

WSLA Winter HS Membership Council Meeting | TOPS | 1.29.2013 | 7:15PM

Meeting called to order by WSLA President Jason Hennig at 7:15pm

Introductions of all members

Jason reviewed WNT (Women's National Team) clinic with the Stealth on 1/5/2013.

- event sold out by Thanksgiving; it was a HUGE success.

Sandstorm Tournament in January

- 6 Teams from the State of WA
- lots of opportunity for out of season play

Players from Canada

- in the past we have had players from Canada play in WSLA
- the board made the decision to not allow any Canadian players in WSLA going forward
- any team in WSLA can schedule one of their 4 exhibition games with a Canadian team as there are teams in BC that would like to play during the spring.

Continuing Education for Coaching/Goalies

- Jason is working with Devon Wills (WNT Goalie) on bringing a goalie coaching clinic to Washington

Pre Season Clinics

- Katie Carroll and Tony D'Alessio....stick skills clinic this Sunday 2/3/13...information is on website
- Feb 23 Pre Season HS Clinic for beginning players (Ballard & Sumner)
- Feb 23 USL Level 2 Coaching Clinic at Eastside Catholic HS
- Feb 24 New to Lacrosse Coaches Clinic with Jamie Asaka

Beth Lancaster – Financial Report

- handout with budget report through the end of December
- invoices will be going out to each program very soon; will include deposit and final amount due
- invoices will be emailed out to provided contact for each program

2013 Dates

- Season Starts on February 25th (10 week total season; 2 week play off season)

- Preliminary Rosters are Due March 1st; Final Rosters are Due March 8th
 - o Lyn will be sending out an Excel Spreadsheet to fill out for roster
- March 9th and 10th Pre Season Jamboree
 - o Locations on BI and Seattle
 - o Cost is \$150; \$75 deposit when you register
 - o Can register online
 - o 3 games per team
 - o open to 24 teams
- March 24 Regional Team Try Out
- Regular Season ends on May 1
- May 6/7 First Round of Playoffs
- May 9/10 Second Round of Playoffs
- May 14 Semi Finals
- May 17 Championship Game (location TBD)
- May 25/26 National Tournament in Philadelphia

Brian Hultz – Scheduling

- 16 games double headers for JV/Varsity teams; need to clarify times with Brian by the end of the week
- all schedules are posted online for JV and Varsity

Championship Game Volunteers Needed – Claire Merrill is organizing

Sideline Managers

- each team will need to have a sideline manager for each game who is responsible for controlling spectator behavior as needed.
- sideline managers need to be introduced to officials at the beginning of each game

Uniform Compliance

- tell the league if your uniform is out of compliance
- uniform specs can be found in USL rule book (link at wslax.org)

Playoff Process

- top 2 teams per conference (10 teams) and then the next 6 teams to make the playoffs will be the teams with the best records (head to head, goals against, etc will address tie breakers)
- new WSLA handbook outlines the playoff process and tie breakers
- Two umpire crews throughout playoffs and championship games for consistency

League Award Process

- document was handed out regarding new award process

- home and away coach will nominate best players from each game
- home coach will report via an online form on the website within 24 hours of end of game.
- gather and calculate data to find the best players for the end of season awards
- 5 conference winning coaches will go thru all data and with Jason will come up with All-Conference and All-State selections

Mike McQuaid (WashingtonHSLax.com)

- provided handout "2013 Season High School Sports Information Handbook"
- report on daily scores for games; deadline is 10pm every night
- team roster information; include Team, Number, Player Name, Position
- Player of the Week; coaches can submit top offensive and defensive player of the week
- Covers All-State, All-American and Other Awards
- Playoffs and State Tournament Coverage
- Feature Story Opportunities
- Social Media
- Each team needs to fill out a preseason questionnaire
- Broadcast Partners; weekly game of the week webcast (will alternate boys/girls games)
- Contract with Comcast for 4 games (2 boys and 2 girls; 1 regular season game and the State Championship game)

Regional Team

- Kate and committee organizes U19 and U15 regional teams
- Both teams travel to National Tournaments
- We have moved up to the 4th level (there are 5 levels)
- As lacrosse grows, we need to make sure that we are sending the BEST players from the State of Washington
- For U19, there can only be 3 practices before they go
- For U15, there is an age cut-off and a lot of 9th and 10th graders are eligible
- Coaching applications are due on soon for both U19 and U15 teams
- Nomination forms will be emailed out

Handbook Revision

- new WSLA handbook is posted on the WSLA website
- please review and send in any comments by 2/1/13
- feedback from league is needed in order to be successful
- taken into effect for 2014 season

WWLUA (Jeff Grose)

- WWLUA will bring a ref out to your team for a rule clinic
- All coaches need to attend a new rules interpretation clinic

- Game cancelation procedure; if no ref 24 hours before a game then the game will be canceled
- WWLUA will work with the league to be rescheduled
- Comments and concerns can be submit via umpire feedback form
- You can send Jeff an email with any direct concerns
- DO NOT CALL ASSIGNER!! Call league rep with questions about refs who are assigned to games
- Requirement for sideline manager; will start at pre-season jamboree
- Still in need of umpires

Summer Camps

- WSLA would like to know about all summer playing opportunities
- Send emails to players and parents with summer camp/team listings
- Cascade Cup will be the last weekend of July

June Meeting will be at Starfire in Tukwila if available

- if you have a location recommendation let Jason know (must have WiFi)

USL National Convention

- some WA board members, coaches and refs at convention
- board will meet to come up with initiative to send a local coach to the convention each year
- "Lacrosse unit" for PE classes to incorporate into their curriculum.

There are still some teams that needs coaches, so please look on website at coaching jobs. Direct anyone you know to website for open positions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.