

## WSLA BOARD MEETING MINTUES 7/30/07

### Youth/MS

1. Committee formed to create sideline behavioral code of conduct and feedback system.
  - a. Kendal Wills and Nathan Lawless are going to spear heading this.
  - b. It has been suggested to look at the boy's league, for their coaches' guidelines.
2. Committee formed to draft by-law revisions pertaining to youth league.
  - a. We are not creating new by-laws, just adding to the existing document
  - b. There was discussion of having separate executives for the youth league coaches meetings, but still falling under the executive leadership of the existing league President.
3. Looking for clarification on levy of meeting attendance and referee pool fines.
  - a. There is a 50 dollar fine for any team that does not send a representative all three meetings (50 dollars per meeting).
  - b. 13 out of 28 programs did not provide referees' to the ref pool.
  - c. Fines will be subtracted from team's refunds.
  - d. Jan will draft a letter and send them to the respective teams.
4. Refinements to referee pool mandates.
  - a. The mandates need to be made very clear, so that there is no confusion as to what is expected from each program.
  - b. The referee associations need to be more involved in the recruitment of new refs.
  - c. We need to contact the referee association discuss the guidelines that are to be defined for programs and for people wanting to become a referee, with details about what it entails to become a ref.
  - d. The dates of the referee clinics need to be set earlier in the season, so that people can make appropriate plan to attend.
  - e. Where does the fine money go?
    - i. Create a program that allows programs to apply for money to send people to get trained?
5. Recap on seasons ending questionnaires
  - a. Coaches behavior seemed to be the main concern
6. Update on 3/4<sup>th</sup> program proposal
  - a. The parents in question were told to create a proposal...no proposal has come in
  - b. US Lacrosse guidelines
7. 5/6 Recap
8. Discussion of splitting the MS league into divisions
  - a. Doug believes that a better job in scheduling will help to alleviate the problem of teams playing the same teams too many times.

## GENERAL

1. Review probation issues-fine letters and notices of probation
  - a. All notifications have gone out
  - b. 13 out of 28 programs did not provide refs (previously stated)
  - c. Fines will be deducted from refund check
  - d. Doug and Jan will draft letters
2. Fee adjustments
3. Overview of new programs entering at all levels
  - a. Issaquah, Wenatchee, Vancouver, Bellevue
    - i. Wenatchee wants a grant from US Lacrosse
    - ii. Wants weekend games with teams here in Seattle; wants games to be “official”, and wants to be a member of the league.
    - iii. Vancouver and Wenatchee will remain at the JV level for this year, they need to be at the fall meeting (and all meetings for that matter).
      1. Additional fees may be required
    - iv. Send e-mail out to JV programs to see who would be willing to play on the weekends
  - b. Requirements for membership
    - i. We as a board need to finalize, what exactly we are requiring all programs to provide in order to be a member, and clearly state what the penalties will be for non-compliance.
    - ii. We need to finalize request/residency forms, and post them on the site (must be posted before the fall meeting)
    - iii. Request forms for movement between leagues needs to be drafted and posted on the web site
    - iv. We will discuss at our next meeting if returning referee’s will count towards a programs ‘new’ referee for the season. It had been mentioned that returning ref’s should not count as a ref’s for a program, in order to continue to grow the ref pool.
4. Residency Grid
  - a. Residency grid will apply to both the MS and the HS leagues.
  - b. There will be a strict deadline for waivers, for both the MS and HS leagues...somewhere around MID-FEB.... before season begins.
5. Feedback system
  - a. Investigate other sports feedback systems
  - b. There needs to be more communication, hence feedback between coaches and refs.
  - c. How to institute feedback for players?
    - i. We as a board need to re-define what it means to be an All League player...so that it is very clear who will be the best suited to represent our league. (possibly use criteria, like sportsmanship, leadership, coachability...)
    - ii. Pre-vote before nominations.
    - iii. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting is mandatory.

1. If your program is not represented the likelihood of your player's being selected will be greatly diminished.
2. Regardless as to if your program has nominees or not, every vote counts