

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of January 14, 2013 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 5:59 PM – at Mercer Island High School

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

1369 WALOA Update:

It was reported by Ian that after speaking with representatives from WALOA, there appear to be no issues with the items of concern raised at the last board meeting. Jim Franklin will work to revise the last document and will get it out by the end of the next week.

The game fees should remain the same and Ian will get a verbal confirmation so that game fees invoices can be sent out to all programs.

1370 Providence – 8th Graders

For the benefit of new board members, Peter explained the request from Providence that was presented at the December board meeting. Discussion followed about eligibility concerns and it was determined that the request follows the rules of WIAA. Additional parameters specific to lacrosse in regard to roster size were determined.

MOTION: It was moved by H.V. and seconded by K.S. to grant the request by Providence to allow 8th grade players for the 2013 season as a 2B school and in compliance with WIAA ruling. In addition, the maximum number of high school players, grades 9-12, by which this is allowed shall be 16. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

1371 Coaches Packet and Season Need to Know

Documents had been sent out prior to the meeting for review. There was discussion about the additional information needed regarding the size of the playing field. It was noted that when NFHS legal lines are available, such must be used.

1372 Proposed Handbook and WHSBLA/WIAA Policy with Q & A

The proposed revisions for the WHSBLA Handbook along with the WHSBLA/WIAA Policy with Q & A documents were sent to board members prior to the meeting for review. After discussion, it was agreed to accept the documents with the following revisions:

Handbook: Item 12.3.1 ‘A’ shall now read (addition in bold):

Prior to the start of each season, each school shall designate what size field(s) (within rule **when able**) that their matches will be held on. This information will be posted on each programs page of the league website.

WHSBLA/WIAA Policy with Q&A: Item 18.10.0 WHSBLA Policy Note (change to):

****WHSBLA POLICY NOTE:** Any student transferring schools after having participated in high school lacrosse in the WHSBLA must submit a Transfer Review to the league WHSBLA Board in order to confirm the program and determine the level in which they are eligible for.

1373 J. Pipkins petition

A transfer request was received by Peninsula player, J. Pipkins, seeking to play for South Kitsap for the 2013 season where he plans to move in the following year.

MOTION: It was moved by R.H. and seconded by B.F. to deny the petition of J. Pipkins to play for the South Kitsap team for the 2013 season. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0. Petition denied.

1374 Out of Season Coaching – Bellarmine Prep

Following allegations brought to the board and discussed at the December board meeting, further information was sought to determine whether or not Bellarmine Prep JV Coach, Matt Miekele, was in violation of out-of-season coaching rules. After learning that he will again be coaching at Bellarmine Prep for the 2013 season, it was determined that the program is in violation. Discussion followed.

MOTION: It was moved by I.O. and seconded by K.S. that Bellarmine Prep Head Coach, Jimmy Twining, and JV Coach, Matt Miekele, shall each be suspended from the first league game of the season based on out-of-season coaching violations within the program. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

1375 Vote Reporting Error Regarding Out of Season Coaching – Eastside Catholic

Ian brought up concerns about a motion vote at the October board meeting (under item 1336 in the minutes) in regards to out-of-season coaching violations at Eastside Catholic. The motion, if passed, would have given EC head coach, Lewis Ratcliff, a one game suspension. It was recorded as having failed. The vote is recorded as 3 in favor, 2 against and 1 abstention. After further review of rules regarding a board vote, it was determined that the motion did indeed pass as such that with the abstention removed from the overall count of eligible voters, a quorum is met. With 3 votes in favor, the motion passed. The mistake was acknowledged and Henry will notify Eastside Catholic.

1376 Sehome-Ferndale Name Change Request

The Sehome-Ferndale program had sent in a request to the board seeking to change the name of their program and the designated high school from Sehome to Bellingham. History was given to new board members as to the reasons a team must designate a high school with which to be affiliated at the start of joining WHSBLA as a member program. A high school is designated so as to protect the program from the possibility of a new program forming in the same area in the future that might claim players from that designated high school. Much discussion followed and suggestions were made.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by H.V. to deny the request from Sehome-Ferndale to change their school designation and team name to “Bellingham”. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

1377 Redmond Update

It was reported that the Redmond program has provided the board with the information requested showing proof of a new board structure and officers as well as an indication that they have made a turnaround. Redmond has done all that the WHSBLA board has asked and therefore the suspension of the Redmond program has been lifted. The program remains on probation through the 2013 season.

1378 Mike McQuaid PR Fees Increase

It was reported that due to the number of teams and demand going up, the Public Relations fees have increased by \$3,000 (to be shared between the WHSBLA, WSLA and WA Chapter of USL). The WHSBLA share of the increase is \$1,000 (from \$3,500 to \$4,500). Discussion followed.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by G.H. to approve the PR fee increase for WHSBLA of \$1,000. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0. (H.V. was absent for the vote)

1379 Spokane Welcome Letter

Brandon has been working with the new Spokane teams to get caught up on information regarding joining the league and suggested a “Welcome Letter” be sent from the WHSBLA board. Henry, as the East Rep, will draft and send a letter. It was suggested that in the future each new team should be sent such a letter. A standard letter will be kept on file to be modified and used as needed.

1380 Contact List

It was suggested that the Contact List sent out to programs be trimmed down to just include the head coach plus one other preferred contact. The contact list would include name, email and best contact phone number for each. Coaches will be asked to update the list at the February 2nd Coaches Meeting.

1381 February 2nd Coaches Meeting Agenda

Peter will send out to the board a draft agenda to review and edit.

1382 Washington Chapter of US Lacrosse Position

Kris announced that with his new position on the WHSBLA board, he will be stepping down from his position on the WA Chapter of US Lacrosse. He will announce to the membership this opening and opportunity.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Kathi Lucchesi

Executive Secretary/Treasurer