

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of January 29, 2015 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

Attending: B. Fortier, I. O'Hearn, R. Hawley, K. Snider, K. Lucchesi, P. White, H. Valentine, C. Leshar, G. Hill

1511 DI and DII Playoff Brackets

B. Fortier presented for review a possible playoff structure and bracket for both DI and DII explaining the reasoning for the structures given the different conference sizes. A question was raised regarding the number of playoff berths per conference and discussion about creating balance followed. After much discussion, the structure was altered slightly to balance the number of playoff spots appropriately.

Document to be posted under League Documents on WHSBLA.org

1512 2015 Season Registration Fees

While there had been an increase in expenses over the past few years, the membership fees remained the same. K. Lucchesi proposed raising the membership fees by \$25.00 per team to cover the cost of doing business. The membership fees would be set as \$300 per varsity team and \$200 per sub-varsity team.

MOTION: It was moved by B.Fortier and seconded by G. Hill to raise the membership fees by \$25 per varsity team and \$25 per sub-varsity team. In favor: 8. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

1513 Meeting with Officials Representatives

With the move of the Arbiter account to WHSBLA, it was recognized that there needs to be a meeting with all parties involved in the administration of scheduling and paying officials. I. O'Hearn will make arrangements for such a meeting.

1514 State Championships

It was proposed that the board address the possibility of moving the coordination of the state championships back to the WHSBLA. Because V. Smith could not be in attendance at this meeting, he asked that I. O'Hearn share the following thoughts on the topic:

- The state championships are largely staffed with volunteers involved with high school boys lacrosse
- Under the WA Chapter of USL, the profit must be split evenly with the girls league

- With the profit potential, money could go more toward supporting high school boys lacrosse
- It was proposed that money could also be donated to youth boys' leagues to help subsidize teams and/or areas that struggle to build or to just keep going

It was noted that currently the people that coordinate the event are USL Chapter board members and most of the volunteers for the day of the event come from youth programs. Because there is a lot of information out there, it was agreed that more discussion is needed with an open dialogue about all of the possibilities. It is understood that this is a good opportunity for working toward a win/win solution.

It was suggested that the discussion be tabled for now and added as the sole agenda item at the next meeting when all can be present. With a USL WA board meeting later in the week, K. Snider and I. O'Hearn agreed they will bring it up for discussion and it will be added to the next WHSBLA meeting agenda.

1515 Bethel Request

A letter was sent to the WHSBLA board by the Bethel program asking for an early start to practice. The roster was presented for review and the numbers of player and years of playing experience was discussed.

MOTION: It was moved by B. Fortier and seconded by R. Hawley to deny the request for an early start for the Bethel program. In favor: 8. Opposed: 0. Motion carried. Petition denied.

1516 J. Ilao petition

A petition was received from a player, J. Ilao, that resides in Walla Walla and is home-schooled asking to play for the Richland program. There is not a team in Walla Walla. Much discussion followed.

MOTION: It was moved by B. Fortier and seconded by G. Hill to deny the petition from J. Ilao to play for the Richland program. He will be granted eligibility to play for the closer program, Southridge. In favor: 8. Opposed: 0. Motion carried. Petition denied.

1517 Notification to Teams 'On the Clock'

With a review of rosters and in following the Conglomerate Program Assessment guidelines, there are a few teams that need to be notified that they are on the clock to split. Discussion followed and it was determined that the Everett (Jackson and Everett) and Newport (Newport and Sammamish) programs will each be sent notices.

Additional rosters will be re-examined after the March 1st submission. Teams that were noted for further review at that time are: Sehome-Bellingham, Snohomish, Columbia River and Emerald Ridge-Puyallup.

1518 Selah Program

C. Leshner brought up that it would be helpful if a board member could meet with the Selah program to find out where they are in fielding a varsity team for 2015 and offer guidance to help that along. It was suggested that V. Smith might be able to meet with them.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Kathi Lucchesi, Executive Secretary/Treasurer