

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of February 7, 2015

General Membership/Mandatory Coach's Meeting

- 823: The meeting of the Membership/Coach's of the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association was held on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 10:00 AM at Otto Miller Hall, SPU, Seattle, Washington.

Board President/Northside Rep: Peter White
Division I Rep: Brandon Fortier
Division II Rep: Greg Hill
Eastside Rep: Henry Valentine
Westside Rep: Rob Hawley
Metro Rep: Kris Snider
Eastern Rep: Chris Leshner
At-Large: Ian O'Hearn
At-Large: Vern Smith
Board Executive Secretary: Kathi Lucchesi

2015 Membership Programs:

Archbishop Murphy; Auburn Riverside; Bainbridge; Ballard; Bellarmine Prep; Bellevue; Bethel; Blanchet; Bonney Lake; Bothell; Burlington-Edison; Camas; Columbia River; Curtis; Eastlake; Eastside Catholic; Emerald Ridge; Everett; Franklin; Friday Harbor; Garfield; Gig Harbor; Gonzaga Prep; Inglemoor; Issaquah; Juanita; Kamiak; Kennedy Catholic; Klahowya; Lakeside; Lake Washington; Lewis & Clark; Liberty; Lynden; Mead-Mt. Spokane; Meadowdale; Mercer Island; Monroe; Mt. Si; Nathan Hale; Newport; North Kitsap; O'Dea; Overlake; Peninsula; Port Angeles; Providence; Redmond; Richland; Roosevelt; Seattle Academy; Seattle Prep; Sehome-Bellingham; Selah; Shorecrest; Skyline; Snohomish; Southridge; South Kitsap; Stadium; Stanwood; Sumner; Tahoma; Union; University-Central Valley; Vashon; Wenatchee; West Seattle; White River; Woodinville

- 824: Roll Call of all 70 programs was taken and Peter welcomed the new programs and coaches to the league:
Archbishop Murphy – Eric Vaughn
Bethel – Michael Tarbell
Bonney Lake – Arron deLeon
Friday Harbor (returning to league) – Rob Cuomo
Garfield – Derek Sparks
Inglemoor – Pete Brownlow
Juanita – Steve Lytle
Kennedy – Jonathan Schwartz and Brett Bowker

Mead-Mt. Spokane – Michael Shannon
Meadowdale – Jesse Wolfe
Monroe – Garry Hartzell
Mount Si – Brian Rinckenberger
Nathan Hale – Drew Wright
Redmond – Kirk Bachison
Seattle Prep – Rich Stearns
Selah – Pat Mehl
Snohomish – Ronnie Tippet
Southridge – Mike Gier
Sumner – Dan Lancaster
Union – Tim Goodspeed
West Seattle – Will Dawson
White River – John O'Connor
Woodinville – Andy Farrington

- 825: 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.
- 826: Brandon reported that the board has received a number of questions regarding student transfers. Because of this, the transfer rule was displayed on the overhead and reviewed. The bottom line is that if a player moves from one school to another, they are a transfer student and eligible for JV. If the player wishes to be considered for varsity eligibility, they must submit a petition to the board for a transfer review. The Transfer Review Form can now be found on the league website under COACHES INFO --> League Documents
- 827: Coaches' packets and membership fees are due today. Invoices and reminders had been sent out to all. Membership fees are \$300 per Varsity team and \$200 per JV or C team. Included in the coaches' packet is a declaration stating that your program will have all required paperwork (kept in team binder) completed. Brandon reminded all to familiarize themselves with the mandatory documents now.
- 828: The initial game fees payment is due March 1, 2015. 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. Kathi asked that if any program has trouble paying initial game fees due to school policy to get in contact with her immediately to work out a payment plan. Members were also reminded of the new mailing address for WHSBLA

and to make sure to double check that it is updated with whoever processes payments for their program. The address is on all invoices.

- 829: The process for updating information on Sportability was announced. Brandon asked that if a coach does not have a current user name and password to contact him immediately to have one issued. Coaches will need to upload a roster of all players that may play in a varsity game. Names can be added but a player is not to step on the field in a varsity contest prior to being posted on Sportability. There was a quick overview of how to update scores and stats and Brandon will email out detailed instructions in a follow up email.
- 830: Official program rosters are due to Kathi by March 16th. 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, and the total count of each. 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 roster consistency which is provided by the template.
- 831: Brandon reported that he will be emailing out a pre-season "To Do" list to all coaches. Items that need to be taken care of include: 1) Team Binder completed and documentation of such scanned and emailed to Kathi; 2) Background Check of a national scope; 3) US Lacrosse Level 1 and PCA course completed for head coach. Brandon explained each item and will include more information in his email.
- 832: 2015 Season Important Dates:
- i. First day of practice is Monday, March 2, 2015
 - ii. Playoffs begin – Friday, May 15 (DII), Tuesday, May 19 (DI)
 - iii. All-American Meeting – Sunday, May 17th
 - iv. WHSBLA Championships - Saturday, May 30, 2015
 - v. Out of Season begins - August 1, 2015
- 833: 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.).

834: 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. NOTE: If a game is scheduled on March 13th, players will have to be at all practices prior to that date as there are just 10 practice days.

A practice is defined as doing something physical/athletic and lacrosse specific. Watching film the entire session does not count as a practice.

835: 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.

836: Brandon reviewed the Conglomerate Program Assessment (CA) – shown on the overhead and found on the WHSBLA website. He explained that the board will look at the rosters submitted in March and use the CA as a guideline.

837: The 2015 season rule changes and NFHS Points of Emphasis were presented via the US Lacrosse video that explains each. For a review and specifics, this video can be found on the US Lacrosse website.

838: Kris Snider spoke about the US Lacrosse Washington Chapter activities and for Chris Bergin regarding High School Area Chairman items.

- The U-19 National Team selection process was introduced. Chris Bergin will be in contact with all coaches to become part of that process. Coaches were reminded that there are just 22 players from all of the United States that will make up that team.
- All American selection process: May 17th will be the meeting date for this selection. Washington is currently allowed up to 7 All American awards.
- There will not be an All American Showcase this summer.
- If you have questions about any of the US Lacrosse awards, contact Chris Bergin directly and be on the lookout for information from him seeking your input.

- REMINDER: make sure all players have certified helmets. If any helmets need re-certification, take care of that immediately
- US Lacrosse is continuing to place much of their emphasis on positive sportsmanship. Coaches are responsible for fan behavior and the Sideline Manager is still required at all games (provided by the home team)
- USLacrosse.org has a large number of resources available. A mobile coach app to download and college recruiting process guide are two examples.
- The Washington Chapter is hosting a Coaches Convention immediately following this meeting. It is not too late to sign up.
- US Lacrosse Washington Chapter is looking for volunteers to help in a number of areas. Kris shared his and Chris Bergin's email addresses for questions: k_snider@msn.com and chris.bergin@gmail.com

839: It was announced that Mike McQuaid is the public relations coordinator for the league. He will be sending out a media guide and request for program information. Please make this information available to him.

840: Coaches were reminded that it is a league requirement to have scores and stats posted to Sportability within 24 hours of a game ending.

841: Peter announced that there will be a US Lacrosse Level 1 Clinic at Sedro-Wooley High School on March 1st.

842: The meeting was opened up to questions and brief discussion by members. Questions were asked about the use of Chief Bench Officials and how it will affect referee fees. There will be no changes this year as the potential costs will be absorbed through the league and WALOA.

843: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Kathi Lucchesi, Executive Secretary