

WSLA High School Board | Lakeside School - Seattle | 12.4.2011 | 1:00pm

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

Excused: Jillian Gant, Sara Towner, Sue Haviland.

The meeting was called to order at 1:20pm by President Jason Hennig.

1. Minutes from the 11/6/11 board meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. **USL Insurance update:** Jason received insurance info from all but a handful of teams. Lots of youth teams are mandating USL insurance, not as many HS teams. He submitted that to USL; they said they would get back to us soon with a clarification and hopefully a solution for coverage for the board/league. Jason and Kate will stay on top of this.
3. **Review of 11/29 special meeting:** Overall a good meeting, 31 programs were represented. Amendment passed, so we will proceed with the one Varsity, one JV league structure for 2012. Being able to request potential opponents and a possible C league were important items for most programs. Regarding C league, Jason distributed a recap of past jamborees that might be appropriate to follow—but do we support as a league, or let these areas organize and host as fundraisers? We'll finalize a C league option at January board meeting and present at January membership meeting.
4. **2012 scheduling:** Jason attended an area wide scheduling meeting on 11/30 that incorporated WWLUA, collegiate, post-collegiate, etc. With youth growth, WWLUA has highlighted that it's important to try to get HS players to come out and officiate at the youth level. Jason will prepare a communication with WWLUA to go out to league about HS player ref recruitment. Significant dates for the season: Feb 27 start of practice for ALL (youth and HS). March 10/11 is HS rating jamboree; March 12 HS games start. Youth jamboree is March 17/18; youth games start March 24. Youth mid-season jamboree is tentatively scheduled for May 5. HS play-in game for playoffs will be scheduled during the mid-season youth jamboree. First two rounds of HS playoffs will happen May 7-11; weekend of May 12/13 will be JV tournament (round robin, pool play with top 4 playing on Sunday). Semi-finals for HS May 14-18; championship at HS level will be May 19. All state team game, playoffs for 3rd/4th and then championship game will be played. Regional team participates in Memorial Day weekend national tourney. Cascade Cup will take place end of July, and may include post-collegiate and be a local/district rating opportunity for officials.
5. **Finance report (Beth Lancaster):** Treasurer's report was distributed. Beth has looked into 501c3 filing status and will continue to work towards getting our application filed. Jessanne wants to confirm that we will be fining programs \$50 for non-attendance at general council meetings (Fall, Winter, Spring), as well as for non-attendance at the scorers/timers clinic and not providing an adult ref – board confirms we will continue to fine as noted in the Handbook. Beth brought up the issue about not refunding programs for teams that had many games cancelled. Jason asked Beth to draw up an analysis of teams from last season that weren't able to play a full

schedule and recommend a policy for refunds based on forfeits/cancellations. We hope to have a draft of varsity schedule by Jan 2012 board meeting – we can look at potentially revising program fees based on what will be scheduled, etc. Jason, Kate, Beth and Jeff Grose will determine a process for auditing the schedule and WWLUA invoices to make sure that we're paying officials fees for games that are actually played, etc.

6. **Out of season committee:** Sue Haviland, Craig Van Der Horn, Tony D'Alessio, Tami Tommila will serve on this committee. Jason would like this group to be able to have guidelines in place for out of season 2012 by January winter meeting to present to coaches.
7. **By-law/handbook committee:** Kate will head up this committee. They will have recommendations by June 2012 (Spring) council meeting.
8. **Regional team:** Jason would like to promote nominations for Regional team coach sooner than last year. Kate Roper has a list of recommendations for travel arrangements from a youth regional team parent that she will give to Jason to pass on to the HS group. Jason would also like to get the Regional team players more involved in other activities – perhaps help at the pre-season clinic? Craig Van Der Horn will be leading this again in 2012. Kate proposed that we donate to Sue Heether's South African Lacrosse Project as she was very helpful with our youth regional team efforts last year and has been a great friend to girls lacrosse in our state (donating equipment, traveling here on her own, etc). Beth made a motion to donate \$750 to South African Lacrosse Project, Bruce seconded. All voted in favor.
9. **Out of season tournaments:** Both PSS and Vandal's are putting together teams to participate in the Sandstorm tournament in January 2012. They have alerted Jason and we have communicated tryout info on our website and via email. Kate moved to approve their participation in this, Bruce seconded. All voted in favor.
10. **HS Boundary/Player Waiver requests:** A request was received from an 8th grade player to play on a HS team. The current rules provide that only players in 9th – 12th grade are eligible to play in the league. The Board denied the waiver request.
Puyallup boundary: Puyallup is requesting the inclusion of the Eatonville and Orting school districts into their program assignment area. Neither school district is currently assigned to an existing program.. Both school districts are assigned to the Puyallup program by WSHBLA. The Board approved the request. **Seattle residency:** Roosevelt asked board to change assignments for Seattle programs based on residency. (Seattle Public Schools has moved to a neighborhood based student assignment plan.) Board decided to not take any action at this point for 2012, but we will work with Seattle programs to assess data and impact on the Seattle PS programs, as well as other League programs outside of Seattle, to determine if the Board should consider making a change for 2013.
11. **Youth League report (Kate Roper):** Kate reported that several years ago youth league admitted Eastside Catholic, and last year they petitioned to be able to recruit from all catholic schools on eastside as these are feeder schools—youth board denied the request. Youth board received 12 waiver requests from Mt. Si players to play for

Eastside Catholic as they intended to enroll there eventually. Youth board will probably deny again; Kate wanted to let us know that if they appeal it will come to the Exec Council. (HS and Youth).

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm by President Jason Hennig.

Next meeting:

Sunday January 8, 2012 , 1:00pm at Lakeside.