

WSLA High School Board | Starbucks - Shoreline | 11.6.2011 | 10:00am

In attendance: Bruce Reid, Lyn Porterfield, Jason Hennig, Jessanne Allen, Beth Lancaster, Craig Wickstrom.

Guests: Kate Roper, Sara Towner, Sue Haviland. Jillian Gant.

Minutes from the 10/2/11 board meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected.

1. **League restructure vote:** Jason has received requests from a couple of programs that are concerned about the vote taken on Oct 11. He is proposing that we hold a special meeting to vote on the restructure. Discussion ensued. All agreed that a special meeting on Nov 29, 7pm @ TOPS is appropriate. Jason will revise a letter to go to all member programs announcing the special meeting and background of the initial vote, revised structure presentation and proposed by-law amendments and forward to Lyn to email to membership tonight.
2. **Calendar for the year:** Kate will get the “master” calendar from Maggie Smith (WWLUA) to give to Brian for scheduling (collegiate games and other events that would be conflicts for refs and some coaches.) Sue suggested trying to schedule semi-finals and championship games back to back at a neutral site so that refs and teams would be able to plan in advance.
3. **USL Insurance:** Kate talked to the President of USL about the insurance issue. He’s setting up a conference call with the Bollinger rep for later this week. As it stands now, we must have ALL players, coaches and parents who interact with the programs on the field as USL members in order to be fully covered for property/casualty plus directors & officers’ coverage. We need to inform teams soon as to what’s happening with this issue so that they can be prepared for the season. All board members will need to also join USL (if they aren’t already a member); the board agreed that membership dues could be reimbursed by WSLA if needed.
4. **Bylaw updates:** Bruce presented the by-law change regarding league structure changing overall structure for HS divisions to Varsity and Junior Varsity. A motion by Beth was made to accept the revision, all voted in favor (unanimous).
5. **Out of Season Rule Committee:** At 10/11/11 meeting we discussed providing guidance on out of season time; Jason proposes forming a committee to look at this and come up with recommendations to present to the membership at Jan 2012 meeting for post-2012 season. All HS and Youth coaches should be invited to participate – possibly with an emphasis on coaches currently engaged in out of season play plus in-season only coaches. Jason will initially lead with help from Sue Haviland.
6. **Jamboree and championship:** Still in need of volunteers. Jason and Lyn will follow-up with Claire about potential candidates for all of these events. (Pre-season jamboree, end of season JV jamboree, championship.)
7. **Scheduling details:** Scheduling questionnaires are live and available on our website.

8. **Finance:** Board discussed proposed budget. Dropped website expenses to \$1500. Jason moved to propose budget as revised, all voted in favor (unanimous). Beth will be working on a proposal on how to move forward on filing for 501c3 status. Jason proposes that we discuss potential team refunds at our next meeting—all agreed.
9. **Outlying program umpire discussion:** We've had comments from outlying programs that have difficulty supplying new refs to the pool. Wenatchee has asked for us to waive their no-ref penalty as it's too difficult for them to have new refs trained and traveling over to Seattle. They did provide refs for their home games. Beth moved to waive their fine, all voted in favor (unanimous). They also wanted a refund for cancelled JV games. Beth and Jessanne will research to identify which games actually happened and those that didn't for possible refunds.
10. **Penalty for canceling games:** Deferred until 12/4/11 board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm by President Jason Hennig.

Next meeting:

Sunday December 4, 2011, 1:00pm at Lakeside School.