

WSLA Fall League Meeting | Seattle Pacific University – Otto Miller Hall | 10.10.2015 | 12:00pm

Meeting called to order by WSLA President Kate Roper at 12:05 pm.

Meeting presentation document can be found here:

http://files.leagueathletics.com/Images/Club/9650/WSLA%20MBR%20MTG%2010_10_15.pdf

Introductions all around.

Philosophy and Organization of WSLA: (Kate Roper)

Kate reviewed WSLA's Mission statement and philosophy. We operate under the assumption that everyone has the best of intentions and is doing the best that they can, but that rules are for a reason and are to be enforced. We are a board managed organization; board policy but committees do the work and propose policies. See meeting presentation for more specifics and board roster, etc.

Strategic Plan Adoption (Kate Roper)

Kate reviewed the three areas of strategic focus that the board has developed (as introduced last June) – a motion was made to adopt the plan as published, motion seconded, voted in unanimously.

Finance Report (Cathie Frizalone)

Treasurer Cathie reviewed 2015-16 budget that the board approved at October board meeting. (See mtg presentation doc for financial statement.)

Team fees are increasing this year to \$1400 for HS (Varsity), decreasing to \$1300 for HS (JV), and then slight increases for youth: \$875 for U15, \$675 for U13 and \$375 for U11 (no fee for U9 as always).

By-law Changes to be voted on in January 2016: (Kate Roper)

The board will be proposing some by-law changes to bring our by-laws in line with how we actually operate. These will be emailed out prior to the Winter league meeting, to be adopted/voted on at that meeting.

Handbook Revisions: (Kate Roper)

These will be posted to the website in November. Areas to be revised are: photo release for season, tournament team language, adult umpire recruiting requirement, clarification of playing time in season.

2016 Season Preview (Kate Roper)

Season dates reviewed for both Youth and HS – see meeting presentation.

JV division: delaying registration deadline this year so that teams can realistically commit as late as day after practices begin (once tryout numbers are determined). This means that games will start a week later than normal so we will take the schedule down to 10 games (lower cost this year.)

JV and U15: We're asking teams to self-classify for competitiveness and list years of experience by players – moving away from scheduling elections.

Mini Convention January 30/31, 2016: different tracks available for coaches, board presidents, and parents – see presentation for samples. Registration and other info will be emailed out in December.

Team Washington: Board has decided to not field a U15 team in 2016, but we'll continue with the U19 team that will compete in the Women's National Tournament over Memorial Day weekend 2016.

HS Championship event: Friday May 20, 2016 – location TBA. We will be having the two semi-final games at one neutral location on Tuesday May 17 – location TBA. All of these games will be streamed online.

Youth End of Season Jamboree: Tentatively slated for June 5, 2016 – still working on securing fields. Participation is voluntary and requires separate registration, hope to field a "Granny vs. U19" game (HS exhibition game.)

Seatown Classic 2016: In the Fall, hope to feature a mens and womens game. Planning starting now – please consider volunteering.

Umpire Crisis: We have a shortage of adult umpires – really need programs to actively recruit. We're offering an "Intro to Refing" clinic on November 8. Requiring all HS programs to recruit a minimum of one adult official, with incentives paid to teams that are recruiting more than one adult (\$250 rebate on team fees at end of season for each adult recruited over and above the initial requirement of one adult official (must go through training, get rated and work a minimum of three games.)

Meeting adjourned by Kate Roper at 1:30pm.