

## **WSLA Board Meeting | Lakeside Upper School | 5.30.2015 | 9:30am**

*In Attendance: Todd Nyquist, Lyn Porterfield, Robin Moore, Penny Moss, Sekou Spencer, Lyndsey Gillis, Alice Abbott, Tami Tommila, Kate Roper, Jason Hennig, Mike Smith, Suzanne Replinger*

*Via Skype:*

*Excused: Craig Wickstrom, Mark Hahn, Sara Towner, Cathie Frizalone,*

March 1, 2015 board meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

### **Financial updates**

There are a few outstanding team fees that Lyn is tracking down. We deferred the financial report until the next board meeting.

### **2015 SEASON WRAP UP**

#### **High School**

Congratulations to Issaquah, our 2015 State Champions. The Championship sub committee did a great job organizing and running the event.

#### **JV Schedule**

The JV schedule was a problem this season and in years past. It's been unmanageable with the amount of cancellations and last minute changes. A sub committee is working to resolve this issue for the 2016 season and beyond. A plan to potentially delay the start of the JV season by a week will be brought up at the June league meeting.

#### **Youth**

The end of the season jamboree will take place at 60 Acres tomorrow. This year, youth teams were able to elect A/B divisions at the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade (U15) level. There was no criterion for electing which level was elected; therefore, there was a problem with mismatched teams within these groups and far more teams existing in one division. The board will address the youth team organization for the 2016 season to ensure competitive games.

**ACTION:** A group will be formed to work on the organization of the U15 scheduling for spring 2016. This will be an agenda item for the board retreat meeting later this summer.

### **USL-WA Chapter + WHSBLA relationship: PR campaign/marketing**

WSLA would like to be in charge of PR and marketing instead of leaving it to our chapter. It's important to hire someone that supports the women's game, as the girls deserve better support in the PR field. Discussion ensued.

ACTION: It will be announced at the upcoming league meeting that we'll be seeking a new PR/marketing manager for the 2016 season in accordance with the strategic plan.

### **Concussion Pilot Program: USL – Nationwide Insurance**

WSLA has the opportunity to be a pilot program that would work with a local health provider and Nationwide Insurance to provide baseline tests and support for concussions.

ACTION: Kate is going to setup a phone call with Jason, Penny and Lyn to acquire more info on what actin items would be required of WSLA as a pilot program.

Discussion ensued about Arbiter, our scheduling system, and snafus throughout the season. Game schedules and umpire assignments were affected multiple times.

ACTION: Operations committee needs to work out these functionality issues.

### **Strategic Plan Final Review**

The final draft was completed in February. Upon full board approval, WSLA hopes to present it at the league meeting this week on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Summer meeting schedule - board retreat**

WSLA will hold an all day board meeting in late August that will encompass issues including board membership, by-laws, U15 organization and five-year rolling budget.

### **Need for Umpires**

Discussion ensued about the amount of umpires for the 2016 season. The season hinges on the amount of umpires, as we cannot afford to lose any adult umpires. There are also a significant amount of HS seniors graduating.

### **June 2 Agenda: open board positions, breakout/feedback idea**

See attached draft of June 2<sup>nd</sup> League meeting. Discussion ensued about the meeting agenda. Additionally, Kate is proposing to include some break out sessions after the items on the agenda are addressed. This will promote participation and forum to get feedback. The breakout sessions will be organized by new programs, programs beyond the Seattle greater area and long standing programs. WSLA is interested in knowing what was successful about the season, what didn't work, umpires and questions/concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.