

WSLA Fall HS Membership Council Meeting | TOPS library | 10.12.2010 | 7:00PM

Meeting called to order by President Bruce Reid at 7:02pm.

Financial Report – 2011 Budget: Treasurer Jessanne Allen provided a copy of proposed budget for 2011. 10-15% reserve that will rollover from last year. Based on parameters of last year, but league is restructuring team fees – starting 2011, flat fee for D1 is \$1200, D2 is \$1000, JV is \$900. Board has approved budget as presented. The membership approved the 2011 budget by consensus.

WWLUA Update (Jeffrey Grose):

HS Liaison: Jeff Grose is Secretary/Chair Elect, he introduced new HS liaison -- Tsering Short. She'll be at our next meeting—she's the one to contact with questions/concerns about umpires. Do not contact the assignor directly.

Yellow/Red card survey: Purpose was to try to improve play and safety. The results of the survey were emailed out to all teams by Bruce. Jeff will go over this at January meeting. If you would like individual stats for your team connect with him.

WWLUA survey: Jeff is encouraging all teams to complete a survey that was available at the meeting.

Recruitment: At HS level, WWLUA was able to cover all games last year. They struggle in outlying areas though. This year, this will continue to struggle to cover games due to more teams (especially in outlying areas.) He praised the Mukilteo team for recruiting three new adult umpires last year.

Rules review: If you would like to have an umpire come and do a session of rules review for your team, Jeff passed along a sign up sheet to make this happen.

Scheduling (Sue Haviland):

Sue will be sending a questionnaire to all teams in early November—they are due back before Thanksgiving. VERY important that all teams carefully consider all possible scheduling constraints prior to turning this back into Sue AND that they return it to her on time. Once the schedule is locked down, it is NOT possible to make changes—the team will risk forfeiting the game if they cannot play at that date/time.

This year the season starts 2/28/11, championship is May 21. We're building in an extra week of playoff time between the end of the regular season and championships to take care of any play in or tiebreaker games; that should allow teams enough time to prepare for Championship.

The Board has determined that Sportability will reflect all "regular season" WSLA games and also non-WSLA "regular season" games. This will include all exhibition events as identified in the handbook (i.e. play days, tournaments, non-WSLA jamborees, etc) – please make sure that Sportability is updated when you schedule those.

Championship & Jamboree: Jamboree will be on March 13, 2011. Location TBD—looking for a site with a minimum of 3 fields. Will include 16 teams this year to make it manageable. We're hoping the cost will be \$250 to participate. Registration will be first come, first served. Claire will send out an email and will announce at January Coaches council meeting.

Wenatchee will host a JV jamboree either on March 19-20, or 26-27. Brad Schock will be coordinating and will get more info out.

Championship is May 21—Claire needs someone to take over coordinating. (also for the Jamboree). WILL NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS!!

Discussion about holding a JV championship or tournament; board will consider the possibility of doing this. (Maybe the weekend before the HS championship?)

Important dates – Out of Season contact – Player Waiver Requests – New Teams & Team Movement – Out of Season Tournament Team Requests:

Out of season contact started day after Labor Day (no coaching). There is an exception for having an out of season tournament team, but a request must be made to board with 30 day notice. To date, board has not received any requests. Board will allow a coach to oversee up to 5 players from their own team out of season.

Player waiver requests are due 30 days prior to start of season.

New teams (new or new to existing programs) or team movement was due to board Oct 1. Programs are allowed to have up to four teams.

Board will be locking down team movement and alignment at November board meeting.

Exceptions for new programs (out of season coaching): Board will decide on a case-by-case basis—please make that request as soon as possible.

WIAA Petition Status Report: Sue Haviland has been working on the WIAA Petition for WSLA. US Lacrosse is planning on submitting another petition this year—probably boys and girls separately. Sue asks that if anyone has an AD that has not previously voted for it but might be willing to sponsor this petition—let Sue know.

Val Torrens addressed the group. She's also a school board member in North Kitsap. Their board is concerned about Title IX in that they have way more boys sports than girls. State school board group supports WIAA adopting girls lacrosse, but no one seems to realize that. School boards can tell AD's how to vote. She suggests that we all put pressure on our school boards to recommend/support adopting girls lacrosse and hence the Athletic Directors will have to support it.

Website Refresh – League Handbook Review:

Vinca Swanson is our webmaster; she's doing a great job. Youth league has a new website; it's a template offered through US Lacrosse. We do have a budget line item for paying someone to update our site. Bruce asked that if anyone has a person in their program that would like to help redesign our site or can actually do the web development that we could pay—please connect with him. General discussion about using a templated type of site like League Athletics ensued.

League Handbook – Was redone last year, but please review and give Bruce input if you see areas that need revision.

Coaches Clinic – WWLUA Rules Clinic – January 29, 2011 (SPU):

All teams must attend (don't forget to sign in appropriately) as any teams that don't are fined—that's for New Rules and Scorers/Timers clinic.

9:50-11AM: New rules session -- also two evening opportunities to take this—see WWLUA website (Feb 1 and 3 at SPU).

1pm: Scorers/Timers clinic

Board looking for feedback on combining a Coaches clinic with the New Rules clinic (on Jan 29?); if there's enough interest we'll try to put together a program. We will need volunteers to help with this.

Membership Council Meetings: As the league grows north, east and south—how can the league better accommodate all of these teams? Change meeting dates to Saturday? Move to a facility that has tele-conferencing capabilities? Please give your feedback to Bruce and the board.

Other matters:

2013 uniform changes: Question about new specs; you can find these guidelines on the US Lacrosse website.

US Lacrosse level 1 coaches clinic: Question about dates for this year—check the US Lacrosse website. WSLA conducts this every other year; however you can do this level 1 online (first part, second part is a field day).

Tahoma "Sizzle" after season tournament: Tahoma reps asked if there is interest—if so let them know and they'll start planning. Would be in June.

Northwestern clinic at Eastside Catholic last Sunday: 145 girls attended (HS and MS) OR, BC and greater Seattle area. Great turnout, all had fun. Colette would like feedback on this from players and coaches. They would love to do it again.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM by President Bruce Reid.

Upcoming:

HS Membership council meetings: *January 25, 2011 June 7, 2011.*

US lacrosse Hall of Fame event: Oct 23, 2010 (6PM) at WAC. Coach Tami Tomilla, and umpires Lori Mackay and Janet Lennon-Jones are all being inducted.