

## WSLA High School Board | Lakeside School - Seattle | 5.6.2012 | 11:00am

*In attendance: Jason Hennig, Bruce Reid, Lyn Porterfield, Beth Lancaster, Craig Wickstrom, Sue Haviland, Kate Roper, Tami Tommila, Jillian Gant*

*Excused: Sara Towner*

*Meeting was called to order at 11:20am by Jason Hennig.*

1. Minutes of April 1, 2012 board meeting were approved.
2. **Financial report:** Majority of fees received, budget looks fine to date. Regional team budget: Beth proposed that we reallocate current budget to clarify that WSLA covers entry fees and coach stipends (and scholarships) and that players pay for all other expenses. All board members were in agreement so that change will be made.
3. **Regional team update:** All went well with tryouts; travel plans are in place with parent Kate Emerson doing the travel coordination for both teams.
4. **WIAA letter:** Mike McQuaid has asked both the girls and boys leagues to issue a letter stating their support of WIAA sanctioning. Lyn will circulate Mike's proposed letter to board asap; give comments to Jason, and we'll finalize this at our June board meeting.
5. **Umpire issues:** Discussion ensued regarding umpire issues (lack of game coverage) this past season. Jason and Lyn will meet with Jeff and Maggie and discuss issues – set up an action plan to address this over the summer. Puyallup vs. Curtis canceled game – we will refund their umpire fees. Beth will go through and analyze cancelled games, reasons why and we'll discuss our refund policy for next season.
6. **Out of season committee update (Sue):** Sue has the proposal ready to send out to the coaches; she'll send a copy of this to board by 5/7/2012. We'll get the proposal out to coaches/teams by 5/13/2012. We'll be asking coaches to vote on proposed changes at June membership meeting.
7. **Playoff process:** Playoff seeding is set; play in game happens 5/6/2012. We definitely need to refine process for next year with regards to determining seeding and play in game. Jason will survey coaches prior to June meeting to ask for pros/cons of restructure – we'll discuss at that meeting.
8. **All State Awards:** Meeting is set for Wednesday May 9, 7pm at Lakeside MS. Bruce is tabulating rankings as they come in; will be asking board members who aren't parents of players or coaches to help facilitate.
9. **Championship Plans:** All plans are moving along. Jason signed a contract with Comcast to broadcast/tape the Championship game; Bruce and Kate are looking for sponsors to help offset cost. We have one sponsor so far. Bruce will email verbiage that we can send to potential sponsors.

10. **JV tournament:** 14 teams committed to play, though we did have a lot of feedback from teams who are having issues with participating. We'll discuss doing this again next year at June meeting.
11. **New Board Members (for June mtg vote):** Open positions include a secretary and Nisqually rep. Bruce will put together a nomination email to distribute to the league asking for nominations.
12. **Agenda for June meeting:** Jason will put together a proposed agenda and distribute to the board in the next two weeks.
13. **Handbook Re-Write plans:** Kate will be leading this; Jeff Grose from WWLUA will help facilitate the process. Kate will let us know when first meeting is set; this will happen over the summer.
14. **Other open items:** Bruce Reid announced that Dave Low is working with WomensLax to do a fall clinic at the SeaTown Classic (mens college game happening in Fall 2012) in lieu of doing a college girls game. More details will be forthcoming. Craig Wickstrom announced that the Gig Harbor club will be hosting a Rainier Cup one day tournament in July that will have U19 participation – they'll be asking coaches to nominate players to be invited to this. There will be a youth component as well.
15. **Out of season coaching complaint:** Lyn received an anonymous letter on 5/4/2012 (mailed to her home and postmarked 5/3/2012) that complained of a possible out of season coaching violation by Snohomish Varsity asst coach Ray Dalrymple. WSLA President Jason Hennig excused himself from discussion of this complaint due to a conflict of interest as he is associated with the Snohomish club. Lyn asked Snohomish club President Nathan Lawless for a statement clarifying Ray Dalrymple's association with the North Cascades Fall league, and a timeline of his hiring as the Snohomish Varsity asst coach. The complaint letter and statement from Mr. Lawless was circulated to the HS board prior to the board meeting. After Mr. Hennig departed the meeting, discussion ensued. The board came to the conclusion that while there were some general concerns about the Snohomish club's North Cascade league practices not meeting the spirit and intent of WSLA's current out of season play policy, there was not sufficient evidence to identify a clear out of season coaching violation by Mr. Dalrymple. No action will be taken against the Snohomish club at this time; a letter will be sent to Mr. Lawless by Lyn alerting them to the board's conclusion and also of the board's concerns about the North Cascade league and Mr. Dalrymple's participation as a coach.

*Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm by Vice President Lyn Porterfield.*

**Next meeting:**

Sunday June 3, 2012: 11:00am Location TBD