

## **WSLA Board Meeting – Lakeside Upper School – 12.8.2013 – 9am**

*In Attendance:* Jason Hennig, Lyn Porterfield, Todd Nyquist, Sara Towner, Mike Smith, Cathie Frizalone, Lyndsey Gillis, Robin Moore, Kate Roper, Abe Wehmiller, Tami Tommila, Bruce Reid

*Via phone:* Alice Abbott, Craig Wickstrom

*Escused:* Penny Moss, Greg Chapman

Meeting called to order by Jason Hennig at 9:02

Oct 27, 2013 board meeting minutes approved.

Alice Abbott placed on events committee.

**Financial report:** It was mentioned that refunds should be reconciled w/ Kate Emerson. \$10,500 was collected in registration fees for 2014 season, which Lyn mentioned was on par with last year's registration progress.  
(See attached: WSLA Budget as approved at Sept Board Meeting)

**NOCSAE lacrosse ball compliance – Update – claims will be honored:** Kate reported that the rule should be complied with when possible, but that Bollinger insurance will not deny a claim because a different ball was in play. Insurance company did not give this in writing. Balls are backordered for 6 months. Jason mentioned a discussion on just using the NOCSAE balls for games, but questioned how that would make sense/relate to safety issues in using non-NOCSAE balls for practices.

**ACTION:** Teams will be encouraged to purchase and use NOCSAE balls. The board understands there's a ball shortage, other balls still meet the weight standards without the seal. Games will not be stopped and no fouls will be awarded for using none NOCSAE balls. Lyn will inform WWLUA of this.

### **Youth – Program Assignment – School vs. Local Club Participation – Update**

Todd mentioned that all youth petitions would be looked at very carefully. Jason added that six kids are affected at youth level. No waivers have been received at the HS level.

**ACTION:** A player assignment clarification notice will be sent out to teams/coaches at the youth level.

### **Klahowya – North Kitsap situation – Update on Gig Harbor Clinic**

Craig reviewed that he had offered to have North Kitsap players to come down the Gig Harbor clinic, no players have showed up for Oct – Nov clinics. The West Sound Clinic has not materialized on Jan 4<sup>th</sup> in Silverdale. Klahowya and North Kitsap will have enough players for one team each. There is an upcoming meeting in Bremerton to gather the stakeholders in that area. Kate mentioned that getting parents and players there to engage

and start a conversation about getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program started would be helpful. In addition, it would be important for the board to show support. Craig, Lyn and Kate will try and show support by attending the meeting

### **Youth – U15 Schedule status**

Registration and scheduling questionnaire is live for U15A. Both are due Dec 31. Kate discussed that the youth league is not ready for an A, B, C team schedule. There needs to be a place for emerging players, while also devising skill levels to the best of our ability. If a club has enough players for two teams, they will be asked to select an A and/or B team format for each. 'A' teams will travel and play other 'A' teams, while 'B' teams will be organized more regionally. Kate will recommend for clubs to make their A teams smaller than their B teams, as to save room for players to be pulled up as the season progresses. The rest of youth registration opens up Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and will close Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **High School team registration and schedule update**

34 varsity teams and 23 JV teams have registered for the 2014 season. Jason shared that a draft of the schedule, will be ready in a couple of weeks, as it will be nice to have detailed dates for coaches/coordinators to request field times. If there are conflicts or a change in the schedule, it will be the teams' responsibility to work together to find a solution before contacting the scheduler, Brian. Robin expressed concerns about Brian staying within requested field times. Jason added that when submitting requests, it's important to be clear on whether or not games are possible outside of team's original requests. League Athletics will be used again for the 2014 season.

### **Open board positions**

Kate is still looking for candidates for the open board positions.

U11 position open

At Large youth position open

Kate expressed interest in potentially drawing someone from the West Sound, Bellingham or elsewhere north of Seattle. Jason wants recommendations and contact to be made to potential candidates for the January meeting so that we can vote them in. Otherwise, the board will vote on moving forward without filling the open positions.

**ACTION:** Board members actively looking to finding good representation for the open positions. Bring any conversation on filling these positions to Jason so we can work to add them next month.

### **HS Championship updates**

The 2014 HS Championship will take place Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>. Robin provided response summary (see attached) that was put together with Kijrstjn Stahl and Kara Broadman. The document provides information and parameters of the host site from those programs that

expressed interest and are being considered to host the Championship. Robin reviewed each column within the document.

#### CONCERNS + DETAILS ON POTENTIAL HOSTS

-Bainbridge and Tacoma – are far especially given traffic on a Friday, but still doable

-Issaquah – most expensive cost

-Mercer Island – last year's hosts

-Snohomish – Traffic could be tough, but we could potentially schedule the start time ½ hour later. Also, there's a lack of real field lines (taped lines = deal breaker). They seemed eager to host and provided great info. It would be of similar cost to last year's event at MI.

-Nathan Hale? – The program is not included in the document, but it was looked into last year as it has comparable costs, but also needs lines.

Discussion ensued about the relationship btw potential championship programs also acting as hosts. The consensus was that the championship site should rotate, regardless of program hosts, once we have established the event and built attendance to a critical mass. There was a big jump in attendance last year with the Friday night game schedule and central location. Research will be done to find out from the chapter about the importance of breaking even with cost given the budget. Concerns were expressed about low attendance numbers being negative for PR. Memorial stadium was brought up as an option, but there were concerns about the girls playing 'second fiddle' to the boys, as it's their championship site.

**ACTION** – There is a timeline to secure a site by mid January. The events committee will contact individual programs about concerns listed above. Robin will follow up with board via email. It also might be advantageous to put deposits down to secure fields sooner rather than later.

#### **USL Conference Grants – (8) \$300 grants awarding**

Funds were added to award 8, \$300 grants to go to National Convention in PA in 2014.

**ACTION:** Lyn will send an email out to coaches and league folk, as to take note of who is going in order to organize a gathering at the event.

#### **Media consultant payment for out of season coverage – pending USL Chapter approval**

Dave Low – Mike McQuaid (media consultant) is contracted to do in season media, but he has also been doing some out of season media. Dave Low wants to pay Mike additional funds to do more out of season stories in addition to human-interest stories at youth level. There's a problem in where the funding should come from since the boys HS and youth programs have separate budgets, while the girls' programs are coupled. WSLA would support working on the funding if a few standard elements were met, (i.e.) fairness in posting scores was also brought up. It was suggested to flip flop the order in which girls' and boys' scores are posted.

**ACTION:** Bruce will follow up and circle back to the boys program.

## **Committee action item updates**

### *2014 Playoffs*

Jason reported that feedback was received from Penny, Steph, Lyndsey. Jason put together a document including information on potential systems for choosing 16 tournament teams. It will be ready to present at Jan 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. RPI system is being considered, but can be complicated. There were references to the system run in OR. Tami brought up balancing the conferences. The committee will discuss more on this matter.

### *2014 HS league awards*

Coaches liked the form, but there was confusion about it. The problem was mostly with having one coach input the votes (home coach). There was also some lack of transparency in the final voting process. There's been a swing from too many opinions on the awards in previous years to too few people inputting info on the matter during the 2013 season.

**ACTION:** Sarah will present a process at our next board meeting in time to present to coaches at our Jan 25 league meeting. She's focused on ways of communicating protocol better.

### *January meeting combined with umpire rules and scorer/timer training*

- Jan 5<sup>th</sup> = next board meeting
- Jan 25<sup>th</sup> = WWLUA day, rules interpretation + scorers clinic with a league meeting in between session (12-1:30pm). The HS membership will meet in a separate room from the Youth membership.
- USL – 3 coaching clinics in our area, level 1, 2 & 3
- Level 1 on the 25<sup>th</sup> at Poulsbo (WSLA board will waive attendance if you want to attend)
- Level 2 on the 26<sup>th</sup> at Poulsbo
- Level 3 on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> At Seattle university

**ACTION:** Email reminders will continue to be sent out by Lyn.

## **Other Topics**

### **(added by Kate)**

#### **Lynnwood – NEW program**

Kate had a meeting with Lynnwood; they have an established boys program, which is now accepting girls into their youth boys programs. It is not advantageous or safe for this to happen when there are options for girls to play girls lacrosse.

**ACTION:** Bruce/Kate will try and get the Chapter to help Lynnwood boys coaches/coordinators understand that the girls game has value in order to steer girls in the right direction within the sport.

**(added by Mike)**

**Mt. Si - no girls program**

Girls entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at the Mt. Si program have no desire to play for anyone else as they're still developing – they're being kept on as 'helpers' to keep them involved and playing. Mt. Si has a nw boys HS coach that's very good: he's looking to have WIAA involvement for the boys next year (ASB club). This is progress and there are hopes to get the girls involved as we move forward.

**Other: comments during wrap up**

PSS team went 4-0 at Presidents club – congratulations to Tami.

Todd asked if anyone from Three Rivers had contacted board folk/coaches. It would be nice to get them in our system in order to easily schedule a few games with them.

**ACTION:** Todd will contact them to use our online registration to fill out the scheduling form, just so we have their info. It will be treated like a provisional JV team.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:55 by President Jason Hennig.**

*Attachments (see below)*

WSLA  
2013/2014  
Budget as approved at Sept Board Meeting

	Nov YTD Actual	2014 Total Budget
<b>INCOME</b>		
Official Fees Collected	\$0.00	\$74,158.00
Registration	\$10,500.00	\$26,367.00
Jamborees	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
Clinics	\$0.00	\$750.00
Regional Team	\$650.00	\$40,000.00
Fines	\$0.00	\$750.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$2.92	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$11,152.92</b>	<b>\$162,035.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Officials</b>		
Ref Pay	\$0.00	\$74,158.00
Playoffs	\$0.00	\$1,800.00
Travel	\$6,936.43	\$4,500.00
Observation	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>Total Officials</b>	<b>\$6,936.43</b>	<b>\$80,958.00</b>
<b>Administration</b>		
Bookkeeper	\$0.00	\$2,600.00
Scheduler	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Executive Director	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
Intern (Communications/Admin)	\$0.00	\$1,080.00
Accounting	\$0.00	\$750.00
Insurance	\$376.00	\$900.00
Meeting Expenses	\$0.00	\$500.00
Postage & Printing	\$48.00	\$150.00
Website	\$0.00	\$700.00
Other (credit card fees, etc)	\$55.97	\$900.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$479.97</b>	<b>\$20,580.00</b>
<b>Regional Team</b>		
Tryout Costs	\$0.00	\$500.00
Travel Costs	\$0.00	\$43,250.00
Uniform Costs	\$562.31	\$0.00
Field Costs	\$304.30	\$0.00
Coaching Stipend	\$0.00	\$1,800.00
Tournament Cost	\$1,550.00	\$3,000.00
Scholarships	\$300.00	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Regional Team</b>	<b>\$2,716.61</b>	<b>\$50,550.00</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>		
Jamborees	\$560.00	\$13,500.00
Clinics	\$0.00	\$750.00
Awards-Recognition	\$0.00	\$400.00
Travel Stipend	\$517.91	\$1,500.00
Local Convention Speaker	\$0.00	\$750.00
Public Relations	\$250.00	\$4,500.00
Refunds	\$0.00	\$250.00
Contributions	\$0.00	\$300.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,327.91</b>	<b>\$21,950.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$11,460.92</b>	<b>\$174,038.00</b>
<b>2014 Change in Net Assets (Surplus/Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$308.00)</b>	<b>(\$12,003.00)</b>

Need to add to 2014 Budget:  
Prior year expenses:  
Region team: \$2,716.61  
Jamboree expenses: \$560  
Ref Travel: \$6,936.43

**2014 WASHINGTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
VENUE RFP RESPONSES - SUMMARY**

Program	Venue	Distance from Seattle*	Time	Secure	Surface	Lines	Lights	Locker Rooms	Ref. Room	Practice Fields	Seats	Pkg.	Remote Scoreboard	Press Box	Sound System	Concessions	Cost	Clean up
BAINBRIDGE	Bainbridge HS	48 mins.	4-10pm	yes	turf	yes	yes	yes	yes	TBD	1,000	ample	state of the art, with remote operation from press box	fully enclosed; internet connection available	yes	BI Sports Boosters	\$510	inc.
ISSAQUAH	Issaquah HS	24 mins.	4-10pm	yes	turf	yes	yes	no, but a set of restrooms/team could be secured at halftime	yes	no	ample	ample	yes	yes	yes	TBD, ASB has first priority	\$1,755	TBD
MERCER ISLAND	Mercer Island HS	13 mins.	5:30-10pm	yes	turf	yes	yes	yes	no	TBD	2,200	ample	yes, via 110 outlet and extension cords	yes, with wireless capability	yes	MI Girls Lacrosse Club	\$750	inc.
SNOHOMISH	Edmonds Stadium	23 mins.	4-10pm	yes	turf	tape	yes	yes	yes	TBD	1,500	400	TBD - yes?	full 4-room press box	yes	Edmonds School District	\$693	inc.
TACOMA	Curtis HS	51 mins.	TBD	TBD	turf	yes	TBD	yes	yes	TBD	2,500	TBD	game clock connected to scoreboard	yes, with internet connection for streaming	TBD	TBD; University Place Lacrosse Club?	TBD	TBD

\* no consideration for traffic