

WSLA Winter HS Membership Council Meeting | Otto Miller Hall – 1.25.2014

Meeting called to order by WSLA President Jason Hennig at 12:09

See meeting presentation under WSLA HS Meeting and Season Documents (Winter meeting documents January 25, 2014)

<http://files.leagueathletics.com/Images/Club/9650/WSLA%20Jan%2025th%20Meeting.pdf>

Announcements

-Lindsey Anderson (U15 QA coach) recognized as Youth Coach of the year at National convention

-Sandstorm Tournament Recap

Seeing a large amount of growth based on number of teams in attendance

-Player clinics

Ballard/Garfield player clinics geared towards beginners

Registration is live on the website

ACTION: Coaches are needed to run clinics or are welcome to be present to learn – please contact Lyn Porterfield or Tony D’Alessio if you’d like to participate

-Open coaching positions

Many programs are in need of coaches

ACTION: Consider helping out and networking to bring coaching support to those programs in need

-USL WA Super Food Drive

Programs to participate in food drive to win chocolates

- Gig Harbor to host D3 Pacific University vs. Pomona
- Seattle U hosting a home game Feb. 8th

Finance Report

- See handout/finance report in presentation
- Cathie reviewed the budget breakdown by program

2014 Season Preview

Dates

- Review of early start date (Feb. 24th): making accommodations for all teams (WIAA sponsored or not) in scheduling efforts
- Rosters are Due March 1
- Varsity Jamboree is live on the site, first come first serve, open to varsity programs

ACTION: Varsity teams can now register for pre-season jamboree

- JV programs register (don't pay) and email Lyn Porterfield if your program is interested in attending
- Games start March 10
- U19 and U15 tryout dates (see below under '2014 Regional teams')
- Playoffs: May 8th is a buffer day in case you need to get a game in before playoffs begin May 9th
- Mercer Island will host 2014 Girls State Championship

Schedule Changes

- Varsity and JV schedules are done
- If there's a need to change the schedule, programs need to work together to formulate a solution, then feed the information into Brian (he will update the site)
- Everything goes live Feb. 1st - coaches/program coordinators will start receiving email notifications about the schedule
- Programs are encouraged to finalize schedules by the start of the season
- In season, changes to the schedule need to happen 72 hours prior to scheduled game, cancellations need to happen within 24 hours (for reasons out of anyone's control)
- WWLUA will do their best to get refs to where they need to be

Sideline Managers

- Still in effect: each team (home and away) will provide one for every contest

NOCSAE Compliance

- Game balls only, provided by the home team
- They are available at Breakaway Sports

Uniform Compliance

- All teams will attest to their uniforms meeting USL specifications
- Waivers should be submitted to WSLA if there are issues

Umpire Feedback Process

- We want to praise those umpires doing great things – looking for positive feedback
- Send emails to Jason (cjhennig@comcast.net)

Playoff process

- 34 varsity teams, 5 conferences
- Jason reviewed the changes for the 2014 playoff process and why those changes were made based on past processes: top 3 teams from each 5 conferences will make playoffs, final spot will go to the team with the most league points against other 15 playoff teams
- Umpire changes for playoffs: 2 instead of 3 to be consistent with the regular season protocol
- 24 Junior Varsity teams
- Discussion ensued about strength of schedule, out of league competition effecting playoff seed, and conference breakdown. Jason reviewed the drawback and challenges associated with choosing the criteria effecting seeding (graduated seniors, records, feeder programs etc.).

ACTIONS:

- Tony D'Alessio would like to be added to the committee in charge of planning post-season play process and conference makeup
- Consider conference makeup for beyond 2014 season (A and B league, reconfiguration of conferences?)
- Finding a solution to potentially include strength of schedule in the seeding of playoff teams (laxpower.com, Oregon's program)
- Creating a meeting/forum/contact for all coaches interested in partaking in these issues to connect and brainstorm

All Conference Award Process

- See the meeting presentation – it breaks down the process for 2014
- For 2014 coaches will be nominating the best opposing attack, midfield, defensive player and goalie of the game (either team) within 24 hours

- This is done on the WSLA site

All State Award Process

- See the meeting presentation – it breaks down the process for 2014
- Goal is to represent the best players in the league

ACTION: WSLA needs to determine a tiebreaker for players at the All-State level. WSLA board member present at this meeting should help facilitate this, but official protocol needs to be put in place

2014 Regional Team

- Coach applications due March 1
- U19 nominations due March 15, tryout March 23 (Marymoor field #4, 12-3pm)
- U15 nominations due April 12, tryout April 29 (Marymoor field #4, 9am-noon)

WWLUA

- Mini rule sessions for teams can be scheduled (60-90 minutes)

ACTION: send Lyn Porterfield and Penny Moss an email by Feb 10th to request session – they will help facilitate connecting you with a ref

- New Rules interpretation sessions need to be attended by each program – Feb 9th is the next session (see WSLA website for details)
- Game cancellation guidelines at WSLA.org

- WWLUA contact info at WSLA.org
- Umpire recruitment is still happening – the league needs more adults to get involved
- All info posted at WWLUA website

USL National Convention

- Occurred two weeks ago in PA – WA saw great attendance from coaches and umpires
- Travel stipends will be available again to help WA coaches and umpires attend
- PE education unit that USL put together has been providing equipment grants to programs, they're working to introduce the sport at the youth level through PE classes

USL Chapter Announcements

Webcast games

- 2014 season – 10 games split between the boys and the girls
- Each team is asked to deliver an advertising partner at the \$250 level

Super Food Drive

- See flyer

All community team

- Will be recognized at the state championship game for players with academic excellence and 100+ hours of community service.
- Submissions will be due May 1

ACTION: A formal announcement with details needs to be constructed to submit to programs via email.

- WSLA is encouraging programs to let parents know to get the word out.

CPR/First Aid Training

- Classes offered at Seattle Children's hospital, email Charles at ATC.CPR@seattlechildrens.org

Other Items

Scores, stats, card reporting

- Due as soon after the game as possible
- IF you enter them via cell phone, make sure to check on a desktop within 24 hours to avoid issues
- Yellow and Red cards will be reported with game stats starting 2014 season
- Top player reports also due within 24 hours

Call for volunteers

- Championship Day volunteers contact Robin Moore <guerrafamily@comcast.net>

Meeting adjourned at 1:31pm