

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of September 21, 2014 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 5:11 PM – at Issaquah High School

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

1470 Proposed Bylaws Amendment

R. Hawley had written up the proposed Bylaws change which was announced to the membership. The changes are to Paragraph G of Article IV – Association Governance. The amendment calls for two new board positions to help represent the eastern side of the state. If passed, there will be added to the board an Eastern Representative and another At-Large Representative. It was reported by K. Lucchesi that she has received notification from two members wishing to run for the new positions should the amendment pass: Vern Smith and Chris O'Dougherty.

The At-Large position will be a one year commitment and will be up for election again at the 2015 General Membership meeting to be consistent with other board position elections.

1471 Archbishop Murphy proposal

A request to join the league was received by Archbishop Murphy. As a new team, they had questions about practices and other policies. It was determined that H. Valentine will reach out to all new teams to welcome them and address any questions they may have.

**MOTION: It was moved by B. Fortier and seconded by R. Hawley to accept Archbishop Murphy as a provisional member. In favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Motion carried.**

1472 White River proposal

A request to join the league was received by White River High School listing White River and Enumclaw High School players as part of the team. This team is formed as a result of the split of the Auburn Riverside program.

**MOTION: It was moved by B. Fortier and seconded by H. Valentine to accept White River High School as a provisional member. In favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Motion carried.**

1473 Sumner and Bonney Lake High Schools proposal

A request from the Sumner School District Athletic Director was received asking for membership for their two new high school teams – Sumner and Bonney Lake. These two teams are formed as a result of the split of the Auburn Riverside program.

**MOTION: It was moved by H. Valentine and seconded by G. Hill to accept Sumner High School as a provisional member. In favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Motion carried.**

**MOTION: It was moved by H. Valentine and seconded by K. Snider to accept Bonney Lake High School as a provisional member. In favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Motion carried.**

1474 Auburn Riverside status

The question was asked whether or not Auburn Riverside needed to submit a proposal as well due to the split of the program. It was determined that they are already a member in good standing and as such do not need to submit anything.

1475 Orting High School

With the split of the Auburn Riverside program and the four teams being comprised of students attending those schools/districts noted in their proposals, there was a question as to where Orting students would play. It was determined that Bethel and Puyallup are the closest programs and about the same distance. G. Hill will reach out to both programs to determine which one will allow Orting High School players and have them connect.

1476 Garfield status

There is a player at Garfield that is looking at getting the team started again there. K. Snider will get a parent contact to connect and check on the status as well as answer any questions about the process to being admitted to the league.

1477 Meadowdale/Edmonds status

I. O'Hearn reported that parents at Edmonds-Woodway are trying to get an ASB team started there which would create a possible split of the program. He will connect with them about the process to put forth a proposal.

1478 King's Way team status

King's Way is the only team in the league that is a private school team with public schools attached to them. It was proposed that King's Way will have this year to remain as is but the following year will be King's Way only (although may formally combine with other small private school such as Seton) and not allowed to take public school players OR they can change now to a public school name team and private school students will play for their resident public school.

1479 Conglomerate Program Assessment – purpose and possible changes

The question has been raised whether the CP Assessment is a hard rule or a guideline when it comes to numbers and a mandatory program split. There was much discussion on the topic and some suggestions as to how the board can better work with programs facing a potential split in the near future.

It was determined that there needs to be clarification to the membership explaining that this Assessment is to be used as a guideline for making decisions. A sentence shall be added to the CP Assessment similar to this: "The following worksheet is to be used as a guideline to help the WHSBLA board in making decisions."

There was further discussion as to what to do about new teams as far as being a conglomerate program (i.e. 2 teams tied to one program). It was suggested that a board policy should be created as to how long a program may have 2 teams tied to it. As the CP Assessment is a tool to help in guiding board decisions, this will also be a consideration for the future.

#### 1480 Conference Alignment and Scheduling Assignments

It was mentioned that there has been much discussion throughout the league about the DI and DII designations and that the board should look at the possibility of another model. Much discussion followed about the different models including the current DI/DII and the WIAA model of 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A. It was determined that the options discussed would be presented to the general membership at the October meeting to get feedback to help determine conference alignment and scheduling assignments.

#### 1481 Playoff Tie-Breaker

I. O'Hearn brought up for discussion the process used to determine playoff seeding in the event of a tie. It was proposed that the tie-breaker determination be changed from least goals allowed to highest goal differential. Much discussion followed about the merits of both options. There was no decision to change the process at this time.

#### 1482 Eastern Region Meeting update

H. Valentine gave an update of the meeting he attended with representatives from teams in the Eastern Region. Several coaches and parents were in attendance. Although it appeared that much of their concerns had to do with officiating and therefore not a WHSBLA issue, it was a good opportunity for everyone to come together to meet and discuss other potential concerns. It ended up being a good meeting with programs coming up with a variety of plans to help make the situation better for all. Henry will get a recap from them and send out a summary report.

#### 1483 Selah – Illegal Players

The WHSBLA board was notified by a league member that Selah used illegal players in a WHSBLA sanctioned game. The report was verified by the Selah coach and B. Fortier spoke with their board about the infraction and sanction against them.

#### 1484 Southridge Game vs Non-Sanctioned Opponent

G. Hill had been in touch with the Southridge board president about the status of hiring a new head coach. He will also talk more with them about knowingly playing against a team not sanctioned by the state league and the possibility of using illegal players. B. Fortier will insert language into the Handbook about the policy of only playing teams that are sanctioned by their state league and have it ready to share with the membership at the October meeting.

#### 1485 Executive Director for WHSBLA

It was brought up for discussion the possibility of WHSBLA hiring an "Executive Director" to handle all of the day-to-day business that is currently handled by board members through email and other such communications. Questions were raised as to whether or now the league is big enough and could afford such a position. It was suggested that in the meantime, a shared site be set up for board members to connect to that lists tasks to be done, eliminating much of the email discussion and allowing for better task assigning.

#### 1486 PR Concerns

It was brought to the boards attention that there are concerns within the general membership about the approach Mike McQuaid used this past season when obtaining scores and other information for public relations. The issues need to be addressed with Mike and P. White has agreed to call him to discuss prior to entering into the PR contract for the 2015 season.

#### 1487 October 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Agenda discussed

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM

Kathi Lucchesi, Executive Secretary/Treasurer