

**WSLA Middle School/Youth
October 10, 2006 Minutes**

Attending: Heidi Cunningham (Seattle Girls), Erika Calhoun (North Kitsap), Val Torrens (North Kitsap), Emmett Soffey (Bellevue), Mike Reynolds, (Bellevue), Marci Clevenger (Queen Anne), Eliza Hurlbut (Queen Anne), Stephanie Cone (Seattle Girls), Peter Hill (Bainbridge), Lisa Patton (Issaquah), Ray Dalrymple (Snohomish), Nathan Lawless (Snohomish), Chelsea Mortell (Queen Anne), Kara Gibson (MI), Edith Harris (NE Seattle), Kendall Wills (NE Seattle), Sue Haviland (Overlake), Wendy Kozina (Bainbridge), Diane Voss (Issaquah), Joe Hutchison (Maple Valley), Betsy Bahn (MI), Lesley Hobbs (Eastside), Tom Wehe (Eastside), Doug Armitrout (Lakeside), Jesanne Allen, Lorrie McKay, Kelly Haley

1. **Introductions** – Kelly Haley
 - a. Sign sheets circulated.
2. **League Dues & Budget** – Jessanne Allen
 - a. Financial contact list for each team circulated. All requested to review/update so league has a current contact person for financial issues/refunds.
 - b. Budget available for review
 - c. Fees for 2007
 - i. \$5/player (\$1 increase)
 - ii. \$10/team for scheduler (unchanged)
 - iii. Officials: \$36.50 for 7/8 and \$25.00 for 5/6 (unchanged). Actual pay may be higher depending on rating. Youth/Junior ref fee is \$25.00
 - iv. \$25 travel fee/team (unchanged)
 - d. Forms for league fees will be on the website by the end of November. Be sure to use form so payments can be applied correctly and refunds issued.
3. **Important Dates** – Kelly Haley
 - a. 11/1/06 Team entries (# and division of teams) due. Please submit to Kelly Haley and Doug Armitrout. If unsure, err on overestimating. It's easier to drop a team than to add one.
 - b. 11/6/06 Scheduling questionnaire due (see below)
 - c. 2/26/07 Season officially begins
 - d. 2/19/07 Middle school and Youth teams can begin practice
 - e. 5/19/06 State finals
4. **Changes to Addendum** – Kelly Haley
 - a. Meeting Attendance Policy will be enforced. If no representative is present, program will incur a \$50 fine and be placed on probation for the next three consecutive meetings. If not attendance not fulfilled, program will be suspended.
 - b. **Ref Recruitment** – Each program will supply one ref to the pool or pay a \$100 fee towards recruitment. Refs must commit to officiating minimum of five games. One "Program" encompasses both high school and middle/school youth teams, but programs are encouraged to supply additional ref candidates if they field multiple teams.
 - c. WSP Certification Form and Handbook Recognition available at meeting. Send to:
Jamie Asaka
Lakeisde School
13510 1st Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98125
5. **Scheduling** – Doug Armitrout
 - a. Scheduling questionnaire to be distributed. Will be due 11/6/06
 - b. Fixed number of games per team (aiming for ten)
 - i. Discussion regarding challenge of scheduling this number with the current season length and spring break black-outs
 - ii. Discussed extending season, restricting jamborees during the regular season and scheduling them for before/after season, Lax fest participation, indoor tournament over Presidents' weekend, pre-season fund-raiser for Leukemia in Snohomish. Coaches voted to extend season through June 2nd (Laxfest).
 - c. Games on weekends, with option to have limited weekday games when high school is in finals (May)
 - d. Travel parity will be considered
 - e. Year-to-year home vs. away will be considered

- f. Discussed issue regarding field scheduling confirmation from various city/entities and how the 11/6/06 deadline will not allow many programs to have final confirmation. Teams are encouraged to request weekend time for two-hour time slots for single games.
 - g. Point person for each program needs to be designated for scheduling issues
 - h. Double-headers encouraged if program has two teams
 - i. Discussion of a single squad team playing double-header against another program that has two teams
 - i. Concern about injuries
 - ii. Squad size an issue with smaller squads having difficult time playing two consecutive games
 - iii. Decision to add item on questionnaire giving programs option to play double header with single squad.
 - iv. Discussed round-robin type situation. Issue regarding field owners and whether two off-site teams can use fields legally.
6. **Reffing** – Lorrie McKay
- a. Important Dates
 - i. 1/20/07 Training dates for new umpires
 - ii. 1/28/07 (around noon). New rules for coaches and umpires who do not attend 1/20 training
 - iii. 2/3/07 regional training in Poulsbo (10 attendees required)
 - iv. February date TBD for youth umpire only training
 - b. Junior Umpire Guidelines
 - i. Under 18 years old and in high school
 - ii. Authorized to ref for girls two years below their age level
 - iii. Must be 16 years old (exception for experienced, committed players who will be 15 ½ by March 1, 2007)
 - iv. Go to www.wwlua.org for ref information/requirements
7. **Level One Clinic** - <http://www.uslax-wa.org/>
- a. Register now – will fill fast
 - b. Sat., Dec. 9th at SPU
8. **Chapter Convention** – Jan 27-28 at SPU
- a. Combined event with boys league
 - b. Per handbook, one coach required to attend Rules Interpretation session on Sunday mid-day
 - c. Pre-registration information will be coming
9. **Grants**
- a. US Lacrosse has grants available (new program, equipment). Go to <http://www.uslax-wa.org/> for information. Gail Loveland heads up grants program.
10. **Volunteer Coordinator for WSLA Finals** needed
- a. 200-300 volunteers needed at event
11. **Players Clinic** –
- a. February 24th tentatively
 - b. Craig Van Der Horn
12. **Dates for other meetings:**
- a. Tuesday, Jan 30th
 - b. Tuesday, May 29th
13. **Contact information** for MS/Youth board members:
- a. Kelly Haley (WSLA President): khaley@holynames-sea.org
 - b. Doug Armintrout (VP): doug.armintrout@comcast.net
 - c. Betsy Bahn (MS/Youth Secretary): betsy@bahnfamily.net
 - d. Tom Wehe (7/8 League Rep): tkwehe@aol.com
 - e. Elaine Morse (5/6 League Rep): elainem@occ.org