

WSLA High School Board | Lakeside Middle School | 5.4.2013 | 9:00am

In attendance: Bruce Reid, Lyn Porterfield, Jason Hennig, Beth Lancaster, Alice Abbott, Penny Moss.

Excused: Kate Roper, Sara Towner, Tami Tommila, Greg Chapman.

Minutes from the 4/7/2013 board meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected.

Financial report (Beth): Financial report was reviewed; discussion about WWLUA billing and audit of current invoice. Beth will work with Lyn to verify games with no refs, etc.

2013 season updates:

- a) a) Scheduling in LA/Arbiter – going OK, a number of issues that have been identified will be reviewed in the June 2013 debrief with Lyn, Jason, Kate, Brian and WWLUA (Jeff, etc)
- b) State championship planning: fast and furious, in lieu of a youth game we're doing a youth league event inviting all youth players who attend wearing their jersey to join the All Conference players, junior officials, and HS playoff coaches on the field for a half hour for a "youth league" event. Details TBD, but we'll probably have each Conference run a "station" (some kind of fun yet informative activity with their sticks!) At the end of the half hour we'll excuse the youth players, quickly recognize the junior officials, and then keep the All Conference players on the field for the awards (All Conf, COY, Sportsmanship, Academic).
- c) Playoff bracket: posted online, discussion ensued about how the seeding worked this year. Strength of schedule was a key factor this year – there were some teams that made playoffs based on lots of overall points due to a weaker schedule and lots of wins. We'll continue to discuss over the summer.
- d) Umpires for playoffs/status: List of WSLA recommended refs went to WWLUA, assignments still being made. Looks good so far.
- e) Conference/State award stats: Jason downloaded stats for each conference; he's sent all info to Conference winning head coaches for feedback. They have a Sunday 5pm deadline; Jason will compile once in and will get tentative list out to board. Our goal is to announce the All Conference teams by Wednesday. Jason will get out nominations/voting for Coach of Year and Sportsmanship for both divisions. Academic is done.

Season update:

- a) Rough play – number of teams identified early on but all were alerted and remedied (via rules interpretations and specific official placement.)
- b) Coach behavior – Jason received feedback from an umpire about abusive behavior from a head coach during a recent game. All involved corroborated the behavior during the specific game, but feedback for rest of season for this coach was fine. No action taken at this time.

- c) Bethel v Graham-Kapowsin – played a game with one ref, issues with many yellow cards being issued for illegal checks that the coaches of both teams felt were unwarranted. The coaches really wanted to play again with two different refs; WWLUA and WSLA agreed to set this up so that they could end their season on a good note. Game was not played due to conflicts for players on the G-K team.
- d) Bethel v. Gig Harbor – unruly fan caused huge issues, yellow card and then red card issued to Head coach. Game was handled poorly all the way around (fan behavior, lack of sideline manager, unfortunate comment by official, etc.) Benefit of sideline managers was highlighted here. WWUA chair Jeffrey Grose changed the coach's red card to a second yellow after talking to the official who have it to her.
- e) Umpire feedback – discussion ensued about individual officials who are acting inappropriately. Jason has received good and bad feedback this season – he has passed all on to Jeffrey Grose who has counseled officials accordingly. Need for officials to be able to give feedback about coaches – we'll talk to WWLUA about making that available for them both at the youth and HS levels.

U19 Regional Team update: Selected goalie has broken her foot, another goalie potentially needs to be selected ASAP. Discussion ensued about how to select another goalie. Motion made to Invite all goalies that were nominated (assuming they're available to commit to being on team) to first practice to be evaluated by the coaches and a minimum one of the original independent selectors to determine if there's an appropriate goalie to place on the team.

In favor: Jason, Lyn, Bruce, Alice, Penny and Tami. Opposed: Beth. Motion passes.

New WSLA logo: Lyn/Vinca to tweak the latest version a bit and then we'll introduce at June meeting.

Handbook revision update: Kate will update soon—to be voted on at June meeting.

June meeting agenda (Starfire): Current slate and open board positions are listed below.

President – Jason Hennig
 Vice President – Sara Babani
 Secretary – Open
 Treasurer – Open
 Alki Rep – Tami Tommila
 Nisqually Rep – Alice Abbott
 North Sound Rep – Kate Roper
 Peninsula Rep – Craig Wickstrom
 Snoqualmie Rep – Greg Chapman
 JV Rep – Penny

Admin Staff

Website / Admin - Claire/Lyn
 Scheduler – Brian
 Bookkeeper – Beth

Other open items:

- a) Beth to lead a survey effort (survey programs on coach pay so that we can advise teams what league average is, plus survey on past season, etc.) Everyone should brainstorm questions and get them to Beth to be included on survey – we'll review questions at our June board meeting. We'll communicate this to coaches at league meeting.
- b) Discussion ensued about meeting with school and other AD's in the league to bring them up to date on what we're doing and get their feedback.
- c) USL still gauging interest for Seatown Classic Girls game in Fall 2013.
- d) Looking at next season – Highline should move up to Varsity, Bellingham, Archbishop Murphy and Mt Si are potential JV additions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20am by President Jason Hennig.

Next meeting:

Sunday June 2, 2013 – 11am at Lakeside Middle School room 216