

WSLA High School Board | Lakeside School - Seattle | 4.1.2012 | 11:00am

In attendance: Jason Hennig, Bruce Reid, Lyn Porterfield, Beth Lancaster, Craig Wickstrom, Sara Towner, Sue Haviland, Kate Roper, Tami Tommila.

Excused: Jessanne Allen, Jillian Gant.

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

1. Minutes of March 4, 2012 board meeting were approved.
2. **Financial report:** Report was from February activity, not as much going on as dues and other fees (jamborees) deposited in March.
3. **Regional team coach nominations:** We received four applications. The board selected Tony D'Alessio as head coach; we will recommend Katie Carroll as a potentially strong assistant, as well as Brittany Hope. He is free to recruit another assistant, though they will need to complete an application and submit that to the board. **Regional team player nominations:** Kate sent a link to nomination form to all coaches last week; nominations are due April 10. Lyn/Claire will do an email blast to remind coaches to look for that email and clarifying nomination process with U15 and HS and deposits due, etc.
4. **Non-league games:** Lyn to send email blast reminding teams to connect with Brian Hultz to get these games listed on Sportability and of WWLUA official request form on website, etc.
5. **Cancelled game reason/ Umpire issues:** Discussion ensued about ref shortage and what WSLA could do to support ref recruitment. Emergency training yesterday attracted approximately 20 recruits so we're hopeful they'll be able to get on the schedule soon. WWLUA is prioritizing Varsity games. Sue mentioned that we should explore having a contract with WWLUA in the future – summer agenda item.
6. **Field safety criteria:** Have had a couple of games played on fields deemed to be unsafe (no lines, incorrect lines, too muddy to play safely, etc.) Jason proposes that we define the criteria for assessing what a safe, playable field is. Discussion ensued about what that criteria might be; ultimately all agreed that the officials should have the ultimate say in whether or not a field is safe. Proper lining, being able to hold lines, and safe footing should be main criteria. 48 hours prior the home field coach assesses field and determines whether it's playable; if not home coach connects asap with other team (coach).
7. **Out of season committee (Sue Haviland):** Sue handed out proposal; we'll send this out to all HS and youth programs to get feedback. Sue will gather feedback and edit as needed and bring to May board meeting.
8. **Playoff process:** Jason distributed playoff structure to board. We'll have a "seeding" meeting (board) on Friday May 4 to determine final seeding for playoffs. More details to come.
9. **All State Awards:** Proposal made for All Conference teams – send out pre-nomination forms, compile list of nominated players, then send back out to coaches in

each conference to rank players. Those rankings are then tabulated and brought to the awards meeting so that everyone has a list of ranked players when they walk in—potentially this ranked list is what determines All Conference teams. Discussion ensued. Bruce will compile a final proposal and circulate to the board.

10. **Championship Plans:** Trophy discussion. Claire and Lyn propose that we use the existing D1 (Varsity A) trophy as the Championship trophy that resides with the Championship team for that year. Permanent trophies will be ordered for 1st through 4th place teams for keeping each year. The D2 (Varsity B) trophy will be retired and stored in the USL storage locker.
11. **New board members:** Tabled to next meeting.
12. **Bob Hennegan's request for Charlotte to play varsity games:** Charlotte Hennegan's father requested that Charlotte be allowed to play on the Varsity team rather than JV as many of the JV games had been cancelled to date at Klahowya. Board decided to not allow this and to support the original position of having Charlotte play – Klahowya JV will have opportunities towards the end of their season to complete a minimum of 12 games.
13. **USL Fall Game cancelled –** Discussion ensued about another event to happen in the Fall with USL. No final determination made.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm by President Jason Hennig.

Next meeting:

Friday, May 4, 2012: Time/location TBD – Seeding meeting for Varsity playoffs. (HS WSLA board.)

Sunday May 6, 2012: 11:00am at Lakeside - Fieldhouse Classroom.