

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOLASTIC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Note: I have taken the liberty of giving our group a name, the WVSLA. This may be revised at another time.

WV HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP PROPOSAL MEETING FOR 2007 SEASON

April 22, 2007

Morgantown High Lacrosse Locker Room

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Jeff Dreisbach

Present:

Jeff Dreisbach - University
Jim Lenke – Morgantown
Jim DeNardi – Fairmont Senior
Jim Mullen - Bridgeport

Absent:

Austin Heywood - St. Albans
Kevin Maloney - Wheeling CC
Dave Holden - Wheeling Park
Randy Shah - Linsly School
Gary Gwynn – Wheeling Lacrosse Association

Mr. Dreisbach opened the meeting by reading the emails from the representatives provide background. They are as follows:

I'm afraid St. Albans wont have representative at the meeting this Sunday, but we're really down for anything, so if you guys could just let me know via e mail the final plans for the state tournament and for next year that would be great. - Austin Heywood, St. Albans

I can't make it, but Central is very agreeable to whatever is decided. – Kevin Maloney, Wheeling CC

Sorry but I cannot be there. However, I am in support for having a State Tournament if the final game is played on or before May 21. Anything after that our kids are on exams and I am not allowed to play. I also do not mind having higher seeds host games, but I would be careful with the fact that it would be easier to get refs to one place and have multiple games than trying to stretch it and not have the officiating. Also, I think that one location might bring in a bigger gate and gives us the potential for better media attention and sponsorship. Good luck Sunday, Randy Shah The Linsly School

Randy,

We will keep in mind Linsly's 5/21 end date for this year. Can you guys go past 5/21 at all, ever? i.e. The WV State Track & Softball Championships are May 24-26 & the Baseball Championship is May 30 - June 1.

Next year, will Linsly have be done with lacrosse around the same time? If so, we'll just have to make sure all WV lacrosse teams have their season vs. WV opponents done early enough to be able to include Linsly in a state tourney. Sunday, we're going to try and iron out something for this year and get input for next year.

Another wrinkle, we have Senior exams May 11 & 14 and we are not allowed to schedule anything during Westest May 14-16. – Jeff Dreisbach, University

Jeff,

Nomally we finish school somewhere around the 21st as our graduation is always Memorial Day weekend. With that Linsly does not compete in anything once our exams start. We are not eligible to play in Track, baseball or softball championships and once Lacrosse is state sanctioned we will not be able to compete in that tournament either. We are not recognized as being eligible for State Championships because of our private status. In other sports they do rank us in the state so our games do count and we are eligible for player recognition and awards, so i would like us to be considered for regular season play when it comes to playing all WV teams. I hope that at some point WV does accept lacrosse as a full Varsity sport, but until then we would love to be a part of anything that is offered and allows us to compete. Thanks Randy

METHOD OF SEEDING TEAMS

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Mr. Dreisbach had proposed previously via email that the WVSLA adopt the WPSLA method of seeding teams for playoffs. They are as follows:

1. All teams must play each other
2. Best record among all teams
3. Head to head
4. Goal differential between tied teams
5. Goal differential between all teams
6. Coin flip

Mr. Lenke proposed that we abandon the requirement that all teams must play each other. He said it will be very difficult for him to get a game with Linsly into the Morgantown schedule. Mr. DeNardi said it will be very tough for him to schedule a game with St. Albans. It was then agreed to use the WPSLA format, but not require all WV teams to play each other this year.

PLAY OFF DATES & SITES

All present agreed to attempt to get the WV Championship playoffs & Championship done early enough to be able to include Linsly in 2007 and in the future. It was agreed that for the 2008 season, all teams would allow for a WV playoff and championship when they did their scheduling. The 2008 format would be decided at another time.

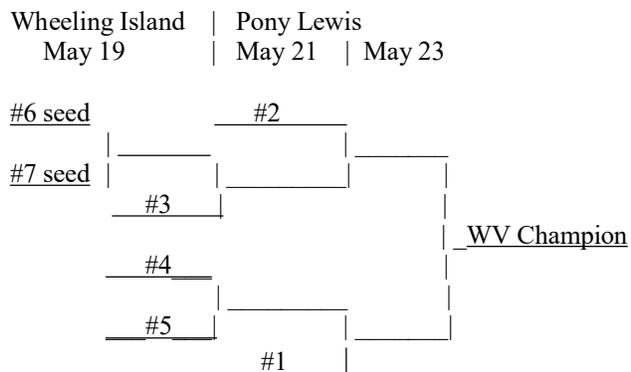
There was a discussion of the possibility of either University and or Morgantown being in the WPSLA playoffs. The WPSLA Division 2 playoffs begin the weekend of May 18 & 19. The committee agreed to allow for the possibility of UHS & MHS being in the WPSLA playoffs.

The possibility of the best gate receipts per site and the cost of each site were discussed. Mr. Gwynn had previously provided the information that once the lights went on at Wheeling Island Stadium, it cost \$500. Mr. Dreisbach said that we could get Pony Lewis Field at no cost to the group. Mr. Lenke agreed.

After some discussion of the pros & cons of playing at Pony Lewis Field vs. Wheeling Island, it was decided that the quarterfinals be at Wheeling Island, on Saturday, May 19, since the teams involved would be mostly Wheeling teams, therefore the most fan participation & gate. The games would run (6 v. 7) at 11:00 a.m., (4 v. 5) at 2:00 p.m., and (3 v. 6/7 winner) at 5:00 p.m. thereby eliminating the expense of using the lights. If Wheeling Island is not available, the semis would be at Pony Lewis Field.

The semifinals and finals would be at Pony Lewis Field. Semifinals are May 21 at 6:00 & 8:00 p.m. (rain date May 22). Final is May 23 at 8:00 p.m. (rain date May 24).

Mr. DeNardi suggested a “play in” type bracket. After some discussion, all agreed. Bracket follows:



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FEES & CONCESSIONS

Since Referee fees would be \$195 per game, the required 6 games would cost \$1170. We propose charging each team \$200 to cover the cost of referees & incidentals such as game balls, etc. (In our original calculations, we thought it would be \$205 per game for refs, but were wrong).

For the gate we proposed that we should charge \$3 for adults and \$2 for students at all playoff games. We decided that all money that is collected would offset any incurred expenses and the remainder be used as seed money for our new WV lacrosse organization. How that organization is set up is yet to be decided.

Concessions – It was decided that any concession revenue would be kept by the entity running the concession stand.

There was no decision as to who would handle the money or who checks would be made out to.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Dreisbach
Acting Secretary