

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of November 3, 2015 Board Meeting  
6:30 PM – Office of Vern Smith

Attending: B. Fortier, I. O'Hearn, V. Smith, H. Valentine, K. Snider, P. White, C. Leshner, G. Hill,  
R. Hawley  
Absent: K. Lucchesi

1561 Recording of Minutes

Minutes of the October 13 board meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting via email for review and discussion. With no further discussion, the minutes were approved 9-0.

1562 WIAA Sanctioning Discussion

Vern, Kris and Ian each spoke briefly on the morning meeting with WIAA executive director, Mike Colbrese, and assistant director, Mike Barnes. Also attending the meeting were Kate Roper and Lyn Erickson from the Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association (WSLA). While the meeting was encouraging, it was agreed that without the girls joining in, the effort for sanctioning will go nowhere.

1563 Transfer Request Update

Henry gave the following update regarding recent transfer requests:

Tippett – Henry will advise Tippett of his petition outcome.

P. Bothell – The transfer discussion was tabled for Henry and Greg to further investigate.

I. Pratt – This transfer discussion was also tabled for further information.

Aloise update – After Vern discussed the situation with the team's board president, they agreed to allow Mr. Aloise to appeal the permanent expulsion before a three person panel.

1564 Scheduling Process Update

All Regional Reps reported in that they were making progress and are on track with the schedule. Brandon is working with Columbia River/Skyview and Greg is monitoring Cascade because the coach is now moving.

1565 WHSBLA Handbook – New Version

Brandon presented to the board proposed changes to the WHSBLA Handbook. After discussion and some minor revisions, the new version of the handbook was approved.

#### 1566 Sanctions Discussion

Brandon expressed concern that teams missing meetings are not being kept track of properly and there may be teams that have missed two consecutive meetings. It was agreed that Kathi will keep a list of teams missing either meeting so we can better monitor the situation. Further, Kathi is instructed to email each team missing the October meeting and advise them of the impact from the appropriate By-Law provision (III.B.3).

#### 1567 Conglomerate Programs

Emerald Ridge will be put on the clock for a program split..

The request by Columbia River/Skyview to boundary Battle Ground and Hockinson to Skyview was discussed and a decision was made to not approve the request. Brandon will advise the program of this decision.

Discussion followed about the Conglomerate Program rule – specifically the pros and cons of having a “hard” two year rule for splitting verses a “soft” two year rule where a program could petition for added time. The soft version brings us back to the problem of not having objective criteria while the hard version avoids that problem but may result in players having no program to play for.

#### 1568 Everet Smith Team Sportsmanship Award

After discussion, it was agreed that this award would be turned over to WALOA to handle. Vern will advise Smitty of the decision.

#### 1569 Member Recognition

After much discussion, it was agreed that recognition awards were not something we are capable of or interested in handling. That said, it was agreed that we could recognize individuals who have made a long term and positive commitment to lacrosse in Washington, as long as part of that effort dealt with boys high school lacrosse. The time discussed was 20 or 25 years. Details are still to be resolved.

#### 1570 Coaches' Packet and Compliance File Distribution

The deadline for distributing the coaches' packet to programs is 12/15/15. The compliance file example will be sent to teams on or before 1/15/16. Brandon will take care of this.

#### 1571 Concussion Data Collection

After a brief discussion regarding the collection of concussion data, it was determined to table this item for the next meeting as no agreement could be reached.

1572 Mike McQuaid – Next Meeting

It was agreed that Mike should be invited to attend the first 20 minutes of the December board meeting to present reasons why the league should retain his services for the 2016 season.

1573 WIAA 2015-16 Handbook

Vern suggested that all board members download and print WIAA's 2015-16 Handbook. Ian was encouraged to review the WIAA-WOA contract agreement that is contained in one of the appendices.

1574 December Board Meeting

The date for the next board meeting shall be December 3, 2015 – at 6:30 PM.

1575 Carryover Items

The following agenda items shall be carried over to the December meeting:

1. Pilot project discussion
2. Update website
3. WALOA agreement

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Vern Smith, Board President