

## **WSLA Board Meeting | Lakeside Upper School | 9.8.2013 | 11:00am**

*In Attendance: Kate Roper, Bruce Reid, Lyndsey Gillis, Alice Abbott, Craig Wickstrom, Penny Moss, Robin Moore, Todd Nyquist, Joy Brown, Lyn Porterfield.*

*Via phone: Sara Towner*

*Excused: Jason Hennig, Tami Tommila, Greg Chapman, Mike Smith.*

Meeting called to order by Lyn Porterfield and Kate Roper at 11:03am.

### **Introductions of all members.**

#### **Admin**

June 2, 2013 board meeting minutes approved as written.

Van Kantner hired as bookkeeper by Executive Director Lyn Porterfield, effective 9/7/13.

A motion was made to retain the current checking account at Bank of America, and amend the authorized signers to be: Jason Hennig (President), Lyn Porterfield (Exec Dir), Van Kantner (Bookkeeper), and the Treasurer once that position has been filled. The motion was seconded and voted in unanimously.

A motion was made to create the requirement of a second signature on all checks totaling \$1000 or more. The motion was seconded and voted in unanimously.

#### **Meeting Schedule for Board (LP)**

Monthly meetings on Sundays, from 9-11am @ Lakeside, Allen-Gates 206 – exact dates to be distributed by Lyn and will be posted on the websites.

#### **Board Training (Kate Roper)**

1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the joint HS/youth board, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade-high school board members

State of women's lacrosse for girls in WA state, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade –HS

Player, Parent, Coach, Programmer, League responsibilities + purpose

Being present for meeting

Combined HS - Youth board structure

Being efficient @ meetings: establishing committees (see below board composition handout)

Finance, Strategic Planning, Board Development, Executive Committee

Rules (hot button issues – appeal process to full board), Events, Operations

*Committees will handle their responsibilities to bring to the board*

Moving to committees will require revisiting bylaws, nominations

Motion to conceptually adopt board structure was made and seconded; voted in unanimously.

#### **2014 HS Season**

Each team to play 12 league games, hold a 16 team playoff over a 2 week period with the championship held on a Friday evening.

Minimize schedule conflicts with youth games on weekends, senior proms, SAT/AP testing

Starting date and season length, 3 options:

**Option 1:** WIAA dates with no compression (no games during spring breaks) (8/1/2 weeks for 12 games)

- 3-March – start practice
- 15, 16-March – umpire training jamboree
- 17-March – league games begin
- 14-May – final scheduled league games (15, 16-May held for rescheduled game dates)
- Playoffs

- 1<sup>st</sup> round 16-May to 19-May
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round 20-May to 22-May
- Regional Team blackout – 22-May to 26-May
- Semi-Final – 27 or 28-May
- Finals – 30-May

**Option 2:** Early Start with no compression (no games during spring breaks) (8/1/2 weeks for 12 games)

- 24-February – start practice
- 8-9-March – umpire training jamboree
- 10-March – league games begin
- 7-May – final scheduled league games (8-May held for rescheduled game dates)
- Playoffs
  - 1<sup>st</sup> round 9-May
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> round 12-May
  - Semi-Final – 14-May
  - Finals – 16-May

**Option 3:** WIAA dates with compression (games scheduled during spring break)

- 3-March – start practice
- 15, 16-March – umpire training jamboree
- 17-March – league games begin
- 7-May – final scheduled league games (8-May held for rescheduled game dates)
- Playoffs
  - 1<sup>st</sup> round 9-May
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> round 12-May
  - Semi-Final – 14-May
  - Finals – 16-May

Option 2 was favored by the majority of board members. Big concern over extending season past Memorial day weekend due to Regional Team play. Concerns over not giving teams enough notice if we schedule over Spring Breaks (but OK to let teams know this year that will be in effect in 2015). However option 2 might not even be possible for some schools that adhere to WIAA rules/schedule. Jason, Kate and Lyn will check in with those schools to determine impact of option 2 and will report back to board with final decision to be made no later than the next board meeting on Oct. 6.

### **Post season umpire crew numbers for 2014 - 2 vs 3**

In the past, unless we had 3 umps during regular season games, no reason to have 3 in playoffs  
 Umpire board recommending 3 umps for quarter, semi-final and final game  
 Concerns that adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> ref adds more calls, ump training, consistency  
 Consensus is for 2 umpires for 2014 tournament play.

### **U15 Youth Regional Team**

Breakdown of past experiences 2011 (positive), 2012 (one weak team), 2013 (two teams, split talent)  
 Concerns with other area groups sending a 2<sup>nd</sup> team, diluting our talent  
 Plan for 2014-everyone supports sending a team

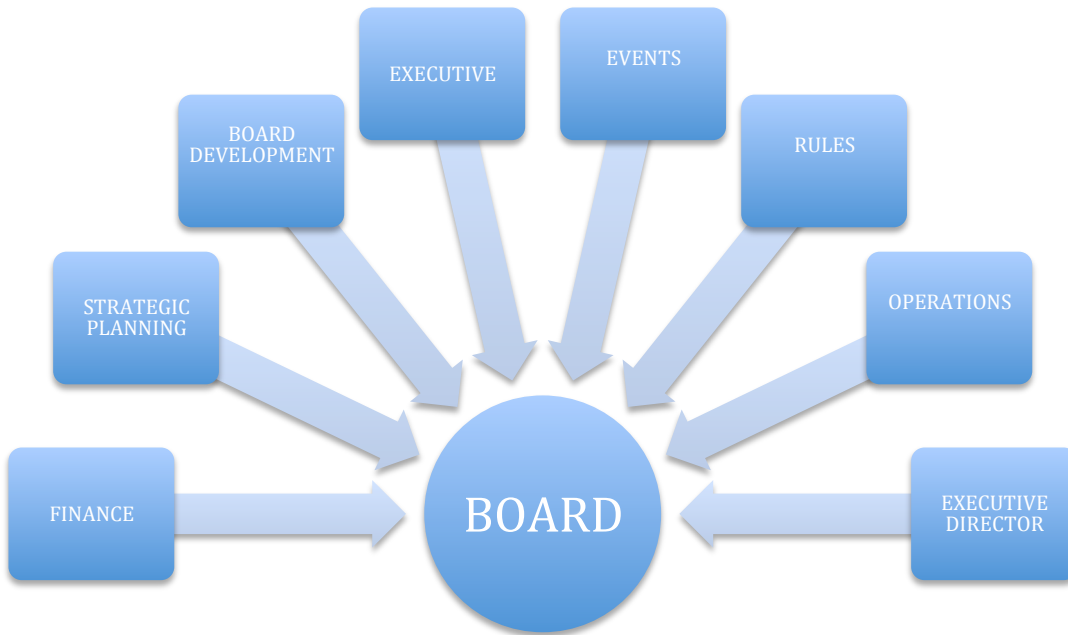
### **Wrapping up**

- Oct. combined youth and HS committee meeting, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> @ SPU (109 Otto Miller), 7pm
- Championship planning: Claire Merrill and Lyn P will have a binder of planning info to hand off to next championship planner. Discussion ensued as to merits of assigning a different conference to plan each year vs. potentially paying someone to coordinate the event. No final decision made.

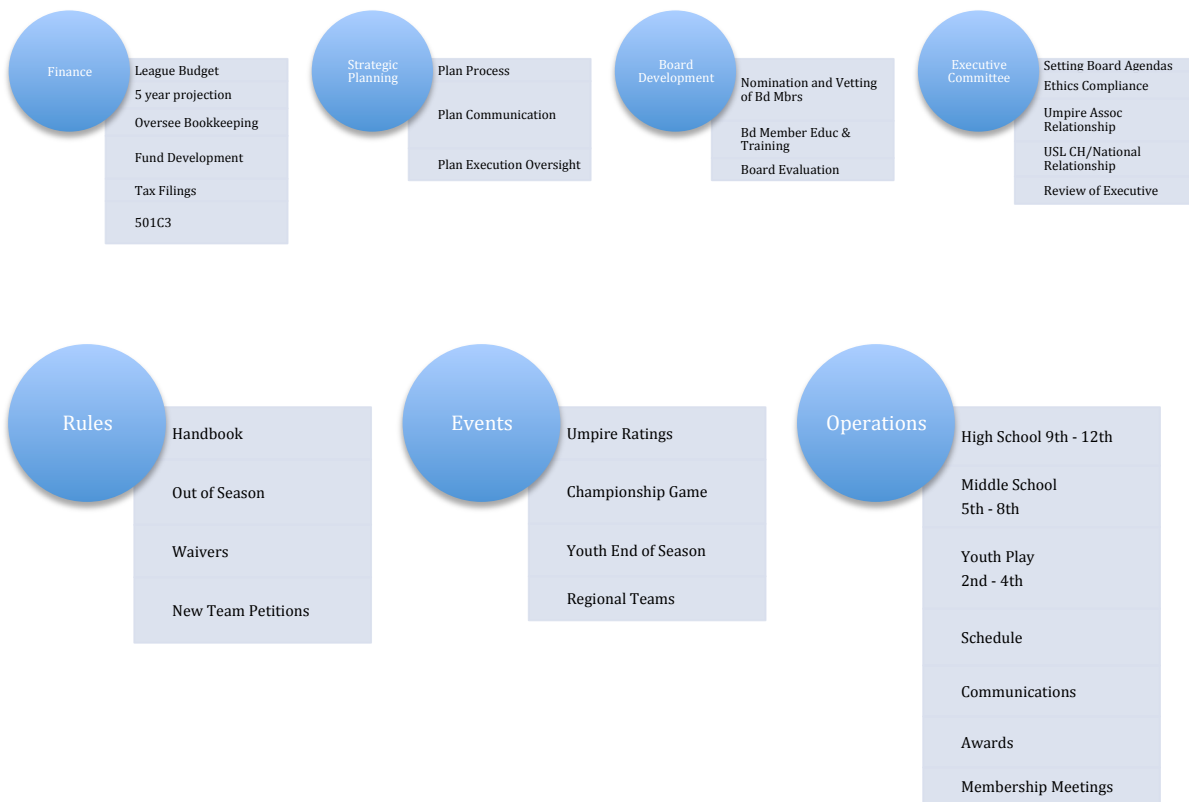
- US Lacrosse: Seatown Classic Lacrosse October 13<sup>th</sup> USC vs. Oregon at Issaquah – details forthcoming and we need to be sure to communicate with as many people as possible.
- Hall of fame induction October 12<sup>th</sup>
- Open position: Treasurer
- Adding a committee on growth – someone to direct those interested in starting a program
- Lyn will be emailing board roster, schedule of meetings, 2014 season date options and organizational chart to all board members in the next couple of days. Board members should email Jason with at least one committee that they would like to serve on (you can serve on more than one.)

*Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm*

Attachments: Board organization chart.



## Committee Responsibilities



## Board Composition

President: Presides over entire League

Vice President High School: Responsible for All HS play

Vice President Youth: Responsible for All 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade play

Secretary: Responsible for Recording and Reporting Board Minutes and Actions

Treasurer: Responsible for Financial Health of League

HS Conference Rep: Alki

HS Conference Rep: Nisqually

HS Conference Rep: North Sound

HS Conference Rep: Peninsula

HS Conference Rep: Snoqualmie

JV Representative:

Youth Divisional Rep: U15

Youth Divisional Rep: U13

Youth Divisional Rep: U11

Youth At Large Rep:

Youth At Large Rep:

NOTE: The Board may, at its sole discretion, change the composition of the board to assure that the leadership and work of the organization is accomplished

## Board Composition

President: Jason Hennig

Vice President High School: Responsible for All HS play

Vice President HS: Sara Towner

Secretary: Lyndsey Gillis

Treasurer: OPEN

Immediate Past President: Bruce Reid

HS Conference Rep: Alki: Tami Tommila

HS Conference Rep: Nisqually: Alice Abbott

HS Conference Rep: North Sound: Kate Roper/Abe Wehmiller

HS Conference Rep: Peninsula: Craig Wickstrom

HS Conference Rep: Snoqualmie: Greg Chapman

JV Representative: Penny Moss

Youth Divisional Rep: U15: Robin Moore

Youth Divisional Rep: U13: Todd Nyquist

Youth Divisional Rep: U11: OPEN

Youth At Large Rep: Joy Brown

Youth At Large Rep: Mike Smith