

WSLA High School Board | Madison Park Starbuck's | 2.13.2011 | 11:00AM

In attendance: Bruce Reid, Jessanne Allen, Jamie Asaka,, Lyn Porterfield, Claire Merrill, Jason Hennig, Talia Klein, Kate Roper.

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

Board position: Talia has taken the D2 coaching position at Lakeside, so we need to replace a position on the High School Board since the Bylaws specify that no more than one program can be represented on the Board. Email names to Bruce with potential coaches or parents for the open position. As provided for in the Bylaws, an interim Board member will be appointed until the next Membership Council election

Financial Report: Bruce recently registered WSLA with WA state as a non-profit corporation. We will discuss applying for 501c3 status at a future meeting. Bruce and Kate will investigate pros/cons of 501c3 and report back. Jessanne is starting to receive league fees and jamboree fees. Bruce wants us to consider instituting some type of a non-refundable deposit for new teams entering the league because lack of commitment is causing huge scheduling problems. A general discussion about approach to schedule followed.

Youth Division: Kate Roper reports that they'll have 13 -15 A teams and 13 U-15 B teams. 18 U-13 teams, U-11 has 23 teams with 7 programs starting U-9—over 1200 girls playing this spring. Added a new board member from Mt. Si program. Kate would like to purchase pinneys for High School and Youth league regional team tryouts and other uses. We could share between HS and Youth tryouts. Cost is approximately \$14/each for numbered/ three different colors—120 total. Consensus of the board is that would be OK to purchase this year. Kate will get some quotes on variations and circulate to the board. U-15 regional team was accepted by USL to play in the regional tournament.

High School Divisions: Bruce and Claire met with the boys Highline lacrosse club; their board voted to add a girls division. Kate reports they just found a parent coordinator for the girls. Bruce met with a HS AD regarding WWLUA's concerns about coaching behavior. Meeting went well; the AD will handle it. WWLUA will have an observer attend one of the program's early season games.

Umpire recruitment: Kate noted that WWLUA has restricted youth umpires so that 14 year old 8th graders are not allowed to officiate. Bruce will ask WWLUA about that.

D1 report: nothing to report.

D2 report: nothing to report.

JV report: nothing to report.

Continuing business:

Scheduling matters: Some problems in D1 schedule, Bainbridge's first game is 3/25, then they're off for Spring break. 2nd game is being played in the 6th week of the season. This is unfair to other teams and causing a ripple effect (problems) for other teams' schedules later in the season. Bruce will follow up with Sue to find out why this is the case. Board needs to address the scheduling questionnaire and potential unclear aspects of that. The Board will implement an approval process for the 2012 season which will require Board approval of the schedules before being finalized. However, for this upcoming season we need to revise the

D1 schedule to address this. In reviewing the draft schedule, it appears that we have some inconsistencies such as the Bainbridge D1 situation described above.

Non-league game reporting and accountability: We need to remind teams that they have to report all outside league games to the board. Bruce will send a reminder email adding in a deadline of February 28, 2011 to report these outside games. If games are scheduled in season they need to be reported two weeks prior to the game.

Player waiver request: The League has received a number of requests.

Auburn: They have no programs this year, but have several players that have submitted waivers to play for varying programs. WSLA handbook is unclear on the assignment here. We are clarifying that those players should go to the program closest to their school.

Kings player: Board determines that appropriate assignment is Nathan Hale based on the existing program assignment chart.

Nathan Hale: There is one player at U Prep who played for Nathan Hale in the 2010 season but wants to waive into Roosevelt so that they can play on a Varsity team. Board determines that players need to stay with Nathan Hale as it's their assigned program – there is no basis for a waiver.

Puyallup/Tacoma: Player did not play last year as Puyallup didn't field a team. Blanket waivers buy the Board for the 2010 season for all Puyallup players, however the player was not able to join the Tacoma or Curtis programs due to transportation issues. With the addition of Lake Tapps the player joined Lake Tapps in the Fall 2010. Puyallup advised the Board in January 2011 of a new high school team. The player has requested approval to remain with the Lake Tapps program for the 2011 season. The player is a senior. Board approves.

Regional team update: Jason will be requesting coaching applications for head and assistant positions for the HS regional team.

Jamboree/Championship Update: Claire reports Jamboree will still be at Lakeside and BI on March 12, and Garfield on March 13 (just D2 that day). Programs that host will get \$150 credit towards jamboree. Brooke Hartley will be helping to recruit volunteers this year, we need close to 100 volunteers, she can be reached by emailing brookeonthebay@comcast.net Save the Date: Saturday, May 21, 2011.

Out of season issues: General discussion about former coaches doing off-season coaching for their former teams. No board determination was made. Further discussion to be on the agenda for a future meeting.

Website refresh: Lyn will get refresh notes to Bruce/Vinca.

Other business:

Bellevue East JV –2010 Open Season item: Review and determine appropriate action on the matter of an ineligible player participating in JV game between Bellevue East and Bellevue HS.

USL Chapter report: Report from Bruce on the recent USL WA Chapter activities.

Meeting adjourned 1:00PM by Bruce.

Upcoming meeting & event reminders:

- WSLA HS Board meeting – March 6, 2011 (location TBD—need a new location.)