

WSLA High School Board | Lakeside School - Seattle | 12.2.2012 | 1:00pm

In attendance: Jason Hennig, Bruce Reid, Lyn Porterfield, Beth Lancaster, Greg Chapman, Kate Roper, Alice Abbott, Penny Moss, Tami Tommla.

Excused: Sara Towner

The meeting was called to order at 11:10pm by President Jason Hennig.

1. Minutes from the 11/11/12 board meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. **Financial Report:** Beth reported that registration deposits are still coming in, we paid for some U15 regional tournament costs, U19 airfare will be paid in December, 501c3 application still pending.
3. **Waivers/player assignments:** Two player assignment requests for Shoreline girls – need to wait to hear from SPS about non-district kids playing for SPS club teams. Also waiting to hear back on a possible waiver from a Canadian girl.
4. **2013 Season:**
 - a) Proposed schedule review: First draft of schedule is done, WSHBLA and WWLUA will be reviewing for potential problems, we'll then publish to teams mid-December so that they can alert us to possible conflicts and propose solutions (they'll need to come up with a new date/field that works for both teams.) Jason asked board to look at overall schedule and email him with potential issues.
 - b) Playoff process: Using new handbook process for 2013 – top 2 in each conference and then placement based on specific criteria as outlined in new handbook draft. Any comments on this get to Jason ASAP.
 - c) Uniform compliance: We've received a couple of uniform waiver requests so far.
 - d) Gonzaga and Three Rivers teams – JV options – Update: Jason is communicating about potential weekend dates for teams to come over to them to play.
 - e) State Championship planning: Working to reserve Eastside Catholic for Friday night May 17.
 - f) Umpire decision – 2 or 3 person crew for playoffs/championship: Conversation continued about this – overall feeling is that the right refs are more important than the number. We'll discuss again next meeting and make a firm decision to direct WWLUA.
5. **State program map:**
 - a) League competitiveness: Jason started a conversation with Tahoma about starting youth programs – conversation is ongoing. He will also reach out to Bethel. Jason asked Bruce to research USL WA chapter history of stick grants given to school districts/youth programs.
 - b) Programs at risk for 2013: Known vacancies right now are Holy Names V/JV, Mukilteo V, Stadium V/JV, Mercer Island JV, SW Titans (Highline) JV. Jason will continue to fill in the printed map that he presented at our last board meeting that shows ALL teams (youth – HS) in league and where there are gaps in feeder programs – we'll have this available at our January league meeting.

6. **WWLUA Clinic update:** List of 2013 dates is out – we'll do an email blast soon. Jan 26 @ SPU, Feb 10 @ Auburn, March 2 @ BI. Scorers timers clinics will also be held on Jan 26 and Feb 10 (these will be taught by Lyn/Claire.)
7. **Regional Team Updates:** We need to figure out how to get our strongest players in the league on our regional teams. Discussion ensued. At this point we will not move forward on asking for a 2-year commitment on coaching, but will have coaches apply each year. Kate will address the first point at the January league meeting. Beth proposed that we run the travel/teams costs for both regional teams through WSLA -- that will allow us to control costs and take advantage being able to book flights and travel arrangements early and get better pricing.
8. **Roosevelt ASB Situation:** Still waiting to hear back from SPS about non-student members (including out of district students) being able to participate on ASB club teams – Lyn will follow-up with Phil Brockman again and the RHS girls lax parents and hopefully get something
9. **New WSLA Logo:** Lyn asked Vinca Swanson to design a new league logo to be used for Youth, HS, regional teams – all league communications. Use Sounders colors (blue/green) and potentially a raindrop used for Team WA – Kate will send Lyn a sample.
10. **Other Open Items:** WIAA sanction discussion: Penny discussed what might happen with clubs that draw from multiple high schools if WIAA does sanction Lacrosse as a varsity sport. Those clubs would be split up by high school, and some schools may potentially not have enough players for team. Jason thinks that those players would have an option to play with another team if there was not a school team – similar to what is done with current WIAA sports when a school doesn't offer that sport. However, programs should begin planning on how to handle this in the future (when current U11 kids reach HS). For example, in 5 years Mi Si would be expected to have a HS team so these kids are taken care of. Recruiting is focused to build youth programs that can supply both an Issaquah and Skyline team with varsity players in 5 years. These are the types of things we should have clubs considering now so that there are no surprises down the road.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm by President Jason Hennig.

Next meeting:

Board meeting: Sunday January 6, 2013 11:00am at Lakeside.

League meeting: January 29th, 7:00pm at TOPS