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Minutes of June 25, 2007 Board Meeting

- 616: The Board meeting of the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association was held Monday, June 25, 2007 at 6:30 PM at the offices of Vern Smith, 4040 Lake Washington Blvd., Kirkland, WA. Present were Vern Smith, Tony Olney, Ken Hopkins, Brandon Fortier and late to arrive were Ryan Kelly and Kevin Martin. Absent was Rob Hawley.
- 617: **MOTION: The minutes of the June 9, 2007 General Membership meeting, Board meeting #1 and Board meeting #2 are approved as written. Motion passed 4-0**
- 618: Vern spoke with the parents of Sherwin Shayegan and Sherwin himself. Sherwin is a 24-year old man who is developmentally disabled, lives at home with his mother. According to his mother, he was a manager of his high school football team which is where he learned much of the unacceptable behavior that has been displayed at lacrosse games. He is in Hawaii with his dad for the summer. Vern found Sherwin to be articulate with a good vocabulary and was able to discuss the behavior with him. Sherwin would very much like to stay involved in lacrosse and Vern agreed to meet with him in the fall to explain the rules by which he will be allowed to participate, If those rules are violated, he will not be allowed to continue his affiliation with lacrosse. Vern is hoping that a team in the league will adopt Sherwin as their manager and will be responsible for him at their games. This matter will be tabled until Vern meets with Sherwin in the fall.
- 619: The Board has been contacted by several parents from the Lynnwood Lacrosse Club. They have asked the WHSBLA Board to intervene on their behalf with the Lynnwood coach and the Lynnwood Board. Vern has spoken with Tedd Girgus, Lynnwood head coach and the Board has asked Ken Hopkins, North Representative, to contact the parents and Tedd to facilitate a dialogue regarding the problems.
- 620: The Board will begin working on the 5/10 Committee Report and will discuss a few items from the report each month.
- a. Brandon will work on several scenarios for league realignment to present to the Board in July.



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- b. The Board determined that the Eastern WA teams need to grow the game in their area, i.e. expand into more teams, before they are admitted into the League.

621: **MOTION: The Eastern WA teams will be Provisional members beginning with the 2008 season. They will not be placed in the Division II schedule nor will they be in the play-offs in 2008.**
Motion passed 6-0

- c. Tony will chair the Coaches Certification subcommittee and will invite two members to join him. They will have a report for the Board and General Membership by the October meeting.
- d. Vern, Brandon and Ken will sit on the subcommittee to negotiate the 2008 WALOA contract. The current contract expires in June 2008, but there are items to be negotiated within that contract. Vern will contact WOA regarding WALOA and report back to the Board.

622: Brandon will contact Eastside, Seattle Prep, Tacoma/Bellarmino Prep and Puyallup regarding their alignment in Division I and Division II. The Board makes the final decision regarding League alignment after input from the team's coaches and boards. Brandon will report back to the Board at the July meeting.

623: The 2007 WHSBLA Questionnaire was finalized. Gail will send it to all coaches, AD's, board presidents and/or program directors with a return no later than July 15. The Board expects a response from each program, and optimally, from the coaches and board presidents/program directors or AD's.

624: Gail's job description and hours were discussed in anticipation of compensation for the replacement Executive Secretary position in 2008.

625: The Board is contemplating partnering with the WA Chapter/USL to hire a PR person for 2008. Tony will work with Dave Haralson of the Chapter to finalize a job description.

626: In anticipation of increased expenses, the Board is anticipating raising league dues and new teams will pay 1/2 of the full dues for their first year in the league. The Board will finalize league dues for announcement at the October meeting.



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- 627: The Board will review the current Boundary document to update or change it where necessary. A memo will be sent to the current members asking if they are aware of new teams coming into the league. Teams who anticipate entering the league for the 2008 season must formally declare in writing to the Board on or before the October 2007 meeting.
- 628: In response to the discussion regarding attendance at mandatory meetings at the June 2007 General Membership meeting, the Board discussed several ideas for changes to the By-laws.
- 629: **MOTION: The following proposals will be presented to the General Membership for consideration:**
- (1) **The October meeting will be mandatory for all programs and Board elections will be held.**
 - (2) **The February meeting will be mandatory for all varsity head coaches. Failure to appear will result in the varsity head coach being suspended for the first game of the season unless there is prior approval from the Board.**
 - (3) **The June meeting will be cancelled.**
 - (4) **Board terms for regional representatives (North, South, East and West) will be extended until the October 2008 General Membership meeting when elections will be held.**
- Motion passed 5-0**
- 630: **MOTION: The proposed changes to the By-laws (see 627 above) will be presented to the General Membership for approval at the October 2007 meeting. Motion passed 5-0**
- 631: The Board will review the Handbook for changes and updates. Kevin will send to the Board by email the comparisons between the rules of WIAA/NFHS and WHSBLA to assure compliance. This matter will be placed on the July agenda.
- 632: A memo advising all coaches of the dead period that begins August 1, 2007 and what "dead period" means for summer leagues, clinics and camps will be sent out by Vern.
- 633: Under new business, Ken suggested that WHSBLA have in mind a Plan B when negotiating with WALOA.
- 634: The next meeting of the Board will be July 9, 2007 at 6:30 and Vern's office.



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635: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

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