

WSLA Fall HS Membership Council Meeting | Starfire Sports Arena Tukwila | 10.09.2012 | 7:00PM

Meeting called to order by Vice President Lyn Porterfield at 7:01pm.

Recognition of Jessanne Allen for her role and time as bookkeeper for WSLA.

Introductions all around.

Washington Stealth:

- Chris from Ticket Sales
- Teaming up with Women's National Team for Clinic and Opening Night Event on January 5, 2013
- clinics will end by 4pm; game starts at 6:45pm
- 50 kids at each session (Youth and High School)
- \$80 for package that includes WNT clinic, pizza dinner and Stealth game tickets (any additional tickets are \$11)
- Talked about getting girls on turf at half time; try and build group opportunities and community involvement
- Group nights can be done as fundraisers (YOU are paid for coming to Stealth games!)
- Stealth is looking for volunteers for this event as well as help getting the word out to players and teams...

Media Partner – Mike McQuaid:

- www.washingtonlhsax.com
 - o Portal site that girls and boys leagues have funded; “gateway” to boys and girls lacrosse in the state of WA
 - o When McQuaid brands WA lacrosse, this is where they send people to
 - o Post stories and bring media to this website
- WIAA Sanctioning...McQuaid's PR firm is handling this effort

- Both WSLA and WSBLA have formally supported WIAA sanctioning
- Assembled a group of “lacrosse ambassadors;” Athletic Directors and members of the WA lacrosse community throughout the state (names can be found on website)
- “Decision Tool” on website to help ADs decide if they want to bring on the sport of Lacrosse in their school
- Have had several quality conversations with Executive Director of WIAA; need to get rep assembly members educated and on board; send letters from parents and programs to send out advocating how Lacrosse will be a positive impact on the WIAA
- Proposing doing a High School Game of the Week webcast
 - Purpose is to connect the whole state and provide content to TV
 - Needs approval
 - Alternating weeks with Boys and Girls games

June 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes Approved

Election of 2012-2013 Officers:

- Greg Chapman (moving from JV Rep to Snoqualmie Rep position)
- JV Rep: Penny Moss (Issaquah)
- Nisqually Rep: Alice Abbott (Puyallup)

Financial Report (Beth):

- We are going to be moving more as a business; we have grown out of running as informally as we were...as we have gotten bigger, this model isn't working anymore. We weren't reducing fees as we got bigger. Bottom line has gotten larger and larger (not good for a non-profit).
- Applying for 5013C status
- Presented Budget to League (projected and passed out)
 - Registration fees – cover administration costs

- Lyn and Claire taking on League Admin/Executive Director role (paid role)
- Setting up a Regional Team “reserve fund”
- Registration Deposit: when you submit your scheduling questionnaire, there will be a \$250 non-refundable deposit
- Jamie Asaka asked to see Job Descriptions for the League Admin and Bookkeeper
- Budget approved by League

Out of Season Status:

- Teams that are running out of season programs have submitted plans to board and were board approved. Email blasts to entire league with team info and opportunities. Try-outs for every team. Allowed potentially more girls from a specific team. Intent to get girls out on the field. Out of season is definitely producing league growth – 5 teams and potentially 3 youth going to Sandstorm.
- Need for more coaches. Would like in-season coaches to get involved.
- More info can be found on www.wslax.org under Fall and Winter Opportunities

WWLUA:

- Last year WWLUA trained 117 umpires (Youth and Adult) last year. Covered a total of 1,000 games last Spring. Need more officials to keep up with growth of the sport.
- Concerns discussed about marketing that WWLUA does for refs.

2013 Season Preview:

- Claire, Lyn and Brian have begun scheduling process via League Athletics; online scheduling process
- Play in game for play offs was very problematic for various reasons. Lesson learned. Going to eliminate this for next season. What is the best way to fill 16 play offs spots? Balance between conference leaders and overall league record. Don't have a plan at this meeting, but board will present plan at Winter meeting.

- Awards Meeting – revise process so that only conference coaches will determine and vote on all-conference team. Appointment committee that will do all-state selection. More formal process to be presented at January League Meeting.
- Postpone JV end of season tournament for 2013 Season...open to ideas for future way to recognize end of JV season...
- JV Provisional Teams – tried JV C tournaments last season; some of those teams came for the JV EOS Tournament; Jason proposed that 2 west side teams travel east to play Wenatchee and Three Rivers; then Wenatchee and Three Rivers travel west to play 2 teams...do the same for Spokane...there will be a question on the JV scheduling questionnaire to see what JV teams are interested in traveling
- Went through 2013 Important Dates (projected)
- Uniform Compliance: USL put out this rule about 4 years ago for the 2013 Season. If your uniforms are not compliant, you need to email the board so they can review the situation.
- Insurance: all players and coaches must be USL members for insurance; if your club is privately insured, you need to submit a certificate of coverage to board
- Background Check: all coaches and refs 18 and over must have background check

Scheduling Process:

- (presentation on WSLAX.org) if you are a program that has both boys and girls teams, the boys team would pick 2 days for their home game and the girls team will pick 2 different days (ie: M/W or T/TH)– works out to 1 home and 1 away game every week
- November 26th Preliminary Schedule provided from scheduler to WSLA board; WSLA and WSBLA will compare schedules; Early December 2013 schedule released to programs

WSLA Handbook Update:

- Meetings held over the summer to talk about Handbook updates. Required handbook to be completely restructured and rewritten. Electronic copy presented via the WSLA website. Membership will review over the 2013 season, chance to give comments and feedback. Rewrite as necessary. Vote on final handbook at the June 2013 league meeting.

- Operate under the current handbook for the 2012-2013 season.

USL Chapter Announcement:

- SEATown Classic October 13th; Womenslax.com player and coaches clinics; Maryland vs. Denver men's collegiate game
- Level 1 Coaches Clinic: Nov. 10 at Gonzaga Prep and Dec. 1 at Eastside Catholic

Other Items:

Jason discussed League Admin Role (job description will be in new handbook). USL National Convention dates. 2012-2013 girls rule changes available on USL website. Relationship between WSLA and WHSBLA – strategy to leverage the best of both leagues, partner on common goals such as scheduling and field resources. Fall/Winter opportunities for clinics and teams on WSLA website.

Meeting adjourned by Jason Hennig at 9:06pm.