committee is also something that is available for all P & Gs.
- Feedback has been positive about these programs. P & Gs seem pleased and grateful to be able to engage with other P & Gs about these topics.

Rummage program update – Steph Yurcisin, Rummage Sale chair

- Rummage is adapting to COVID-19 reality. Spring Sale will not happen in 2021.
- Maybe we will offer some pop-up sales on campus later in spring.
- We are offering a LS Bulletin Board to offer things for sale. We hope, but do not require, that proceeds go to LS Rummage. You can also post wanted items. We still need help testing the functionality of this Bulletin Board.

Lakeside Fund – Johnpaul McLean, Assistant director of parent/guardian giving

What is the LS Fund? Sept. 1 – Jun. 30 we are seeking to raise money to fund the most urgent needs of the school.

We had over 200 people log on to virtual event in September. Goal to raise \$2.5 million.

We had 54 P& G volunteers to write notes to all P & Gs as there was not a note writing breakfast this year due to COVID-19.

We have a few outreach opportunities between now and December.

In February LS can nominate the honorary “mayor of LS”. Each vote will cost \$1.

Lakeside Athletics – Chris Hartley, Director of Athletics

Overview: this has been a very challenging time for youth sports since March 9th.

Coaches feel the pain as well as the student athletes.

Sports help improve students’ emotional health. Thus, they are greatly missed.

When we come back on campus, we can allow for some students to stay and practice sports in a low-key way.

MS – We offer sports in MS so that experienced athletes learn to lead and those who are inexperienced in sports can learn about sports and perhaps find their passion or at least a sport they enjoy. Students also learn how much fun it is to compete for their school.

US – Connection is an important part of what sports offer. A Zoom meeting is not a great use of anyone’s time, especially at the end of the day when students have been on Zoom all day.

We invested in an on-line app for weight-training and fitness tracking.

Our crew program was able to get Ergs to every single athlete. This way, they can practice at home. They will participate in the Head of the Charles virtual regatta!

Cross Country program is trying to run the equivalent distance between here and the east coast over time.

The Governor’s Office has published Plans for the future during this pandemic. LS Athletics is planning for each of those different scenarios. Earliest practices could begin Oct, 26th. We have significant safety protocols at LS.

Last August, Chris wrote to all coaches, asking them to try and grow and learn from this pandemic.

There are some PD opportunities. How to talk about challenging topics with student athletes on many levels (for ex., institutional racism – which has an impact on athletics).

Q: How adaptive will the WIAA will be with regard to the four season schedule? A: I don't think the seasons will change unless numbers prohibit competition at any given point. Practices had to be in pods two weeks ago. Now, practices can take place as usual. These are based on the number of COVID-19 cases.

Q: Can remote students participate in their school sport? A: No.

Q: What is the new season schedule? A: The winter season sports will take place Dec. 28 – Feb. 28. Fall sports will take place end of Feb – end of April. Spring sports May-June.

Q: Is there any consideration to allow students to participate in their club sport and still go to school? A: No.

Q: MS sports will align with CYO rules. They are waiting for phase 3.

Q: Swimming? A: Boys in Dec/Jan., girls in Feb/Mar. The mayor has proposed to stop the funding of local pools. This may impact the swim seasons.

Q: Will there be enough time to allow for sports try-outs? A: Yes, you must quarantine for one week. Take a test. Quarantine the following week. Then they can come to campus if tested negative. Read "Inside Lakeside" article by Chris Hartley for more info. On this.

College Counseling report – Ari Worthman, Director of College Counseling

How COVID is impacting the college admission process. We are seeing some signs of what long term impacts could be. The biggest shift is Standardized testing landscape. ACT/SAT tests have been cancelled. Almost 50% of students have not been able to take a standardized tests. Every college in the country has gone test-optional. Some have gone test-blind (they will not look at test scores). For the next two classes ('22', '23) UC schools will be test blind. U of W will permanently be test optional. We will see what all of this means for future of standardized tests. 25% of students who took SAT were applying to UC schools.

SAT subject tests are near death.

The other major shift that is occurring is virtual visit and connection programs in lieu of campus visits. They provide a wonderful way to connect with students and faculty. There are panels, tours, etc. which provide all kinds of information about the schools. Every college has said they will maintain these even post-COVID. Many of our current seniors were not able to visit colleges. However, there has not been a dip in ED apps. Instead, seniors are digging deep and interviewing alums to figure out the vibe of schools they are interested in.

Between Jan. and March we will know more about standardized tests. Ari guesses that the class of 2021 will also be test optional.

PSAT will take place January 26th for juniors (national merit scholar test).

PSAT for sophomores it is purely practice and has no bearing whatsoever.

Mock ACT will take place in early January.

If your current junior knows which test they want to take, they might want to register for a test in spring 2021 now. Due to pandemic there are fewer test centers.

Q: UC schools test policy? Class of '21 is test-optional; class of '22, '23 will be test-blind. Even if students have high test scores they will not be reviewed.

Q: How has COVID affected athletic recruiting? A: Many students wanted to defer this year and coaches didn't know what their rosters were going to look like. They stopped communicating for a while. Certain colleges also eliminated many sports teams. Things have picked back up since then. There are very few opportunities for athletes to be seen by coaches. So athletes need to submit videos. At the DI level on east coast, coaches are looking in their back yard because it is easier for them to see recruits in person. Tournaments and showcases can't happen. Video footage is crucial. It's not about fancy videos. They just want to see the athlete playing. Even full games.

Q: Will LS offer further standardized tests at LS if more tests are cancelled? A: Unsure, but likely, as long as we can offer these tests safely.

Q: AP tests? Look at our FAQ page (in College Counseling section of the LS website) about which exams are offered by LS. They are not required but do count for college credit. Right now the college board is NOT saying whether they will offer these test virtually.

Q: How do the deferments of the class of 2020 impact the class of 2021? A: Many colleges are planning an increase in freshman class size. Some colleges say they do not know. The pandemic is quite unpredictable. Colleges are concerned about tuition revenue. We will know more in February. Ari predicts that most colleges will increase the size of their incoming class (2021) as they need to make up for a revenue loss due to deferments. Perhaps colleges with large endowments could be an exception (we may never really know with these colleges).

Q: Are colleges accepting AP exam credits from this past year? A: yes.

Q: With all of the difficulties that COVID has presented, how do college applicants stand apart?
A: Pursue hobbies, be resilient. Write about this in your essays. Example: During the pandemic a LS student started riding his bike all over Seattle and saw his city with new eyes, he learned about himself and his surroundings. Make the most of a bad situation. When you are given lemons, make lemonade. Colleges understand that the pandemic prevents students from pursuing their extra curriculars. The college admission officers understand this. Their lives have been impacted as well.

8:30 p.m. **Motion was made to adjourn and seconded.**