

**WSLA High School Board | Kate Roper's House | 10.7.2012 |
11:00am**

In attendance: Jason Hennig, Beth Lancaster, Kate Roper, Sara Towner, Lyn Porterfield, Penny Moss

Excused: Bruce Reid, Tami Tommila, Greg Chapman, Alice Abbott

Meeting was called to order at 11:16 am by Jason Hennig.

1. June 2012 WSLA Board meeting minutes were approved.
2. Recap of Summer meetings
 - US Lacrosse Representatives and WA Lacrosse members meeting; discussed how league and chapter would work together
 - Dave Lowe (US Lacrosse WA Chapter Pres) had a meeting with representatives from WHSBLA and WSLA to discuss how leagues could work together more.
3. League Admin Role
 - Lyn and Claire approached Jason and Kate about having a League Admin role (they would take on the role)
 - o Oversee regional teams
 - o State Championships
 - o All admin/league paperwork (coaches packets, etc)
 - o Youth and High School alignment
 - o Intent to move to Executive Director type role
 - o Line item added to budget for 2012-13.
 - o Kate will outline the role in the handbook revision.
4. Need to vote in new board members at Tuesdays League meeting
 - Alice Abbott (Nisqually Rep)
 - Penny Moss (JV Rep)
 - Alki Conference Rep needed as Jillian Gant has resigned.
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5. Financial report (Beth Lancaster)
 - Beth passed out budget that she is proposing for 2012-13.
 - We have a very large surplus that we need to spend; Beth proposed that we establish a reserve fund to help offset costs for Regional Team members. She would like to set-aside \$20,000 in this reserve, with the stipulation that a maximum of 25% would be spent each year to help offset costs for individual players. We would hopefully add to this reserve via donations and fundraising throughout the year.

- Beth would like to serve as bookkeeper for this year to be able to set budgets for programs; eventually separating bookkeeper and treasurer
- Charge registration deposit for teams this year
- Post-season number for JV...will not have a JV tournament next season...would like to have some type of conclusion for JV league...
- Beth proposed fees for High School and Youth for the 2013 season (depending on WWLUA fees and US Lacrosse background check)
- Scheduling questionnaire, registration deposit, and coaches packet turn in between Oct 15 and Nov 15 (with intent to have the High School schedule out first week of Dec)

6. Handbook Update

- Wasn't just rewriting handbook, it involved a complete restructure
 - o Set up "Super Structure" for boards
 - o Allows for horizontal growth
 - o One time option if school doesn't have a lacrosse program – are you going to play for the program closest to your school or the program closest to your house?
 - o Allow for board to put up process for league awards on the website in November for programs to see
 - o Goal is to present this week; gather feedback; and complete next June
 - o Out of Season process – transparent to what teams are doing
 - o Waiver processes changed

7. Waivers and Waiver Process

- Received a waiver for Dorothy Elliot
 - o lives within walking distance of Ballard High School (where they practice from 4:30-6:30pm) and would like to play for Ballard.
 - o she attends Ingram High School for educational reasons; per the handbook Nathan Hale is the closest program to her high school
 - o Nathan Hale practices from 3-5pm at Summit (across the street from Nathan Hale)
 - o Recently moved to Ballard from Massachusetts and did not play last year...
- Approved Dorothy to play for Ballard
- Do we approve waivers this year based on the rewriting of the handbook for the 2014 season?

8. 2013 Season Preview

- February 25 is the start of the season
- Oct 15-Nov 15 window to submit deposit, scheduling questionnaire, and coaches packet
- Joint release of the boys/girls schedule in December
- Preseason clinic on Feb. 23
- Games start Monday March 11

- Work through Spring Break, get in 12 games
- Regular season will end May 1
- May 6-7 first round of playoffs, May 9-10 second round of playoffs, May 14 semi-finals, May 17 (Friday night) Championships – TBD.
- How do we get more people to attend championships? Incorporate Youth? Dealing with Prom...still looking at venues but hope to move to Friday night
- One championship game, but still do some type of exhibition game
- Have All-Conference players at the Championships to receive their award
- Have All-State players named after State Championships (about the time USL awards come out – All American and Academic All American)
- All-State award committee that travels to different games...have coaches submit names for “watch list”
- All-Conference would be determined by conference coaches only
- Do away with “play-in” game...
- New play-off team selection process...what’s the criteria? Top 2 or top 3 from each conference?
- Scheduling process and League Athletics...moving towards using League Athletics for the 2013 season; uses Arbiter Sports to assign refs based on availability (based on questionnaire refs fill out)

9. 501c3 status: Beth has completed paperwork and will mail this coming week. She presented Conflict of Interest and Articles of Incorporation policies that we need to adopt as part of this process. Lyn motions to approved 5013c Conflict of Interest and Articles of Incorporation policies as presented; Kate seconds; board approved

10. 2013 Teams

- Mukilteo is questionable in having a team this year; Mount Si will potentially have a JV team; Evergreen is going to have a JV team
- How to incorporate Gonzaga and Three Rivers?
 - o Find teams willing to travel to Eastern WA (2 or 3 teams)
 - o They travel to Seattle for 2 or 3 games
 - o Jason and Penny will work to put proposal together for Gonzaga and potential clubs to play the Eastside teams

11. Regional Team coaches

- A proposal to ask regional team coaches to make a two year commitment was discussed. The U15 and HS regional coaches gave feedback that a lot was learned during the first year and putting that knowledge to use the second year would be beneficial. Discussed maybe having the head coach and assistant coach swap roles for the second year.

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm.