

## **WSLA Exec Board | Madison Park Starbuck's | 10.10.2010 | 11:00AM**

*In attendance: Bruce Reid, Talia Klein, Jessanne Allen, Jamie Asaka, Lyn Porterfield, Claire Merrill, Jay Hennig.*

*Excused: Kate Roper                      Guest: Sue Haviland*

Minutes from the September board meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected.

**Scheduling Discussion:** Sue Haviland (scheduler for all HS divisions)

General discussion about division structure as it affects scheduling (and vice versa).

Two-week playoff period this year (extra week as Championship date moved back to May 21.) Designed so that the week before championship only the semi-final game will happen. Week before would be tie breakers and quarter-finals.

Bruce requested that all regular season games end on the Thursday of the week of May 2. Jamie suggested we come up with a set of criteria for tie breakers, etc.

Board decided that regarding tie breakers for regular season, we will first use the handbook guidelines. If we need a "play in" game, it will happen on Mon/Tues of the week following end of regular season play (week of May 9) then Thurs/Fri of that week would be quarter finals. Semi-final games would be played the following week on Tues/Wed and then championship game on Saturday.

Strength of divisions: Gen discussion about how to account for that. This happens across the board in all sports statewide—may not be anything we can do to make all divisions exactly equal.

Sue mentioned that Sportability allows for goals allowed to be included into standings, etc. Also we need to remember to differentiate regular season and non-conference games on Sportability.

Jason proposed using only intra conference games for standings; crossovers wouldn't count for standings...and then maybe those crossover games are played in beginning of season.

Board will give to Sue all teams, divisions, conferences, etc right after Nov board meeting. Provide playoff structure also. As soon as she gets that info she'll send out scheduling questionnaires—will happen mid November and they are due back before Thanksgiving. We'll remind teams that once the schedule is locked down there are no changes.

How are D2 teams determined? New teams are JV unless they provide info to move up to D2.

For budgeting purposes we're assuming 14 games for D1 and 12 games each for D2 and JV.

### **Financial Report:**

*2011 fees:* We're going to charge a flat fee: \$1200 for D1, \$1000 for D 2 and \$900 for JV. No refunds for umpire no-shows, etc. Bruce will bring our concern about WWLUA charging the same fee for varying certifications of umpires...we feel that we should be paying different fees for varying cert levels.

**Youth Division:** Jessanne, Bruce, Mike Reynolds and Kate got together to review budget which Jessanne presented to the board. Kate presented a “strategic vision” of Youth league—as an FYI, can discuss next month.

**HS Div report:** Jamie asked for a reminder email to coaches about off season teams/travel, etc. See section 11.3.0 of the WSLA Handbook, 2010.

### **2011 Season planning:**

See scheduling above.

Team placement candidates and request for movement:

New potential programs, Lake Tapps D2 and JV, Lynnwood, Highline D2, Tahoma/Maple Valley D2, Foster (Tukwila)?, Puyallup ?, These will be all discussed in November.

Division movement: D1 move down: Curtis approved by board. D2 move up: Issaquah (requested) board approved. Eastside Catholic recommended to move up unless EC provides compelling reasons as to why not. Bruce will inform them. Kennedy and Overlake are being considered, need to get feedback to board as to why they should not be moved.

Graham-Kapowsin requested to move to JV – board approved.

No requests to date from JV programs only to move up to D2.

### **Petitions and requests:**

*Lynnwood proposal:* Tigers (boys program) wants to establish a girls program. They want to have Northshore (Bothell, Inglemoor, Woodinville) assigned to them, rather than Lake Samm. Board recommends that Lynnwood draw from Edmonds, Shoreline and Lynnwood. Any players that live in other areas should follow the waiver process as outlined in the WSLA handbook, we are not approving their request to have the Northshore school district kids play for their team. Bruce will alert them.

*Player waiver request:* Puyallup player requests to play with the Lake Tapps team because there was no Puyallup program. Board will approve unless Puyallup puts a team together.

*Lake Tapps:* They requested to start practice early as a new team; we’ll evaluate this when we look at their new program application and player experience levels.

*Mukilteo:* Coach wants to know if she can run a clinic to instruct her players on how to run a 7/8 clinic on the no contact rule. Coach can run the clinic, but she can’t involve her players, unless they do it on their own without coach input.

*Highline new team request:* Board recommends JV teams only entering this year.

**Regional team rep:** Jamie has declined, board recommended that Jason take this over—Jason accepted.

**Coaches Clinic/convention:** WWLUA has reserved SPU for Jan 29, 2011 for clinics on scorers/timers, new rules interpretation (and new umpire training). Jamie recommended that Bruce poll the coaches at next week’s meeting as to what would work best for them. Board will then decide how to advise WWLUA to schedule this.

General discussion about tracking/requiring a certain level of training for D1 and D2 coaches. Will discuss again next month—need to set criteria, possible incentives, getting existing cert coaches to help with new programs, etc.

**Jamboree:** March 13 is tentative, Claire waiting for confirmation for Auburn-Mountainview. Championship is confirmed for May 21 at Eastside Catholic.

**Other business:**

Email Bruce with Fall Council agenda items.

For future, consider day of week change (weekend day) for League Council/Membership meetings to accommodate out of area teams. Bruce will present to Coaches council for feedback.

*Website refresh:* Youth division has new site, HS needs to consider refreshing ours. We included that in our budget; Bruce will ask for volunteers at coaches' council to help with this event and he will look for folks to work on this to do a refresh before start of our 2011 season.

*Hall of Fame induction:* Tami Tommila, Janet Lennon-Jones, Lori MacKay are all being inducted into Hall of Fame on Oct 23.

*Yellow/Red Card (2010 season) date:* Bruce passed on Yellow/Red card data from WWLUA.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45PM by Bruce.

Next meeting: November 6, 2010