

WASHINGTON SCHOOLGIRLS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

October 10, 2007

1. WWLUA Updates (5 min)
 - a. Beth O'Connor, Interim Chair

**WWLUA has proposed a pay increase for referee fees*

**WWLUA wants to recruit for 2 assigner positions, one for the both the M/S and H/S leagues*

**WWLUA is also looking at a 3 year plan to change reffing fees. Currently fees are assessed by the level of the umpire's experience, but they are hoping to have fees based on the level of play, i.e. different amounts paid to refs who umpire M/S games vs. reffing a Varsity A game.*

**WWLUA is projecting for growth, their goal is to increase recruiting, and hope to pay referees more money as incentive to become a umpire.*

2. Ref Requirements (3 min)
 - a. Requirements for programs are outlined clearly in the handbook addendum
 - b. Handling of ref contribution dollars

**We as a league need to focus on recruiting H/S level refs, meaning adults*

**H/S students are still needed to ref M/S games, but are not able to ref H/S games*

**The league has a surplus of \$1300, due to fees assessed from programs NOT providing the required referees from last year. We as a board are considering ways to utilize that money including off-setting fees for new refs, partially funding training clinics and increasing advertising. If you have any suggestions as to what the board should do with the excess money, please feel free to e-mail Jan with your proposal for review by WSLA.*

3. Budget – Jessanne Allen (3 min)

**Proposed 07: \$2047*

**Actual 07: \$5503*

**Proposed 08: \$3704*

**We are looking at possibly covering the WWLUA travel fee on behalf of the programs*

4. USL Stars & Stripes Event (5 min)
 - a. Summary—Jamie Asaka

**The girls did an excellent job representing the Northwest, hopefully more colleges will be interested in coming out here for their recruiting*

** We as a board can compile a check list of "how to" in regards to college recruiting, and have it available on the website.*

**The question was asked to link more tournaments and camps on the website...we will continue to do our best to pass this information along.*

5. Website (5 min)

- a. Current league documents are posted
 - i. Middle School/Youth committee is drafting proposed changes to the by-laws & handbook to incorporate the MS/Youth Board
 - ii. Proposed changes will be available after 1st of the year with the intent to ratify at the January 23rd meeting
- b. Any additional information you would like to see?
- c. Someone willing to act as domain owner?

****We will continue to update the roster on the website.***

****WSLA has created 2 separate boards for the M/S and H/S leagues: league documents are being updated accordingly***

****Vicki Hahn of ISD will take over as the domain owner—thank you Vicki!***

6. Residency (3 min)

- a. Follow procedures in handbook
- b. Program chart will be added as addendum to handbook
- c. Player Waiver Request form posted to site
 - i. Must be submitted to league president by 1/14/08

****There is a little bit of re-drafting that needs to happen for the residency grid.***

****The residency grid will be added to the handbook, via addendum.***

****Please check your program's name and feeder programs and e-mail that information to Jan if you discover any discrepancies.***

**** In order for consideration to be given to a player to play for a different team other than the one defined by the residency rules & residency chart, the PLAYER or her PARENT (NOT THE COACH) must check the residency grid and then submit the waiver form to the board.. The Deadline is non-negotiable!***

****To avoid girls "slipping" through the cracks and missing the deadline and the opportunity to play, alert your program administrators, ADs and/or principles to the deadline, and encourage them to tell interested players to get organized early.***

****Grandfathered players do not need to fill out the waiver form, we as a board will audit past years rosters to make sure that everything is correct.***

****There is no grandfathering between M/S to H/S programs.***

7. League Alignments (3 min)

- a. Request for Movement form posted to site
 - i. Must be submitted to league president by 10/24/07

****When submitting a request for movement form, it will help the board in making our decisions if you could provide the average number of players in you program.***

**** Jan's Fax number 206.842.8545***

8. Feedback (5 min)

- a. Yellow/Red cards will be tracked at all levels
 - i. Cards must be reported to the division rep following the contest
 - ii. Information will not be made public or posted to Sportability
- b. Coach Conduct & Ref Feedback
 - i. Committee is reviewing our current system and will propose changes

**WSLA board is still figuring out the best way to collect the data after each game. As of now we think it would be best for each team to submit the yellow and red card information, for both their team and the opposing team, in order to avoid discrepancies. As of now we would like the submissions to be emailed to corresponding league reps.*

**We will also talk to Sportability to see if we can add this feature to our league capabilities provided that the information will be private.*

**We as a league follow USL rules in regards to yellow and red cards.*

9. WIAA proposal – Sue Haviland (10 min)

**First and foremost thank you all for getting the word out! Great Job.*

**What we have discovered is that in general, people know nothing about girls lacrosse...we're on the agenda, but we need to provide information to AD's and principals as to just what Northwest Girls Lacrosse is.*

**We are looking for a few generous people to form a committee to produce so girl's lacrosse informational material. This material will be extremely helpful in aiding in our consideration into WIAA.*

**Volunteers: Meg Elston (MI), Bruce Reid (LSLC), Val Torrens (NK), Vicki Hahn (ISD)*

**December 1st is the deadline to get our proposal in*

**5 AD'S and Super attendants will sign*

**The proposal will be voted on by WIAA in mid January*

**In late April, WIAA evaluates the entire proposal.*

**2009 would be the first year that we could be WIAA*

**Should this application not go through for 2009, it would be beneficial for both the boys and girls leagues to apply within the same year (for 2010) but not via a joint application*

**WSLA will dissolve once we are accepted by WIAA*

10. Scheduling – Sue Haviland (5 min)

a. Team Entry Deadline—November 1, 2007

**The primary concern in scheduling is the lack of refs, thus we are trying to schedule the minimum number of locations per day...which is between 4 and 5.*

** The deadline for confirming scheduling conflicts is November 1st. Please confirm spring breaks, prom, and senior projects now.*

**Varsity A gets scheduled first then Varsity B, and then JV. Once the Varsity A/B games are scheduled, we do our best to piggyback JV games with their respective programs.*

League Jobs (10 min)

b. Current year's duty assignments

i. Directions—Val Torrens

c. Help Needed

d. JV Rep needed

**League directions need to be sent to the WSLA website, not Sportability.*

**Directions will be deleted from Sportability.*

**There will be link from Sportability to WSLA in regards to driving directions*

**We will vote on a JV Rep at our next meeting.*

**Any remaining league jobs will be assigned to programs not already assigned to a duty.*

****WSLA will solicit nominations for the JV Rep position prior to the Winter meeting for voting at the Winter meeting.***

****A program may not have more than one representative on the WSLA board; therefore the nominee may not be from Bainbridge, Lakeside, Overlake, Mercer Island or Garfield.***

11. Jamborees (5 min)

- a. Varsity A / Varsity B
 - i. March 15
 - ii. Location: Starfire Complex, Tukwila
- b. Wenatchee Shootout Lacrosse Jamboree
 - i. JV Division jamboree
 - ii. March 22-23
 - iii. Refs needed

****Jamboree 3.15.08 in Tukwila***

****This is a field-rating opportunity for new & returning refs***

****We are still unsure of the cost...most likely the cost will be high than last year, due to renting field space.***

****Further information on the Wenatchee tournament is forthcoming***

12. WA Chapter News (10 min)

- a. No Level 1 or 2 clinics this year—can be done on-line only
- b. CEP Level 1 Training
- c. Chapter to host convention at SPU
 - i. February 9 & 10
 - ii. Minimal cost per person
 - iii. Topics of interest?
- d. New equipment grants – Gail Loveland
 - i. how to apply
 - ii. deadline for application

****No Field clinics this year...on-line training is available, USL level 1 and 2 training***

****It is a wise to start completing the online training now, it will most likely be required once we become WIAA***

****Feb 9th/10th convention is mandatory...someone from each program must be present both days***

****New Rules interpretation is mandatory***

****Minimal cost this year***

****We are hoping to have vendors at the convention this year.***

**** If you have any topics that you would like to have addressed or recommendations for speakers this year at the convention, please email Jan.***

**** Thus far we are looking into college recruiting and sports medicine/training as possible topics.***

****CPR/First Aid will not be offered this year through the Chapter due to lack of numbers...however it is required that every staff member of your program is certified in both.***