

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of February 11, 2013 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 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.

1383 WHSBLA/WALOA Memorandum of Understanding

There was discussion about getting qualified referees to outlying areas and accountability for making sure that referees show up. Referees are posted on the WHSBLA site under Arbitrator.

Concern had earlier been raised about the amount of work on WHSBLA in determining excess travel and ferry reimbursements. Kathi discussed an arrangement made with Jim Franklin to continue with the way those fees were calculated in 2012 so this is no longer an issue.

1384 Eastside Catholic – Coaching Violations Response

There was much discussion about the recent out of season coaching violations and the response received from the Eastside Catholic AD.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by G.H. that Coach Ratcliff be suspended for an additional three games (to make a total of a four game suspension) for out of season coaching violations. In favor: 5 (P.W., B.F., I.O., G.H., H.V.) Not in favor: 2 (R.H., K.S.) Motion carried 5-2.

1385 Spokane Officiating

Earlier concern had been raised by the new Spokane area teams in regards to using WALOA officials. After discussions with WALOA, it was determined that six officials have been trained and are ready to go. This is a sufficient number to meet the demands of the Spokane area games schedule and those teams shall be invoiced for game fees through the league.

1386 Chief Sealth JV Lacrosse

A letter from Scott Pattison was sent to the WHSBLA Board requesting to join the league for the 2013 season. Discussion followed about the next steps necessary to join as a JV team. Kris and Kathi will each reply to Scott to help bring them on board.

1387 Sammamish Name Issue – Change to Newport

It was reported that with the name of the Sammamish team moving to Sammamish-Newport, there have been some concerns from the Bellevue School District. Sammamish and their board are committed to becoming a Newport team. In the event of a future split, the two teams would be divided as Sammamish-Interlake and Newport. Coach Ian Lee has asked for help in explaining to the AD the recent name change. Ian O'Hearn offered to meet and explain.

1388 January Board Minutes

The minutes of the January Board Meeting had been distributed and proposed changes were made. The minutes were approved 7-0 via email and are ready to be posted.

1389 DII Playoffs Structure

With the removal of Providence, it was suggested that the DII playoff structure may need to be altered. After discussion, it was determined that the bracket structure does not need changing but that an explanation of such needs to be communicated to the coaches.

1390 B. Garcia Petition

Player, B.Garcia, has petitioned to play for Sehome-Bellingham (his 2012 season team) after he has transferred from Bellingham High School to Meridian High School (assigned to Lynden).

MOTION: It was moved by H.V. and seconded by B.F. to deny the B. Garcia petition as submitted. In favor: 5 (B.F., R.H., K.S., G.H., H.V.) Abstain: P.W. Absent: I.O. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by R.H. that in notification to B. Garcia, the board shall let them know that it supports reconsidering the petition if presented with additional information. In favor: 5 (B.F., R.H., K.S., G.H., H.V.) Abstain: P.W. Absent: I.O. Motion carried 5-0.

1391 Absence of Highline Coach at Feb. 2nd Meeting

It was determined that because it was unclear as to when the Highline coach, Charlie Simpson, was hired, all paperwork and membership fees were on time and a board member was present at the February Coaches meeting, the Highline program is excused for their absence.

1392 Notification to Opponents of Coach and/or Player Suspensions

It was determined that a note needs to be sent from the WHSBLA board to opposing coaches notifying them of suspended coaches and/or players that are ineligible for their game.

1393 Board Communications

Due to the lack of monthly board meetings during the season, to help streamline communications and decisions, an agenda style email document shall be created and used.

1394 Webcast Exclusivity

It was questioned whether or not there should be exclusivity granted for webcasts. Discussion followed and no action was deemed necessary.

1395 Lewis & Clark and University- Ferris Roster Numbers and Petition

An email was received from the Lewis & Clark and University-Ferris programs acknowledging their agreement and desire to drop the Ferris name from the University program and boundary Ferris to the Lewis & Clark program. Further the programs will both be asking for some exceptions to the league policies to ensure the Spokane teams are viable. The Board agrees to the name change and boundary shift. Discussion followed and it was determined that the WHSBLA board needs to have further communications with the teams to explain the league rules, reasoning for such and the petition process for player waivers if they are to request exceptions as well as early practice requests. The board should expect such petitions from those players and teams.

1396 Alignment Discussion

Kris brought up for discussion the idea that the alignment process should start earlier and proposed that a sub-committee be formed to start looking at the process. It was further discussed and noted that because the league is constantly changing with new teams added and teams dropped, it has led to having to make last minute changes. The idea of a committee coming up with a set of guiding principles for alignment structuring was suggested.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Kathi Lucchesi

Executive Secretary/Treasurer