

WSLA Board Meeting | Via Skype | 1.10.2016 | 8:30am

In Attendance: Lyn Porterfield, Kate Roper, Penny Moss, Lyndsey Gillis, Cathie Frizalone, Suzanne Replinger, Bo Weingaertner, Mike Smith, Elaine Morse, Grace Reid, Jason Hennig, Sara Towner, Sekou Spencer, Tami Tommila

Excused: Jamie Woodruf, Alice Abbott

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations

There was one conference structure re-alignment (Evergreen from Nisqually to the Peninsula conference). Awards Process for varsity teams based on feedback that Sara received at the end of the 2015 season. The structure will be the same – coaches will vote on players of the opposing team post contest. Reminder emails will go out to coaches that do not vote. The email will include a board member for that program to further encourage participation.

Operations conference motioned to add two more slots to the All-Conference teams. Board approved.

Operations conference motioned to change the breakdown of All-State Teams to the 12 field positions (1 goalie, 4 defenders, 3 midfielders, 4 attackers) and 6 at large slots. Board Approved.

Rules

Latest team Petitions

- Everett HS: JV team would like to be moved to Varsity division. Board denied. Everett appealed. Board denied appeal.
- Olympia: HS, JV team and youth teams. Board approved.
- Lewis + Clark (Spokane): HS, JV provisional team. Board approved.
- South Kitsap HS: Two HS, JV teams. Board approved.
- Blanchet: HS, JV team. Board approved.
- Camas: HS, JV team. Board approved.

Individual Player Waivers

-Moriah Reibman: SAAS student lives on MI – waived to play for Roosevelt. Rules state that she needs to elect to play for MI or Garfield per handbook. Needs to re-submit an election form.

-Elle Nortona and Kaia Vandercamp: MS players questioning which youth club to play for. Seattle Club leaders will work together to determine where these players should play. No waivers needed.

-5/6 Bellevue player waitlisted at their program: if Bellevue doesn't make room for said player, she will be able to play with neighboring (MI) youth program.

Other

- Proposed WSLA Youth Rule Change by WWLUA pertaining to who/how communication occurs with umpires. Board approved.

Youth numbers are strong and the board is starting to see wait listed players at various youth programs and levels. WSLA encourages all youth programs to provide support for all girls to play by starting another team or connecting them with a neighboring program – ‘no girl left behind’!

Events

Championship game will be at Bellevue HS; Semis will be at neutral location, but we can't do it at Bellevue so we are looking for an alternate venue. Tracking down three ideas. There is a GREAT committee for this game and they will start working this month. Umpire jams are on track. U19 team is booking flights this month, fares are fluctuating. EOS Jamboree has reached back out to 60 acres and they will give us the thumbs up or down in February, which is what they have done in previous years. Brian Hultz will run it for us again. I will have to reach out to Suzanne about the Honor the game pins for youth. Lyn updated the board on fields and coaching for pre-season clinics. The rating jamborees are also getting organized and information will be posted and announced at the mini clinic.

Convention

Schedules are up on the WSLA website. WSLA is adding a class on how to line a field. Lyn is asking everyone to send the registration and info link out to their programs/coaches/players.

Trusteeship

WSLA is working on the premise that the revised By Laws will be accepted in January. To that end, we are going to follow our proposed rules regarding the addition of new board members. The process is that the board is self sustaining and so we are responsible for adding members that fit within our board matrix. Proposed board members are presented to the group and then there is a month for comment. After the month, the board will take a vote on the proposed board member. To that end, and to get the process started we would like to present Grace Reid as the newest addition.

Executive

PR update - Lyn and Sara spoke with a PR representative for the WIAA for research on score reporting and general PR. WIAA is hands off in terms of individual team PR; they work very generally. They use Max Preps and social media (twitter) to scan for reporting and get information out there. For WSLA, our score reporting has been very labor intensive. We will continue with having coaches report scores immediately post game and inputting statistics within 24 hours. WSLA is looking into linking up with Max Preps so they can report scores off of our website. Sara is also working to push WSLA social media to expand the network. There will be an announcement at the mini convention later this month.

Umpire Fee Expectations – WSLA needs to make umpire fee adjustments by July in terms of the timeline. Lyn has been in contact with Jeff G at WWLUA. There's also been discussion about issues with Arbiter to trouble shoot changes and umpire scheduling throughout the season. Lyn is working on a system for the season to avoid the time consuming process of individually checking changes everyday. The operations committee will work with Lyn to trouble shoot this process.

Other

-Discussion ensued about Madison Casey, player/coach from the Tahoma program who passed this week.

-Discussion ensued about the various coaching needs across WSLA. There are significant holes across the league. WSLA is working to post needs on the various sites to get word out.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am