

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of February 1, 2014

General Membership/Mandatory Coach's Meeting

766: The meeting of the Membership/Coach's of the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association was held on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 10:00 AM at Bertona Hall, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington.

Board President/North Rep: Peter White
Division I Rep: Brandon Fortier
Division II Rep: Greg Hill
East Rep: Henry Valentine
West Rep: Rob Hawley
Metro Rep: Kris Snider
At-Large: Ian O'Hearn
Board Executive Secretary: Kathi Lucchesi

Division I – Auburn Riverside, Bainbridge Island, Ballard, Bellarmine Prep, Bellevue, Blanchet, Bothell-Inglemoor, Curtis, Eastlake, Eastside Catholic, Emerald Ridge, Everett, Gig Harbor, Issaquah, Kamiak, Kennedy Catholic, Lakeside, Lake Washington, Mercer Island, Mt Si, Newport, Roosevelt, Seattle Prep, Sehome-Bellingham, Skyline, Snohomish, Stadium, Tahoma, Woodinville

Division II –Burlington-Edison, Camas, Franklin, Friday Harbor, Gonzaga Prep, King's Way, Klahowya, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Lynden, Mead-Mt. Spokane, Meadowdale, Monroe, Nathan Hale, North Kitsap, O'Dea, Overlake, Peninsula, Port Angeles, Providence, Redmond, Richland, Seattle Academy, Selah, Shorecrest, Southridge, South Kitsap, Stanwood, Union, University-Central Valley, Vashon, Wenatchee, West Seattle

767: Roll Call was taken and Peter welcomed the new programs and coaches to the league:

O'Dea – Drew Snider
Southridge - Terry Brown
Seattle Academy (SAAS) – Scott Pattison
Peninsula – Tracy Lyon
Richland – Chad Mitchell
Ballard – Mark Brick & Dan Wishengrad
Eastside Catholic – Gordon MacIvennie
Curtis – Rod Amell
Mt. Si – Chris Castleberry
Selah – David Blethin

- 768: Peter reminded the membership about the ground rules for speaking. Everyone can speak once on every topic. If someone wants to speak twice they must wait until everyone else has the opportunity to speak once.
- 769: Kathi announced that a copy of the current contact list is circulating and to please provide updated information. It was requested that each program double check for accuracy, listing the head coach and one other person in charge of the program.
- 770: Peter announced that at the 2014 October General Membership Meeting, the membership will be asked to approve amendments to the WHSBLA bylaws. The proposed change is to increase the size of the board to include two new positions to better serve all areas of the state. Prior to the October meeting, nominations will be sought to fill those potential new positions in order that if the amendment is approved, a vote may take place.
- 771: The meeting agenda was amended to allow guests from WALOA to make their presentation at the start of the meeting.
- 772: The US Lacrosse video highlighting 2014 rule changes and points of emphasis was shown to members. The link to the video is attached here:
<http://www.youtube.com/embed/vr3YSzQ-6VM>
- 773: Erik Smith and Keith MacFie were present to answer questions regarding new rules and regarding assigning of officials for the season. It was announced that if coaches had any further questions or need further rules clarification, they can contact Keith at linesref53@gmail.com.
- 774: Coaches packets and membership fees are due today. Invoices and reminders had been sent out to all. Membership fees are \$275 per Varsity team and \$175 per JV team.
- 775: The initial game fees payment is due March 1, 2014. Brandon explained the invoicing process: the first payment includes all home games on the schedule at this time; the second invoice will be sent at the end of the season and will include any additions or changes including refunds due back for referee no-shows.
- 776: It was announced that if a referee does not show, the home team coach is to email both Brandon and Kathi to assure it is reflected on the final invoice.

- 777: Official program rosters are due to Kathi by March 17th. Rosters must be submitted using the template that will be emailed to all by Brandon. Brandon showed an example of a roster using the template. Program rosters include all players in the program, varsity and sub-varsity. The rosters are used throughout the year for a number of reasons, including player eligibility, US Lacrosse census reports, and insurance reporting. There is necessity for consistency which is provided by the template.
- 778: It was announced that round two of the Conglomerate Assessment will be done after the program rosters are submitted. The board will review and determine programs that shall be placed on notice for a split.
- 779: Brandon explained the process for posting rosters on Sportability. Rosters are to be posted before the first varsity game. Additionally, any players that are to play in a varsity contest must be posted on the roster prior to playing in such.
- 780: Coaches were reminded that all program web pages need to be looked at and to contact Brandon with any necessary changes.
- 781: Brandon explained what documents must be kept with the team at all times in the team notebook. It was also explained to coaches that rather than a physical binder check at games, each team is to submit compliance documents via email. The documents shall be scanned and emailed to Kathi. Brandon displayed an example and further explained the process noting that an email will also be sent to all with this information.
- 782: Members were reminded of the game limits: Each team can play a maximum of 20 games plus 1 jamboree. A jamboree is 3 shortened (40 minutes running time) games per day. If attending a two-day jamboree, the first day counts as the jamboree and the second day counts as 1 game toward the total of 20. Anything that is a contest with an opponent must be reported – including scrimmages. The only contest not needing to be reported is if it is kept within the program (i.e. Varsity vs. JV, etc.).
- 783: No contest of any kind against an opponent is allowed until after players have had 10 practices. 2-a-day practices count as 1 practice. If a team practice is held on a Sunday, it shall not count toward the 10 practices.
- 784: Each player is allowed 20 contests/80 quarters per season. This was explained further: A contest is a game(s) against same opponent (i.e. could be varsity, jv and c teams each play games against a program in same week – this is 1 contest). If a player plays 2 quarters jv and 2 quarters varsity against the same opponent within the matchup time, this counts as 1 contest toward the player's 20 allowed.

785: 2014 Season Important Dates:

- i. First day of practice is Monday, March 3, 2014
- ii. Playoffs begin – Saturday, May 17 (DII), Tuesday, May 20 (DI)
- iii. All-American Meeting – Sunday, May 18th
- iv. WHSBLA Championships - Saturday, May 31, 2014
- v. Out of Season begins - August 1, 2014

786: Brandon will send out a document to all coaches with any changes to the league handbook and a “Coach’s To Do” list.

787: Kris Snider spoke on behalf of US Lacrosse Washington Chapter activities and for Chris Bergin regarding High School Area Chairman items:

- i. The Seatown Classic, which hosted the woman’s game last fall, will be back in 2014 with a men’s game. They will be asking for volunteers to help at the event.
- ii. A level 3 US Lacrosse Coaching Clinic will be held on Saturday, February 22nd at Seattle University.
- iii. Equipment and trainer grants recipients have been notified. All programs that applied for a grant were awarded something.
- iv. In mid-February, US Lacrosse National will be publishing a guide to recruiting.
- v. Chris B. will again be sending out voting information for chapter awards.

788: Kris announced the 2013 US Lacrosse Washington Hall of Fame Inductees. Congratulations to:

Dave Low – US Lacrosse Washington President
Todd Thorpe – Tacoma Youth Lacrosse Association founder
Brandon Fortier – Issaquah Coach and WHSBLA Board Member

789: Mike McQuaid was not available for the meeting. Ian announced that Mike does a very good job promoting lacrosse in the state of Washington. He asked that everyone do their best to support him and make themselves available to report game information. If the head coach is not available to do this, it was asked that a team contact be designated to give the report to Mike and/or answer calls from him following games.

790: The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 PM.

Kathi Lucchesi, Executive Secretary