

WSLA Exec Board | Madison Park Starbuck's | 9.19.2010 | 11:00AM

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

Excused: Jamie Asaka, Jason Hennig. Guests: None.

Fall Coaches Council meeting: Tentatively set for TUES 10/12; Jessanne will check with TOPS to confirm library availability.

Treasurers Report: Trying to wrap up last season. Seven programs fined **\$50** due to non-attendance at coaches council meetings; six teams fined **\$100** for non-attendance at scorer's clinic. 26 teams fined \$100 due to not providing refs; waived Eastside Catholic for providing Championship facility. Waived for new teams. Waived Lakeside MS program for providing turf field for umpire jamboree. All fines will be reflected on the refund statements.

2011 budget: Note to budget \$1000 for HS and MS scheduler. Need to add in a line item for Treasurer payment (\$600); we'll put that into draft budget and will consider increasing as boys league pays substantially more. U-11 Regional team will be added this year—need to work into budget. New for 2011 (per new handbook) there will be no refunds for cancelled games, lack of a second ref, etc

For Jessanne: Youth age levels/grades corresponding: U-15: 7/8, U-13: 5/6. Adding U-11 and U-9 for 2011 season, U-11: 3 and 4, U-9: 1 and 2

Youth budget/2011 budget: Kate suggests that Bruce, Jessanne and she sit down to discuss budgeting in light of the huge explosion of numbers at the youth level (should happen in the next two weeks). 2011 Budget Draft will roll out soon; all agreed that the three should meet once that's out.

PR Effort/Budget expenditure: Kate noted that the Youth Board is unhappy with the fact that the PR effort is focused on HS only, no Youth. This effort is headed up by USL and split with WHSBLA, WSLA and USL; Bruce will make note of that when appropriate.

Bruce will talk to Dave about this and find out budget amounts for this coming year. He suggested that we put \$2500 into the draft budget for PR.

Scheduling: Kate noted that schedulers are trying to put together a pre-season scheduling conference (youth, HS, college, post-collegiate).

Youth Division Report (Kate Roper):

Vashon: They have three 9th grade girls who have been playing on their MS team; however they won't be able to field a HS team this year. They are asking for a one year exception for these 9th grade girls to be able to "play down" with the MS team.

Youth board doesn't want the 9th graders to play with the MS team and will say no to their request for waiver, referring to the WSLA handbook. (Youth board wants to add full checking to 8th grade level.) The board feels that there is too big of a disparity between 6th graders and 9th graders. These three 9th grade girls need to find their nearest HS program (WSLA will help—Kate will find out where they live) and get a waiver to play for that program.

Eastside Catholic: ECYL would like to make the following motion to the WSLA board regarding changing their boundaries.

Motion from ECYL: To amend eligibility criteria for Eastside Crusaders Youth Lacrosse to allow students from parochial school that have a demonstrated history of sending students to Eastside Catholic School and their parents the option of registering their daughter to play in their geographically assigned junior lacrosse program or in a faith-based program consistent with their personal and religious beliefs.

Kate and the Youth Board recommends no; it will affect other programs to a large degree. Waiver is denied and Kate will alert them.

Recreational league at HS: Kate recommends letting the school programs create recreational programs. Discussion ensued. At this point, it would probably decimate most HS teams as they just don't have the numbers. The Youth board will continue to investigate this for the future.

HS Division Report: Nothing to report.

New Business:

2011 Season planning items

Scheduling: Make sure Sue comes to October board meeting; we'll investigate various website options. Need to investigate balancing divisions.

Website: Bruce will have a conversation with Vinca about stepping up to next level on website management. We need more photos, current info, etc.

Dave Low is looking for photos from jamborees.

Team placement candidates and request for movement: Conversation is ongoing about movement from D1-D2. Bruce will alert those teams that Board is considering moving and get feedback from them prior to a final decision. Oct board meeting we'll make final decision on those teams. Our goal is to have league alignment set by November board meeting.

New Teams and programs (HS only): Lake Tapps, Edmonds/Lynnwood, Foster (by Seatac—Burien area) are potential new teams for 2011. Handbook clearly outlines new program requirements, but perhaps it's not so clear as to how they notify the board of a potential new team?

Tahoma/Maple Valley – should be back for 2011 (tentative). Four total prospective new teams for 2011. New teams will start as JV, unless they request D2 placement (but they must prove they've got enough experienced players). ALSO, teams must demonstrate numbers and skill. Commitment must be confirmed by end of October.

We need to discuss request from Edmonds/Lynnwood: they want to include Northshore in their player assignment area. Currently Northshore and Lk WA feed Lake Samm. Burce has received notice from Northshore girls youth representatives that Eastside Eagles are aligning teams geographically so that Northshore youth and HS programs can be established not later than the 2013 season. Bruce will circulate emails on this and we'll come up with a board position on this assignment area by next meeting.

New for 2011: New teams who want to field a D2 team must deposit \$500 (non refundable) that will apply to their league fees. (If team ends up dropping to JV then \$250 will apply to their JV league fees, \$250 is non refundable.)

League Alignment | Division and Conference structure: Will discuss next month when Sue is present.

Coaches clinic/Convention: Will discuss next month. Youth board is planning pre-level 1 coaching clinic.

Jamboree: Tentatively planning on SUN 3/13 for Auburn-Mountainview per Claire. The season starts 2/28.

Championship: Still planned for 5/21/2011. New for this year: Any tie-breakers and all first round playoff games will happen two weeks prior to championship; only the final playoff games will happen the week before the championship. Claire will touch base with Colette from EC to get a feel for new AD and whether or not it will be possible to use EC again for the Championship day.

Other business:

Regional rep: Michele reminds all (via Claire) that we need to appoint a representative to handle coordination of the Regional team; that rep needs to be in touch with ASAP. Bruce will ask Jamie if she can do it. Perhaps have Jason shadow Jamie?

Meeting adjourned by Bruce at 1:00PM.

Next meeting: Oct 10, 11:00AM, Madison Park Starbuck's