

WSLA Board Meeting | Lakeside Upper School | 10.4.2015 | 9:30am

In Attendance: Lyn Porterfield, Kate Roper, Penny Moss, Sekou Spencer, Lyndsey Gillis, Alice Abbott, Cathie Frizalone, Suzanne Replinger, Bo Weingaertner, Tami Tommila

Via Skype: Mike Smith, Jamie Woodruff

Excused: Sara Towner, Jason Hennig

Board Matrix

Kate reviewed the board matrix which outlines the board members and what communities/roles they represent. See attached.

Mini Convention

Kate reviewed a tentative plan and schedule for the board's 2016 mini convention for the WSLA community (coaches, ADs, parents, coaches, refs). It will be shared at the league meeting next weekend, 10/10/15.

Regional Team

Future of U15 Robin Moore and Kate Roper overviewed the history of U15 Team WA attending the National tournament. It's put WA on the national lacrosse map, the girls are getting more exposure and it's provided out of season play opportunities for players. However, our club community has evolved, the U15 tournament allows club teams to participate at this tournament (unlike the U19 event) and our team WA is limited in the number of practices they have prior to the event. It is the sub committee's recommendation, along with the support of the board, that we discontinue our participation in the event, but continue to participate in the U19 event. The U19 event is a true US Lacrosse tournament without the participation of clubs.

The board approved Penny Moss's proposal to discontinue WA's participation in the U15 tournament.

U19 Our U19 team won their division at the 2015 event, which will bump them up to the 3rd division of 7 at the 2016 event. Tryouts for the 2016 U19 team WA will be on March 20th.

Handbook Review

Kate Roper is working on revisions and will distribute upon completion.

Championship Update

The Events Committee will be chaired by Alice Abbot. Kate Roper is actively recruiting people to work with Alice. WSLA has approached Bellevue HS's Athletic Director about hosting our Semi-final games on 5/17 and the Championship game on 5/20 — it's not confirmed but it looks like that may work. Kate is also working with Ian O'Hearn from the WHSBLA board to ensure that they won't schedule boys HS playoff games on either of those nights (at Bellevue) to avoid

conflicts. Discussion ensued about how to market the event to develop attendance and promote girls' lacrosse in all areas of the state.

Chapter Report

Seatown Classic The idea is to have a back to back women's and men's game in 2016. The proposed plan is to bring out the Army men's and women's teams to play west coast NCAA DI teams. The event would potentially be a Wounded Warrior event. Discussion ensued about schedule, fundraising and event planning.

Convention WSLA is working with the Chapter to plan for future conventions in conjunction with boys.

Schedule Issues

We've encountered numerous scheduling issues in past years with JV teams dropping at the start of the season. We'll be doing a couple of things to counteract this: extending JV team registration into January, starting JV games one week later than varsity games and reducing the amount of JV games per season to 10. We will decrease the JV team slightly (to \$1300) for this 10 game schedule.

Growth Report

Camas and Bishop Blanchet are proposing JV teams for the 2016 season. Olympia is working to add in 2017. Mt. Si will petition to have a varsity team this year.

Policy of USL Convention Grants: Can only receive a grant every 2 years. Do we need a policy for selection? In the past the board has divided the funds to those who have applied. The board is proposing a policy that will allow folks to apply every two years, to avoid providing funding to the same applicants each year.

10/10 Agenda

The proposed agenda for the league meeting next weekend (10/10/15) was discussed.

New Business

Discussion ensued about the umpiring crisis and how WSLA will recruit more referees for the 2016 season.

Require Level I US Lacrosse coaching certification

2017 for HS coaches

2018 for U15

2019 for U13

This will be announced next weekend (10/10/15) at the league meeting.

Wrap up/Next Steps Clarification

Sara Towner is working on finalizing and distributing an RFP for PR help for the season. She is doing a great job with our social media, and is currently looking for info on where 2015 grads are going to college (and are playing lax) so that she can follow their teams.

