

WSLA Board Meeting | Lakeside Upper School | 5.31.2014 | 9:00am

In Attendance: Jason Hennig, Kate Roper, Lyn Porterfield, Todd Nyquist, , Robin Moore, Alice Abbott, Penny Moss, Cathie Frizalone, , Bruce Reid, Greg Chapman, Craig Wickstrom, Tami Tommila.

Excused: Sara Towner, Lyndsey Gillis, Abe Wehmiller

May 4, 2014 board meeting minutes approved as corrected.

Financial Report

No report as month hasn't ended yet. Cathie will have a full report for the league meeting next Tuesday June 3.

HS season recap:

Championship game: Overall it went very well – committee will be debriefing early June. Exciting game – congrats to Issaquah for winning the championship. Discussion ensued about decision of using three field officials (and one table) for this game. We'll need to re-evaluate this prior to next season based on the pool of officials available.

Awards process: Overall the process went smoothly this year with a few areas of improvement needed. HS VP Sara Towner spent a lot of time collecting voting data from coaches throughout the season and used that data to formulate lists for Conference coaches to vote from for the All Conf awards. We decided to have the All Conf "voting" via email, with a phone call to be set if needed. Votes were collected by Sara from each set of conference coaches and teams were names based on those. We did not have a phone call meeting amongst each set of conference coaches – we should definitely do this next year to ensure that players aren't nominated who perhaps aren't appropriate. Overall, only a few comments on the process – two negative and two positive.

For the All State team, data was also collected by Sara and sent out prior to a scheduled call with Championship coach Penny Moss and Conference winning coaches Tony D'Alessio, Tami Tommila, Glenn Smith, Shelly Noguiera, Katie Carroll; call was moderated by Lyn Porterfield. (All coaches except Shelly were able to be on the call.) The conference call went smoothly and the coaches came up with a solid list for the All State team. We recommend the same process for next year.

Red cards: We did have a lot more red cards this season; discussion ensued regarding actions that may need to be taken in terms of education of both teams and officials.

Playoff seeding: Seeding and playoff placement of teams was brought up; discussion ensued regarding incorporating a strength of schedule component. Jason has had some feedback criticizing multi-school clubs for competing unfairly; discussion ensued. Board feels that our horizontal growth model is working well for the league at this point; we'll discuss further during our Strategic Planning process.

WIAA online petition: Jason recommends that we wait until after our community engagement meetings and Strategic Planning process to decide if we push that out. Bruce and Lyn will follow up with McQuaid.

Field issues: Discussion ensued around unsafe grass fields. Board will continue to stress to clubs/teams that they have to provide a safe field. We might consider having semi-final games on a neutral turf field in future years.

Schedulers input for next season: Brian had some recommendations for next season with regards to the JV schedule (starting JV games 2 weeks later, 10 game season – to accommodate start of season flux with rosters), also looking at seeding at end of season in considering next year’s schedule.

U19 regional team recap: Team did great at the tournament in Maryland over Memorial Day weekend, moved up a division this year. Only lost one game, placed third in their division. Played mostly East Coast teams.

Youth season recap: Overall season going great, more coaching behavior problems this year than in past. She attributes that to the higher level of play and competition. End of Season Jamboree is tomorrow June 1; Brian Hultz is organizing and doing a great job. Overall lots of growth – potential bubble (growth) of numbers next year.

Honor the game: Program will be implemented next year at U11 and perhaps U13 if time and resources. Kate and Robin are resourcing an appropriate item (sticker, pin, etc)

Schedulers input for next season: Programs that have multiple teams at U13 and U15, provide scheduling options for both Sat and Sun. U11 has 2-pass rule; educate coaches about this so that it is implemented appropriately. No more 1.5 schedules – very hard to implement from a scheduling perspective. Let’s get these teams to commit to having either one or two teams.

USL updates: \$3000 in Molly Conley fund; chapter is looking for direction on what to do with that. All Community Team – they got \$1000 from USL for a scholarship and will be emailing info to players on how to apply (will be doing two \$500 scholarships.) Train the Trainer and a Level 1 coaches clinic will be happening August 9/10. Lindsey Commodore from USL will be in town in August to introduce new Regional staff from USL. Seatown Classic happening in the Fall – there are plans for a girls clinic prior to game, similar to two years ago.

Strategic Plan update: Jack Bovaird is finishing surveys that we’ll distribute to board prior to June 20 meeting. (Kate’s house – dinner meeting). Kate has asked him to re-evaluate the community meetings so that we have a clear plan on how they’re directed. June 21 sessions will be 9:30a-noon at UPS/Rausch Auditorium and then 2:30-5pm at Lakeside/WCC-Refectory.

League meeting on June 3: Jason will finalize agenda, We'll be deferring board elections until the Fall.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

Submitted by: Lyn Porterfield, WSLA Exec Director