

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of October 22, 2013 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM – via Conference Call

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

1428 Conglomerate Program Assessment

It was brought to the attention of the board that formal written communication from WHSBLA should be sent to programs deemed 'on the clock' to split for the 2015 season. The CP Assessment tool was used to determine those programs meeting the criteria and board members had already notified each program informally. A letter shall be drafted for review and emailed to each.

1429 J. Toy petition

MOTION: It was moved by H.V. and seconded by I.O. to grant varsity eligibility status to J. Toy to play at Snohomish. In favor: 7. Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

1430 Request to waive Head Coach Level I Certification requirement

Lakeside Head Coach, Chris Hartley, asked that the requirement to be US Lacrosse Level 1 certified be waived due to extensive requirements he has from the school, more than 10 years coaching out of state and few opportunities to complete the on-site clinic portion of the certification process. After discussion, it was determined that due to the minimal on-site clinic opportunities in the state and difficulty locating and attending such clinics, the policy requiring full Level 1 certification will be amended and a note will be attached to the coaching certification policy explaining the change.

MOTION: It was moved by H.V. and seconded by K.S. that the coaching certification requirements for WHSBLA head coaches shall be: completion of US Lacrosse Level 1 online and the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) online courses. The Level 1 on-site coaching clinic is recommended. Coaches must show proof of having completed both of the online courses. In favor: 7. Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

1431 Clarification of Ref Pool Requirement

The board had received questions about how and when is the last possible date to supply a referee candidate to become qualified to fulfill this requirement. It was suggested that February 4th would be good to coincide with the Coach's Meeting. Ian will contact Smitty to confirm this timeline will work.

1432 Lake Washington Field Dimensions Waiver Request

A request was received from Lake Washington to be allowed an adjustment to the field dimensions requirement due to new turf and lines painted that make the dimensions of the box larger than what meets requirements. After discussion it was determined that although the league allows for some field size exemptions, the box area must be of legal size and lines will need to be placed to meet the specifications.

1433 League Alignment for 2014 Season

Input from members regarding league alignment and team placement was received following the General Membership meeting on October 5th. After determining that the alignment model known as Model B was favored by the majority of members, discussion focused on fine tuning Model B and studying determined league criteria for moving teams between DII and DI.

It was first noted that this model be slightly tweaked to include the addition of Peninsula and Providence as Division II teams in the SPSL/Narrows and Wesco/Northwest columns respectively. As such, it was suggested that Model B should be changed to have teams from the 4 larger conferences play each other just one time in conference instead of home and away as the model currently shows.

Much discussion followed in regards to teams that are slated to be reclassified as Division I for the 2014 season. It was noted that the criteria mentioned to the General Membership on October 5th, used to reclassify teams, needs to be published and emailed out to all members. The following criteria were used to reclassify several Division II programs as Division I: 40+ players and/or a substantial JV schedule the previous season; .500 or better record last season AND made playoffs; draw from schools with 3A or 4A athletic programs.

No discussion was had in regards to the playoff brackets and these will be fine tuned at the next meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by I.O. and seconded by G.H. to adopt the fine tuned Model B as the structure of the league for the 2014 season. In favor: 6. Opposed: 1 (KS). Motion carried.

1434 All-Conference Teams

Following the determination of league structure, revision of All-Conference teams was discussed. It was suggested that "Division" would be removed from the All-Conference designation. Larger conferences would have more than one team – determined by conference size. Coaches will still choose All-Conference teams and with the new alignment, will have the opportunity to see all players in their conference.

1435 Gig Harbor/Peninsula Question

With a split in their program, it was asked whether or not Gig Harbor and Peninsula teams could remain under one board until the 2016 season. It was determined that due to hardships

in forming two boards, they can remain under one board for the 2014 season only. The following year, each program must have its own governing board.

1436 Providence Question

The question was asked of the board if and when it is too late for Archbishop Murphy to join the Providence program for a combined team. Providence has stated they will have a team regardless. The possibilities were discussed and Henry will contact Archbishop Murphy to determine their status.

1437 Meeting with Auburn Riverside

With Auburn Riverside coming on the clock to split per the Conglomerate Programs Assessment, it was requested that members of the WHSBLA board attend an informational meeting with members of the Auburn Riverside program to help explain the league policy. Brandon and Henry agreed to attend such a meeting.

1438 West Seattle/Chief Sealth team name

Kris will contact the program administrators to determine which school name shall be used.

1439 Franklin

It was determined that the Franklin program will again be fielding a JV only team for the 2014 season as they continue work to build to a varsity status.

1440 Garfield Players petitions

It was determined that petitions sent to the WHSBLA President and Metro Rep from Garfield players had not been copied to and received by the entire board. Kris will forward the petitions to all for review.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM

Kathi Lucchesi

Executive Secretary/Treasurer