

WSLA Board Meeting | Via GoTo Meeting | 6.5.2017 | 8:00pm

In Attendance, Online/Phone: Lyn Porterfield, Kate Roper, Cathie Frizalone, Sara Towner, Sekou Spencer, Rebecca Prince, Olivia Jarvis, Penny Moss, Lyndsey Gillis, Bo Weinaaertner, Suzanne Replinger, Erin Massena

Excused: Jason Hennig

Executive Director

Kate Roper introduced Erin Massena, as she will be joining WSLA as the new Executive Director as of July 1.

VP Youth

Sekou Spencer will be taking over for Penny Moss as VP of youth. Penny will continue to help on the youth front to make for a smooth transition. Penny Moss will remain on the board.

Board Membership Positions

WSLA hasn't hit any term limits for board positions, but its members will make efforts to be communicative about leaving/joining the board. Kate will be re-visiting the matrix to ensure we fill in any gaps.

Holy Names Incident

An inappropriate incident occurred when a Bellingham player used a racial slur against a player from Holy Names near the end of the regular season during a game. WSLA has received an explanation of action taken after the incident from the Bellingham coaches, however no one from the Bellingham program has been identified as the player who made the comment.

ACTION: Kate will work with the entire WSLA board to find a solution for punishment, as this incident cannot exist without repercussion.

Team WA

Congratulations to U19 Team WA for going undefeated at the 2017 Women's National Tournament. Junior, Mackenzie Chapman, was also named to the 2017 HLA team in addition to being a finalist for the High School Player of the Year.

State Championship

The state championship game was a success from a playing standpoint. WSLA will be working with Starfire to 'get out the kinks' (scoreboard controller, lights). The lights turning off at the end of the game (with 40 seconds remaining), causing a 15-minute delay, was the largest issue the event faced. WSLA is working to get compensated for this inconvenience.

End of Season Jamboree

End of the season Jamboree at Starfire on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend was a success. After the original event being canceled at 60 acres (due to field conditions), it was great to run the one-day event at Starfire. Given the original cancellation and move from Saturday to Sunday of a holiday weekend there was less participation than past years. Nonetheless, Brian Hultz did a fantastic job with his North Cascades Crew running the event.

League Meeting, tomorrow June 6th

The end of the season league meeting will take place tomorrow – June 6th at SPU. Kate will be leading the meeting and cover the regular end of the season items of business. She will also be addressing the various issues the league faced this way: schedule issues, coaching behavior, showing up for games and league culture. WSLA wants to address these issues to encourage our community to fight against inappropriate behavior from parents, coaches and players.

Summer issues for WSLA:

Youth Rules

WSLA is looking to publish a WSLA Rulebook at the U11 level for the 2018 season which will incorporate WSLA and US Lacrosse youth rules as WSLA deems appropriate. Too many coaches are implementing their own set of rules on a game by game basis. By putting together our own set of rules, slightly behind the set of rules US Lacrosse publishes each year, the 3rd/4th grade division will develop appropriately.

Youth districting

WSLA will also be discussing a move towards districting the youth programs as our league expands and participation continues to grow.

ACTION: Contact Kate Roper if you'd like to be a part of either of the discussions regarding youth districting and rules.

September Board Retreat

Our annual WSLA Board Retreat will be in September at 'Camp Roper'.

ACTION: Lyn Porterfield will send out a Doodle poll to find the best Sunday in September to meet.

Financial Report

While the financial reporting for both the semi-finals/championship and EOS jamboree is not in, Kate doesn't anticipate that we made a large profit on either event. Cathie Frizalone is putting together the financial report for May.

ACTION: Cathie will work with Lyn to identify those programs who have yet to pay fees. She will also be compiling the financials for May, once the end of the season business has concluded.

