

WSLA Board Meeting | Lakeside Upper School | 3.2.2014 | 9:00am

In Attendance: Jason Hennig, Kate Roper, Towner, Todd Nyquist, Lyn Porterfield, Lyndsey Gillis, Robin Moore, Alice Abbott, Penny Moss, Cathie Frizalone, Tami Tommila, Mark Hahn.

Via phone: Craig Wickstrom

Excused: Abe Wehmiller, Bruce Reid, Greg Chapman,

Meeting called to order by Jason Hennig at 9:00am.

February 1, 2014 board meeting minutes approved as corrected.

Effective today, Mike Smith has resigned from the WSLA board due to work conflicts.

Financial Report

Cathie reported the activity over the past month was mostly collecting team fees for the 2014 season. Referee pay will also be adjusted over the course of the next month. Kate suggested we add \$25 to each team fee to cover additional administrative costs related to our upcoming strategic planning. Decision was made to pay for this year's Strategic Planning session from the Financial carry forward. Future sessions to be included in the Budget.

ACTION: Adding our status as a 501c3 to next month's meeting agenda.

2014 Season

HIGH SCHOOL

Award Process: Sarah reported on putting together the All Conference voting form for coaches to access after games. Sarah will monitor this throughout the course of the spring. Discussion ensued about the tiebreaker procedures for both All-Conference and All-State.

ACTION: Sarah will check current literature and send any edits to Jason and Lyn.

JV teams- Bellevue currently is fielding a JV team; Bellevue East will not have a JV team. Lake Samm and Evergreen have large JV teams (team x2).

JV Schedule Issues- Discussion ensued about creating a process or waiting list for JV teams that may want or need extra games. Field space becomes an issue as well. The league may want to look at potentially blocking out field space for the possibility of games. We want to make it easy for these teams to get games, but reworking the schedule once set is difficult. Therefore, teams should handle the scheduling, but also there needs to be a process to get approval for these games/events added to their schedule.

ACTION: WSLA will put together a new form for teams to acknowledge added games/events.

Should we allow more than 4 games for these large JV teams or programs with singular/large Varsity teams- These game proposals need to come through the board.

ACTION: The league will send out an email to those teams with pertinent information about their options to add games once rosters are submitted March 8th.

YOUTH

Lyn gave an update on the number of youth programs and Kate reviewed where clubs/programs are at with creating teams, bringing in players and future goals for growth.

U15 Honor The Game Pilot Project- Robin reviewed the process for 'Honor the Game'. The board would like to pilot this at youth level. While the boys exchange stickers, we will look for the girls to exchange lanyards or pins. Mark is contacting the Washington chapter to look for funding. It will cost less than \$2000

A Proposal to move forward with an 'Honor The Game' lanyard or pin for 4 players a game at every youth contest was approved by the board.

ACTION: Robin and Kate will be meeting to draw up an official process to be distributed to all youth programs. Mark will be reaching out to the chapter for funding help.

U15 Washington State Team + Out of season team tryouts update- WSLA posted tryouts for all club HS teams on the WSLA site, but did not post info on the WAGLAX site for the SuperStix U15 tryouts, as that team is in direct competition/conflict with the Washington State U15 team.

Pre-season clinic update-Pre season clinic at Ballard was very well attended and was opened up to MS players. Clinic at Silverdale was also well attended.

Regional Team Updates - Lyn updated the info and dates on the WSLA website and emails have gone out and will continue to go out. This information includes deadlines, nomination information, and coaching applications. U15 nominations should function per program. Those programs with A and B teams can allocate the appropriate amount of nominations based on talent (more viable candidates on the A team).

Strategic Planning Proposal- Kate got a proposal from Jack Bovaird with US lacrosse for strategic planning – alongside the board, he will collect info, draft surveys, construct a plan for going out into the community to collect data, and provide support in strategic planning. He would stay in touch with the board in the following weeks and then come back to us in late August for a board retreat in order to solidify goals for a 3-5 yr strategic plan. Creating a strategic plan will build credibility as we operate on our own and alongside/with WIAA programs.

Board approved hiring Bovaird & Associates to help create WSLA's 3-5 year strategic plan without exceeding \$15,000 (including travel).

Rating Jamboree update- High school jamboree is finished and the schedule has been posted. The youth jamboree will be finished and posted soon.

WWLUA – USL/Arbiter Issues – Update- Both youth and HS schedules get fed into the same Arbiter account/site that schedules and pays the officials of WWLUA. Arbiter was down and then had an issue with part of their site, which resulted in a large number of WSLA and WAGLAX games not importing into Arbiter as they should have. We are set with having the Varsity, JV, U15 and U13 programs in the system, but the 203 games for U11 are not plus a host of other games changes that were made in our sites by Brian when Arbiter was down.

ACTION: Lyn will work with Arbiter to determine the issues and then will resolve all conflicts and ensure that all games are in Arbiter properly. She may need to reach out to board members to get help with this – stay tuned!

Webcast Games – sponsors/cost – game schedule determination- Mike McQuaid had to select games based on Internet, crew needs and schedule (mostly Fridays are needed); he presented a proposed schedule along with information on having each team pay \$250 to cover costs of broadcast production. WSLA does not feel comfortable asking the selected teams to come up with the \$250 “sponsorship” fee. In addition, last year it was requested to have all five conferences represented and this was not taken into account this year. Lyn alerted Mike that WSLA can’t fund this production cost and won’t ask teams to either -- Mike will be making efforts towards finding funding elsewhere.

ACTION: The board needs to send a proposed schedule to Mike McQuaid.

Next Board Meeting 6-Apr-2014

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am