

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of February 2, 2013

General Membership Meeting (Mandatory Coaches Meeting)

- 733: The meeting of the membership of the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association was held on Saturday, February 2, 2013 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
Metro Rep: Kris Snider
West Rep: Rob Hawley
At-Large: Ian O'Hearn
Board Executive Secretary: Kathi Lucchesi

Division I – Auburn Riverside, Bainbridge Island, Bellarmine Prep, Bellevue, Bothell-Inglemoor, Curtis, Eastlake, Eastside Catholic, Emerald Ridge, Issaquah, Kamiak, King's Way, Lakeside, Lake Washington, Mercer Island, Sammamish-Newport, Skyline, Snohomish, Tahoma, Woodinville

Division II – Ballard, Blanchet, Burlington-Edison, Camas, Everett, Franklin, Friday Harbor, Garfield, Gonzaga Prep, Highline, Kennedy, Klahowya, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Lynden, Mead-Mt. Spokane, Meadowdale, Monroe, Mt Si, Nathan Hale, North Kitsap, Overlake, Peninsula, Port Angeles, Redmond, Richland, Roosevelt, Seattle Prep, Sehome-Ferndale, Selah, Shorecrest, South Kitsap, Stadium, Stanwood, Union, University-Ferris, Wenatchee
Absent: Vashon

- 734: Roll Call was taken and Peter welcomed the four new programs, Gonzaga Prep, Lewis & Clark, Mead-Mt.Spokane and, University-Ferris. With the addition of these provisional teams, there are now 58 programs in the league.
- 735: Henry explained the new field size rules and announced that a Field Info sheet is circulating and for each coach to provide the requested field size information.
- 736: Kathi announced that a copy of the current contact list is circulating and to please provide updated information. In addition to the head coach, one other designated contact must be listed (i.e. AD, Board President).

- 737: 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.
- 738: Peter introduced the new coaches to the league. Each coach was asked to stand and introduce themselves:

Lewis & Clark – Dillon Paul
Gonzaga Prep – Chris Shogan
Mead-Mt. Spokane – Kayhan Khadivi-Dimbali
University-Ferris – Chris Leshner
Union – Erik McGuirk
Camas – Jim Avino
Redmond – Pat Harrision
Sammamish-Newport – Ian Lee
Emerald Ridge – Scott Seachriest
Everett – Craig Hess
Liberty – Kenny Gunderson
Meadowdale – David Lin
Nathan Hale – Drew Snider
North Kitsap – Rob Taft
Roosevelt – Joe Cramer
Blanchet – Steve Snorsky
Highline – Charlie Simpson (board member present in his absence)
Eastlake – Chris O'Dougherty (board member present in his absence)
Tahoma – Brian Johnson

- 739: Rob reported to the membership that the Providence team, due to lack of enrollment, has had to disband. He explained that players are reassigned to other programs and may be in contact. With the game schedule already built, if coaches are looking for another game, they should take a look to see where they may be able to pick up additional games from the Providence schedule.
- 740: Brandon discussed deadlines and important reminders of the season:
- a. Feb. 2nd (Today) - All completed Packets and Membership Fees due
 - b. March 1st – Game Fees are due (invoices shall be sent via email)
 - c. March 11th – Official Program Roster (name, address, year and school)
- * It was announced to please follow the template to be emailed out
- d. Before 1st game – Varsity roster must be posted to Sportability

- 741: Brandon explained the Sportability accounts and gave a demonstration of how to maneuver in the site and required information to be posted. Log in information will be provided if a coach does not already have one.
- 742: Brandon next explained the WHSBLA website and individual program pages. He asked that each coach go to their program page to double check for accuracy and then email him with any changes or additions.
- 743: Coaches were also asked to double check their schedules for HOME games to verify that all are listed. These are posted in two places (WHSBLA Website and Sportability). The WHSBLA site is not the official site for games but is necessary for officials to be linked to Arbiter.
- 744: Brandon showed members an example of a complete binder that must be with the head coach at all games and practices. Each part was explained with a special emphasis on Lystedt compliance.
- 745: Brandon explained the process through US Lacrosse for obtaining a national scope background check. It was noted by a member that some schools only do a state background check so all coaches should verify what is done for their program to ensure that a national scope check is completed as per WHSBLA policy.
- 746: Brandon will send all coaches a template for rosters and a game fees invoice. As there is much to complete before the season, he will also include a "To Do" list for reference.
- 747: Henry reviewed Game and Practice Reminders:
- a. Every individual player must have 10 practices before they can compete in **any** contest against an opponent. You cannot count multiple practices on the same day; you may not count practices that occur on Sundays. A practice is defined as doing something physically and something lacrosse specific for an extended period of time.
 - b. For games and jamborees, you are allowed to have 20 games on your schedule plus one jamboree. If you choose to participate in a second jamboree (defined as one day with up to 3 shortened games) this will count towards your game calendar (limited to 20)
- 748: Other important dates were announced:

First day of practice: Monday, February 25, 2013

Playoffs begin: Friday, May 10, 2013 (DII), Tuesday, May 21, 2013 (DI)

All-American Meeting: Sunday, May 19, 2013
WHSBLA Championships: Saturday, June 1, 2013
Out of Season begins: August 1, 2013

- 749: Henry further clarified Rule 12.8 of the WHSBLA Handbook explaining contest limits per player.
- 750: The US Lacrosse video with 2013 points of emphasis was shown to the membership. Specific emphasis included: hits to the head and neck; properly worn equipment (i.e. equipment must not be altered from professionally manufactured. Helmets must meet NCSE requirements); sideline sportsmanship; field dimensions (i.e. safe, legal and properly marked).
- 751: The US Lacrosse video also highlighted the 2013 rule changes including:
- ball must meet NCSE standard (NFHS mark will suffice for 2013)
 - stick strings may be no longer than 2" dangling (was 6")
 - a scorebook, timer and working horn must be provided by home team
 - it is now a violation if above is not provided
- 752: Other rules were highlighted in the video specifically to how the game shall be officiated. Jim Franklin also added some clarifications specifically regarding hits to the head and unnecessary roughness calls. If there is a hit to the head, it will usually be a 2 minute penalty. He asked coaches for their support.
- 753: Kris announced the following from US Lacrosse:
- USL will be focusing on high school coaches and are looking for ideas as to how they can better support them
 - A recruiting handbook is being established and will be out in the next month or so
 - The Compete With Class/Honor The Game program was announced. 10 teams are needed to sign up for this pilot program. Each will receive pledge forms, helmet stickers and instructions.
 - The Washington Chapter annually provides grants, training, public relations, high school championships and more. The Chapter is recognized as one of the best in the country.
 - The Seatown Classic will be taking a year off to build sponsorship and support.
 - The 2013 Stealth Mentor Program is available if a coach is in need or desire of mentoring
 - To contact the Chapter Chair, Dave Low, email him at dlow44@gmail.com

- 754: Kris announced that with his new position on the WHSBLA Board, he has stepped down as the Area Chairman for US Lacrosse. Chris Bergen will take his place. During the transition, coaches should still expect emails from Kris Snider about items that need attention.
- 755: Kris announced that the All American Showcase player nominations are due March 15th. Nominations for coaches are also sought and Dejon Hush briefly explained his experience as a coach last year.
- 756: US Lacrosse Level II coaches training was announced as being scheduled for Sunday, February 24th.
- 757: Mike McQuaid discussed the PR plans for all lacrosse in Washington and introduced new staff member, Ian, who has been added to meet the demands of the growing league.
- 758: Mike distributed to all the Sports Information Handbook and explained the process to complete and return. The deadline of reporting game information is 10:00 PM each evening. This is a hard deadline as is necessary to meet media deadlines.
- 759: Mike announced the following PR reminders and new items for this year:
- Let him know of any local lacrosse news or interesting information about local players and clubs
 - Player of the Week is back for 2013. Coaches are asked to submit a nomination by each Sunday (offense and defense)
 - TV and Webcasting: There will be a weekly webcast (Game of the Week) with the goal of connecting every corner of the state as well as the rest of the country to Washington lacrosse. A production crew will go to one game per week.
 - A partnership with Comcast is back to televise four games: Boys and Girls Championships as well as two other games during season.
 - A sales force is working this year to gain sponsorship.
 - If you see a story from McQuaid and something is not correct or the tone is not right, please contact Mike to let them know so it can be corrected.
- 760: Mike McQuaid asked that each coach go to the website: www.washingtonhslax.com and then to schools and teams selection to find their team and send back any necessary corrections.
- 761: There was time in the meeting for a Question and Answer period.

Question: The question was asked about what to do in the event that a referee does not show for a game. Jim Franklin answered that WALOA will notify teams 48 hours ahead if a referee is not on the schedule.

762: It was announced that there will be a Timers and Scorers Clinic hosted by WALOA on Saturday, February 23rd, at SPU/Bertona Hall at 9:30 AM.

763: The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 PM.

Kathi Lucchesi, Executive Secretary