

WSLA High School Board | Lakeside School - Seattle | 3.4.2012 | 11:00am

In attendance: Jason Hennig, Lyn Porterfield, Beth Lancaster, Sara Towner, Sue Haviland, Kate Roper, Tami Tommila, Jillian Gant.

Excused: Bruce Reid, Craig Wickstrom, Jessanne Allen.

Meeting was called to order at 11:07am by Jason Hennig.

1. Minutes of February 5, 2012 board meeting were approved.
2. **USL Insurance update:** We paid our fees to Bollinger to cover all teams for in-season games and events. Certificates of insurance were received by Kate and distributed as necessary.
3. **Pre-season clinic:** Discussion ensued about whether or not this is a worthwhile effort. They appeared to be well-attended this year; Lyn will put together a recap once she gets final numbers and distribute to the board. All agreed that we would continue sponsoring these in the future.
4. **Financial Report:** Beth distributed the Treasurer's report as of Jan 31, 2012 (bank statements for February come out after this meeting.) Not a lot of activity yet. Discussion ensued about having a cut-off date/deposit for teams, in particular JV, to avoid the headaches in scheduling of teams dropping at the last minute. We'll continue to look at this and will address in the handbook re-write this summer.
5. **Regional teams:** Kate has nomination forms (will send to Lyn to post on website); forms are due end of March, tryouts are April 22 (both HS/U-15). Coach application in the works – will be posted to website asap. Travel deposits have been placed for HS team. Kate Emerson is the travel coordinator. Kate will start looking at selectors.
6. **WWLUA – Non League Event Umpire Request Process:** We now have a request from on our website produced by WWLUA that teams can use to request officials for non-league games. Some concern expressed about conflicts with getting officials and conflicts with regular season. Jason will check with Jeffrey Grose (WWLUA) on how these are prioritized.
7. **New Rules interpretation:** Four programs didn't attend a new rules session. Lyn will email them and remind them of this requirement, send link to USL info on 2012 rule changes and info on setting up a new rules clinic with a WWLUA official.
8. **Number of halves a player can play in a year:** Discussion ensued about changing the number of halves that a player can participate in. General consensus is we won't make a change this year.
9. **Out of season committee (Sue Haviland):** Sue distributed a survey of youth and HS coaches about out of season opportunities/knowledge. Committee met and discussed creating options for out of season teams in varying locations in western WA. By March 20 the committee will email out a rough proposal for out of season options to coaches/programs for feedback. The hope is that they'll have a finalized proposal to present at the board meeting in May that we can then present to general membership in June.

10. **JV/JV-C updates:** Brian is completing JV schedule today; email blast will go out announcing that. Brad Schock from Wenatchee has taken the lead on coordinating the JV-C jamborees. Discussion about combining players to combine JV-C teams from westside to travel to east side games. Jason will send an email to programs to remind them they can do this if appropriate. He'll also clarify that JV-C is for HS students only.
11. **Umpire rating jamboree:** All plans are set for next weekend. We have two different locations on both days (three fields each day) with a total of 24 teams participating.
12. **Championship Plans:** Claire and Lyn will communicate plans for volunteer recruitment once the rating jamboree is done. Sue Haviland brought up the potential for restructuring championship so that semi-final games are on Friday night, finals on Saturday (similar to WIAA championship structure.) Some discussion about umpire selection for playoff and championship games. Jason will ask Jeffrey Grose to clarify selection process, and how this process can be more transparent and coaches can have input.
13. **League Awards:** Bruce and Lyn are working on the all state awards process. Bruce will be distributing a survey to coaches on the selection process asap; we'll distribute a proposed structure to the board in the next month.
14. **New board members:** We need to solidify a slate for June general meeting. Jason is willing to continue as President for another year, Lyn as VP, Beth as Treasurer, need to find a Secretary, conference reps are all amenable to continuing.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm by President Jason Hennig.

Next meeting:

Sunday April 1, 2012 , 11:00am at Lakeside - Fieldhouse Classroom.