

October 14th Coaches Council Meeting Minutes

First and foremost congratulations to Sue Haviland!!! Sue was recently inducted into the WA State Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Lacrosse would be as strong as a sport here in Washington if not for the continuous work that Sue provides to the league. THANKS SUE!

1. WWLUA UPDATE

Website: www.wwlua.org

Email: wwlua.chair@gmail.com

-Emails will be forwarded to liaisons, and they will be the one's to respond to your questions

Jeannette Wake is new HS liaison and rating chair

CALANDER ITEMS

Umpire Trainings (all new umpire clinics)

_Saturday January 24th: New Clinic TBA in Seattle somewhere.
9am -4:30pm

Sunday January 25th: Scorer and Timer clinic TBA in Seattle somewhere. 10am-12pm

MANDATORY NEW RULES INTERPRETATION: Sunday January 25th 12:30pm-2pm Location TBA

February 22nd: Scorer/Timer Clinic 10am-12pm in Auburn, location TBA

February 22nd: New Umpire Clinic 9am-4pm in Auburn, location TBA

WWLAU wants to offer clinics East of the mountains, to afford the same opportunities as we have here in Seattle, but they are still working out the details. There is no set clinic yet East of the mountains, but tentatively they are looking at Feb 22nd in Spokane. IF the Teams from East of the mountains could all

come together in one location and recruit as many people as possible that would make the clinic that much easier to create. The fee for participating in the umpire clinics is still being determined, the cost will be increasing, due to the new umpire kit that will be given to each participant. The kit will include a whistle, cards, and flags. Shirts are not supplied, because that is really up to the individual to determine what works best for them.

Currently there is no new umpire clinic scheduled for Kitsap County, however the board is revisiting this issue. In order to help make this a possibility, if Kitsap could confirm their numbers and communicate that to WWLUA, then the board will have more information in order to make their decision.

Clarification on the verbiage of the Referee Requirement:

Each team is required to supply TWO new umpires per/year, or they will incur a fine. The point of continuing to grow the umpire pool, as opposed to recycling past years' umpires, is to ensure that as the sport grows and as people move away, or choose for whatever reason to stop, we continue to have a pool to draw from. The league board will revisit the handbook verbiage to ensure that this point is clearer in the future.

The question was asked if all umpires get paid for the games they referee. All umpires get paid if they are rated. The pay scale is based on the umpire's rating. Last year adult umpires apprentices received \$35 and \$25 for youth games

JAMBORIES (both HS and MS)

March 8th, 2009 HS Jamboree location TBA. IF programs are willing and wanting to host this year's jamboree, please contact WWLUA. WWLUA is still talking to Bainbridge to see if they are able to host again this year. The jamboree runs all day and at least four fields are needed.

There will be a youth jamboree Saturday March 14 location TBA

BUGET

WWLUA is intending on increasing their travel fees and their per game value, they are estimation a 15%

increase, but that is still being decided and then the league board will further discuss the issue. (At the 5-6 level the increase will be closer to 10%)

REMINDER

Remember to utilize the “Ask the Umpire” feature on the WWLUA website. Jeannette will respond accordingly.

2. Ref Requirements, addressed above.

3. JV REP

Claire Merrill is the new JV Rep. Welcome aboard!

4. Budget

5. Website

Reminder we are in the process of updating the website, forms included, please let us know if you want your club linked to the site and we will make that happen for you. Please send your request to the Talia, the secretary at Taliaklein@mac.com

6. IMPORTANT DATES

March 2nd is the official start date of the spring season.

Residency cut off is 1.14.09

League alignment requests and team addition requests are due October 24th, 2008

The forms are being updated on the website, so it is ok to use last years forms and send them to Bruce Reid.

7. Feedback

AD's need to know about ejections from games immediately, not two weeks after the fact.

The new Red Card rule will make is more relevant, and the board is looking into tracking ejections more carefully too.

8. WIAA

We applied last year and were denied. The vote was 44-7 with is best we have a league have done thus far. The reasoning behind us not being pushed through is because the sport is too popular, and AD's want to deny this fact. Once we become WIAA, schools have to offer the sport and there are financial implications and field space issues that come with this decision, and AD's just don't want to deal with it. We are committed to reapplying and making this happen. We are statigically determining if we will apply on our own or with boys. There are advantages to applying individually, due to the liability issues, and that there are other circumstances that affect the boys and not the girls.

9. Scheduling

Forms/Blackout Dates Please send to Sue as soon as you know. Please look at your schedule and the school schedule, during the season trying to reschedule is a nightmare...the "smallest" change, is in truth a huge hassle and affects numbers games.

10. Pre- Season Jamboree for New Players

Tentatively Feb 21, 2009. Volunteers are needed!!!!