

WSLA Spring League Meeting | Seattle Pacific University – Otto Miller Hall room 109 | 6.2.2015 | 7:00pm

Meeting called to order by WSLA President Kate Roper at 7:05pm.

Review of 2015 Season: WSLA reported on the 2015 season.

Congratulations to ISD girls lacrosse and the Championship committee!

2015 Teams Participating: Representing 9% growth

Varsity: 33 Teams

JV: 29 Teams (including provisional teams)

U15: 30 Teams

U13: 28 Teams

U11: 32 Teams

U9 – reported by programs estimated at 140 players

Coaching clinics: Two USL CEP Level 1 Clinics were offered and 5 WSLA coaching clinics were offered.

Regional Team

U19 – Won its division at the Women's National Tournament with dozens of college coaches in attendance at each game.

U15 Will be participating in the USL Championship in July

Concerns

Software: our League Athletics and Arbiter software continue to have integration problems that dramatically impact the WSLA staff.

Staffing: Our ED and Scheduler are underpaid and their salaries need to be increased to be closer to market value. Additional Positions will be needed for 2016, including a new Public Relations and Marketing person.

Scheduling

Playoffs need to be separated further from end of season

JV: The JV schedule was redone no less than 15 times. We have a committee that is looking at better options for our JV division that may include later registration and season start dates.

U15: The A and B election did not work for this season. WSLA will reevaluate for 2016.

Public Relations/ Marketing: We have notified the Washington Chapter that we will no longer participate in the sharing of a PR/Marketing coordinator and will be creating and publishing an RFP for this position.

Integrity of the Varsity Level. The skill diversity at this level remains uneven and WSLA will focus its efforts to assure that teams do not join at the Varsity level until they are ready.

Coach and Fan Behavior. We had more complaints this year and more egregious complaints than in previous seasons. The League cannot have these

behavior issues and will be looking for ways to encourage better behavior and to curb bad behavior for 2016. It is all of our responsibility to take this seriously.

Expectations for 2016

- Less Pressure on Schedule because Memorial Day is later
- Fee Increase: We will post this as soon as possible
- JV will likely start later
- Changes to how U15 is scheduled
- Board will fill out its committees further

Strategic Plan

- Final Draft was distributed and is now posted at both websites
- Intended to identify and define the three areas that WSLA wants to focus on IN ADDITION to everything it is already doing.
- Will be voted on in October 2015 at Fall League meeting.

USL Chapter continues to look for additional people and it is a great way to get involved!

Umpire Crisis

- Review 2015 Umpire Availability and Game Coverage
- Outlook for 2016

A map of games and umpires to cover them was presented to the membership. The attached chart describing the crisis in lack of officials was distributed. Kate stated that the lack of adult umpires is the number one threat to the lacrosse season, which becomes more critical when USL requires that 2 officials be on each game in 2017 or the game will be canceled. If that had been true in 2015, an additional 47 games would have been cancelled.

The Truth about Umpires

TOTAL ADULT POOL ~ All High School games must have an adult umpire

Puget Sound (26)	Out of Area	Growth Areas
Bainbridge Island	Bellingham	Portland
Bellevue	Burley	Richland
Issaquah	Gig Harbor	W. Richland
Issaquah	Gig Harbor	Spokane
Issaquah	Kingston	Spokane
Mercer Island	Olympia	Spokane
Mercer Island	Vashon	
Mukilteo		
North Bend		

Redmond		
Sammamish		
Seattle		
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Snohomish		
Snohomish		
Snoqualmie		
Tacoma		
Tacoma		
Tacoma		
University Place		
Woodinville		

FACTs:

These Umpires covered 359 games in 2 man Crews

This means that there were 359 x 2 slots to fill == 718 slots

USL redcommends 3 person crews for High School Play = 1077 slots

In 2015, The average umpire worked 27 games

6 umpires worked 50 games or more!

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2015 JUNIOR UMPIRE POOL

Total number in pool for 2015 – 58;

Bainbridge Island	Lake Tapps	Snohomish
Bellevue	Lake Tapps	Snohomish
Bellevue	Medina	Sumner
Bellevue	Mercer Island	Tacoma
Bellevue	Mercer Island	Tacoma
Bellevue	Mercer Island	Tacoma
Bellevue	Mercer Island	Vancouver
Bellevue	Mercer island	Wauna
Bothell	Mercer Island	Woodinville
Bothell	Mill Creek	Woodinville
Bothell	Sammamish	Woodinville
Buckley	Sammamish	
Buckley	Sammamish	
Enumclaw	Sammamish	
Everett	Seattle	
Gig Harbor	Seattle	
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Issaquah	Seattle	
Kirkland	Seattle	
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These Umpires worked 711 games, covering 1,155 slots

Average number of games by a Junior Official – 14

Many of them did 25 games or more

19 Umpires are graduating and they have been some of our most active Junior Officials

Break Out Sessions 8:00 – 8:45

The membership was divided into breakout rooms by type of program. These rooms were designated as New Programs, Programs beyond Greater Seattle, and Long Standing Programs. At each breakout session feedback solicited was 1) what were success of the season, 2) what didn't work, 3) Questions or concerns for WSLA and 4) How is each program going to get more umpires.

Wrap Up 8:45 – 9:00

Board Elections 2015-2016

Proposed Board Roster 2015-2016 was approved

President	Kate Roper		Snoqualmie	Elaine Morse
VP- High School	Sara Towner		JV	Todd Nyquist
VP - Youth	Penny Moss		U-15	Robin Moore
Secretary	Lyndsey Gillis		U-13	Jami Woodruff
Treasurer	Cathie Frizalone		U-11	Bo Weingaerten
Past President	Jason Hennig		At Large	Mike Smith
Alki	Tami Tommila		At Large	Sekou Spencer
Nisqually	Alice Abbott			
North Sound	Suzanne Replinger			
Peninsula	PENDING			

