

## **WSLA Board Meeting | Lakeside Upper School | 2.1.2014 | 9:00am**

*In Attendance:* Jason Hennig, Kate Roper, Sara Babani, Bruce Reid, Todd Nyquist, Greg Chapman, , Tami Tomilla, Lyn Porterfield, Lyndsey Gillis, Robin Moore, Mark Hahn

*Via phone:* Craig Wickstrom

*Excused:* Abe Wehmiller, Penny Moss, and Cathie Frizalone

Meeting called to order by Jason Hennig at 9:02am.

January 5, 2014 board meeting minutes approved as corrected.

**Financial Report** – Cathie is working to re-align our budget from last year, in particular, re-adjusting travel costs for umpires and regional team costs (based on last year's bills). The adjustments/changes by the Finance Committee to the 2014 financial report were approved.

Financial adjustments:

-The addition of \$13,269.00 in expense budget for Officials, which is based on receiving \$10,269 in 2013 bills in the current fiscal year and the additional expectation of an additional \$3,000, is Umpire travel costs in 2014.

-The addition of \$2,716.00 in expense budget for Regional Team, which is based on receiving \$2,716 in 2013 bills in the current fiscal year.

**Youth team/schedule status** – 24 U15 teams registered, 15 U13 teams and 19 U11 as of now. The number of player waivers is down and programs appear to be more robust than previous seasons. Lyn secured the fields for the youth Jamboree on March 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>. There were a lot of youth programs missing from the meeting last weekend (some programs had numerous people present, while others did not attend). If this becomes a problem, we should consider holding the HS and youth meetings at separate times.

**High School Schedule** – The winter meeting last weekend was well attended.

-North Kitsap moving from Varsity to JV, registration staying open until the 13<sup>th</sup>

-Discussion ensued about various JV programs not existing for the 2014 season (Bellevue East, Holy Names).

**ACTION:** Send an email to registered JV teams to confirm participation for the 2014 season

-Forest Ridge is light on players. Mt Si has 5 players that play at Issaquah, but there is an option for them to ply at Forest Ridge.

**ACTION:** The board needs to come up with a plan to support and/or communicate the moving of the 5 players from Issaquah to Forest Ridge to those families. The board needs to make sure the protocol and reasoning for this action is clear.

-Tacoma (Stadium) Coach Status – They had 28 players registered as of Friday. They need 2 coaches. The school could not hire the solution proposed by the parent group that has formed (2 parents co-coaching under the varsity position stipend). Discussion ensued about the situation: lack of coaches, Stadium splintering off from school association since there are those willing to coach, waiver options to play for Gig Harbor, creating Gig Harbor East. There is not a decision to be made on the matter by the WSLA board, but the board will supply support.

-Jamboree update – fields are secured and the schedule is falling into place. There are multiple JV teams participating.

**Committee action item updates** – Kate is working with the Strategic Planning committee and Jack Bovair to create a Strategic Plan Community Survey to be sent out in April that will be discussed in August at a board retreat.

**Coach reminder email at start of the season (important dates)** – an email will be sent out to each program and will include reminders in regards to the following:

- Score/stat reporting
- League award process
- Regional team nominations
- Academic player teams process and dates
- All Community team (driven by US Lacrosse) process and dates

**ACTION:** send these reminders out via email in mid February.

**U19 Regional players to assist with new player clinics** – Lyn/Tami will be reaching out to those U19 players from last year to recruit for assisting in pre-season clinics as a part of their commitment.

-Fields have been secured (Marymoor) for tryouts and the same coaching application will be used for the 2014 U19 Team Coaching position.

**Formalization of the tiebreaker process for All State team** – Jason proposed that the five coaches from the top five ranked teams (ranked prior to playoffs) will be on the All State committee for choosing such players. Having five members will prevent a tie. If a lower seeded team wins the state championship, that coach will

replace the coach of the 5<sup>th</sup> place team (ranked prior to playoffs) in choosing the All State Team.

### **Other Topics**

**Player waivers etc. (Todd):** The board approved Three Rivers' Petition for Provisional League Membership.

A waiver for a player to play for MI instead of Forest Ridge middle school team was denied.

A waiver for a player to play up on Snohomish's 7/8 team was denied.

**Team WA at U15 national tournament** -Discussion ensued about sending two U15 teams to the National Tournament, as Superstix in WA is also sending a team. Washington will send a Team Washington U15 team to the National Tournament.

**U15 Youth Pilot Honor the Game 2014** - Robin Moore is working to use the U15 Youth teams as a pilot program in introducing 'Honor the Game' to the youth girls games.