

WSLA Board Meeting | May 1, 2016 | via GoToMeeting

In Attendance: Lyn Porterfield, Kate Roper, Penny Moss, Bo Weingaertner, Elaine Morse, Sara Towner, Tami Tommila, Alice Abbott, Suzanne Replinger

Excused: Jason Hennig, Sekou Spencer, Mike Smith, Lyndsey Gillis, Cathie Frizalone, Jamie Woodruff

Report on Lyn Porterfield and Kate Roper's meeting with Andy at WIAA

Lyn and Kate met with Andy Barnes, assistant ED of WIAA on 4/22. WA Boys Lacrosse is planning on petitioning in January, 2017 to be WIAA in 2018 without any WA Girls' Lacrosse involvement. Andy felt that their request would be denied. Kate outlined to Andy where the girls' teams are currently at in addition to our growth potential. All parties agreed that going WIAA in 2020 or 2021 would be more realistic. Andy stressed that boys and girls' lacrosse leagues must be seen as working together. Kate will reach out to Vern of WHSBLA to schedule a meeting to discuss petitioning together in Jan 2018 with boys starting with WIAA in 2019 and girls in 2020/2021. Anyone with comments/questions on this should connect with Kate Roper.

USL age segmentation/verification – forming teams by age vs. grade.

- what is it
- what does it mean
- do we want to adopt it or a modified form of it
- **USL test case option for 2017**

WSLA currently does this by grade not age. USL is encouraging leagues to move to age verification. Need to discuss as a board what this transition would entail.

Play off seeding process

Suzanne and Kate have been discussing the need to create a sub-committee of board members (and others?) who are not personally involved in playoffs, to look at the seeding.

Scheduling competitiveness paradigms for 2017

Discussion ensued regarding programs that in one season, move up in seeding, have tougher schedules and struggle; then next season, moving down in seeding and winning...need to find a solution to this fluctuation. There are private schools in unique circumstances, etc.

Board Retreat dates

Lyn will send out a doodle poll to board members with potential dates.

Swing player rule issues continue

WSLA is still seeing issues with the current swing player rule. Clarification for future seasons is needed. Discussion ensued about specific team incidents/feedback we have received regarding NSI, and then Mt. Si swinging due to low numbers.

Championship and semi report

Alice Abbot reported on events. WSLA is set for girls' HS state semi final games on 5/17 at Starfire, in addition to the championship game set for 5/20 at Bellevue HS. An email asking for volunteers will be going out Monday.

Officers and board membership for next year

Kate Roper wants to create a new board matrix for new board members and transition plans – secession planning, etc. to plan for next year. This will happen this summer for Fall 2016 election.

Next meeting: SAT June 4 @ 8:00am at Lakeside Allen-Gates room 205 or a GoToMeeting