

**WSLA High School Board | Lakeside Middle School | 1.6.2013 |
11:00am**

In attendance: Greg Chapman, Jason Hennig, Lyn Porterfield, Alice Abbot, Penny Moss, Beth Lancaster, Kate Roper, Sara Towner, Bruce Reid, Tami Tommila

Meeting called to order at 11:01 am

Approved meeting minutes from December meeting

1. Financial Report – Beth reported not much activity in December. 5013c application still being reviewed by IRS.
2. Discussed location for league meetings. Starfire vs. TOPS. Pros and Cons of both. Get feedback from league on Jan. 29 meeting about location preference.
3. Logo – Vinca is working on a new logo for WSLA. She is going to come up with a couple of options and present them to the board.
4. Regional Team
 - have U19 (HS) team selected by April 7th to get the best deal on airfare
 - possible dates for U19 tryouts would be March 24th
 - want to send the BEST of Washington; want to create exposure for the state of Washington and the level of play out here; get coaches to look at our players for recruiting
 - coaches can nominate up to 5 players
 - U15 is not just for Youth, 9th and 10th graders are eligible based on DOB
 - Formal application process every year; previous coach can reapply
 - Start looking for selectors now
 - April 21st for U15 tryout
5. WWLUA Update
 - a. Saturday, Jan. 26 – SPU (New and Returning Umpires)
 - b. Sunday, Feb. 10 – Auburn SD Administration Building (New and Returning Umpires)
 - c. Saturday, Mar. 2 – Bainbridge Island Fire Station (New Umpires)

- d. WWLUA 2013 Rules / Game Cancellation / Conflict of interest documents

Waiver Requests

6. Shoreline School District Players Followup

Lyn followed up on the Seattle Public Schools ASB Policy to determine if Shoreline SD players would be able to play on a Seattle SD ASB club team if WSLA designated a Seattle SD ASB club team as the program assignment. Lyn reported that the current Seattle SD policy would not permit the Shoreline players to participate on a Seattle SD ASB club team. Any change would require an inter-district agreement for lacrosse between the school district school boards. The WSLA board determined no further action to be taken and that the appropriate program assignment for the Shoreline SD players would be the Mukilteo program

7. Canadian Players

- a. Player waiver requests were received for Sydney Hara and Kara Nickle to play for the Snohomish program. The Mukilteo program is the closest program to their residences in British Columbia. The waiver requests were not approved and a discussion ensued on whether players from Canada or out-of-state should be able to participate in the high school league.
- b. Currently, WSLA is an open league – kids can come from other areas and play for WA teams
- c. Last year there was 1 player from Canada participating in the High School league and according to Kate a couple who participated in the youth league. The youth league players initially participated on the Bellingham team and then moved to the Snohomish program when the Bellingham team disbanded.
- d. Do we want to allow out of state players to play in WA? Do we want to open our league up to Canada players/teams? Discussion ensued...
- e. Any changes to this need to be made with a vote by the WSLA Executive Council
- f. Proposed change: “The league is open to those who reside in AND attend school in WA state.” - The HS board is recommending to revise the handbook to reflect the above statement with respect to the high school league. There was a unanimous vote in favor of approving the

recommended change. Kate will present to the Youth League board for their vote. If they approve, then no further action is needed.

- g. Would grandfather in the past HS senior player from Canada who participated with the Snohomish program during the 2012 season

8. Galando Waiver Request

The Board approved by email the player waiver request for Sammamish High School student Sydney Galando to play for the Mercer Island program for the 2013 season. If the Mercer Island High School Athletic Department or Administration determines that Sydney is eligible to participate with the MIHS school lacrosse club program, then in accordance with WSLA rules, Sydney will be approved to play for the Mercer Island High School lacrosse team for the 2013 season.

Based on the facts provided, it is the Board's understanding that the player is unable to attend her attendance area school Mercer Island High School during the 2012/13 academic school year as a result of the Mercer Island School District being unable to provide an environment for a positive learning experience which is acceptable to the player's family.

The Board determined that the facts and information provided meets the requirements for granting a hardship waiver under WSLA Handbook Section 8.1.5.1 for the 2013 season.

Board Member Sara Towner recused herself from the discussion and action on the request.

9. Mukilteo Coach Age Waiver Request

A request was submitted by the Mukilteo program for approval of a head coach who is not 21 years of age. The request was submitted in accordance with WSLA Handbook Section 10.2.1.1. Based on the facts and information provided, the Board approved the waiver request.

10. 2013 Season

- a. Varsity and JV schedules have been released. Double headers for JV and Varsity are scheduled for the same time slot. Need to get info from affected programs on which team is playing first game.
- b. JV Schedule – Gonzaga and Three Rivers are included as provisional teams. They will be billed for umpire fees only.

- c. The impact of games not played (those not able to be rescheduled) in regards to playoffs. Jason will look at that and confirm via email before league meeting on the 29th.
- d. Championships – Eastside Catholic is not available for May 17th date, Lyn and Claire are going to look into Nathan Hale
- e. Recommend having 2 refs for playoffs and championships. Must ref a certain amount of games in the conference. Jason will communicate this to WWLUA.
- f. Player award process – discussed having All Conference Players named at the end of the regular season by a smaller group of coaches that then determines All State players after post-season play is done. Discussed having a form that has to be filled out following a game with “players of the game” in attack, midfield, defense, goalie. Each coach would vote on the best in each category from that game. Discussion ensued...Jason will put something together on this and present to coaches at Jan 29 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:14pm