

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

Members present: B. Fortier, I. O'Hearn, V. Smith, H. Valentine  
Members present by phone: K. Snider, C. Lesher, G. Hill, R. Hawley  
Absent: P. White, K. Lucchesi

Guests: Mike McQuaid and Dave Haralson (USL WA Chapter President)

#### 1576 Mike McQuaid Presentation and Q & A

The meeting started with a presentation by Mike McQuaid regarding public relations services for the league. It was followed by a Q & A session.

Mike emphasized the importance of having a third party validation of the sport by posting game scores. He asked for help from the WHSBLA in convincing its members to cooperate with his efforts and requests that a team contact person from each program be identified to him two weeks prior to the start of the season.

Mike reported on the following activities and services he provided over the last year:

- Put on regional clinics for scorekeepers to train them on what he needs
- Worked with individual programs regarding publicity
- Put together the Seattle Times article on Drew Snider and O'Dea
- Has KRKO in Everett and Everett Herald on board to publicize the sport

The Q & A covered issues of cost to the league which is projected to be the same as last year. No number has been confirmed yet by the Chapter. Per Dave Haralson, the high school coverage cost \$18,000 last year with the Chapter covering \$9,000 and the WHSBLA and WSLA splitting the remainder 60/40.

Concern was raised about the lack of publicity in Kitsap County.

It was suggested that Mike disregard programs that do not cooperate and focus his energy into the programs that want his assistance.

After 40 minutes, Mike and Dave left and a brief board discussion followed. The matter was tabled until final costs are presented to the board. Vern will follow up with Mike and Dave.

#### 1577 Approval of November Minutes

Minutes of the November 3, 2015 board meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting via email for review and were modified per Brandon's input. With no further discussion, the minutes were approved 8-0.

#### 1578 WIAA Sanctioning Discussion

Vern gave a brief summary of his follow-up meeting with WIAA's Andy Barnes (one of several assistant executive directors at WIAA).

After some discussion, it was agreed to assemble a list of issues that need to be resolved with WIAA before the league commits to the sanctioning process. Board members were asked to present issues for this list within the next week.

#### 1579 Finals Update

Ian gave a report that we are on schedule for the planning of the finals. Starfire stadium is reserved along with fields 2, 3 and 4. After further discussion, it was agreed that Ian would explore the possibility of extending time on field 2 and possibly fields 3 and 4 so that no competing activities will occur during the finals in the stadium.

#### 1580 Transfer Requests Update

Tippett request: Henry has advised Tippett of the board decision.

Pratt request: There was further discussion and the board decided that he needs to submit a transfer request form before action can be taken. Greg will advise.

Bothell request: Henry gave an update on further investigation into the transfer request. After discussion, the board voted 8-0 in favor of allowing P. Bothell to play varsity this season for Sumner. Henry will advise of the decision.

No other transfer requests have been received by the board.

#### 1581 Scheduling Update

The regional representatives have been finishing up the schedules and there are no issues requiring the boards' attention.

#### 1582 Team Sanctions Discussion

It was reported that there is a possible failure to accurately keep track of teams who have missed mandatory meetings. After discussion it was agreed that Vern and Kathi will keep better records on attendance. Vern will advise all programs currently in violation of meeting requirements.

#### 1583 Member Recognition Discussion

After a brief discussion, it was agreed to table the matter until Kris drafts a proposed criteria for the recognition.

#### 1584 Concussion Data Collection Discussion

After discussion, the final conclusion was that any data collection on concussion occurrences is best kept by the individual programs and that such collection was a decision best left for the programs to decide.

#### 1585 WALOA Agreement Update

Ian reported that there is no current written contract between WHSBLA and WALOA but that WALOA has agreed in general terms that there would be no rate increase for the 2016 season. Brandon noted that since invoices have already gone out, it is too late for a rate increase.

#### 1586 Conglomerate Programs Discussion

After further discussion, it was agreed to maintain our current policy of encouraging conglomerate programs to split when their numbers support it. It was further agreed that the board will readdress this item, if needed, after we conclude negotiations with the WIAA.

#### 1587 Glove Rule and New DI Programs

Since the rule does not require that players gloves be identical (gloves must be in school colors or of a neutral color), it was decided that no decision is required. Brandon has already communicated this information to the team that inquired.

#### 1588 Cascade Status Report

It was reported that Cascade has a new coach and board president. Greg will confirm this information by communicating directly with the new coach and board president.

#### 1589 Playoff Format

Brandon presented a proposed playoff format based on the previous year and reclassification for 2016. After discussion on a few items, the board approved the playoff format for the 2016 season by a vote of 8-0.

#### 1590 Tax and Finance Discussion

Vern requested permission to run our tax records by his CPA to ensure compliance with IRS regulation of 501(c)3 corporations. It was agreed that Vern would obtain an hourly rate for this service and a rough estimate of the time required.

#### 1591 Website Update

This item needs no further discussion.

1592 Next Board Meeting

The January board meeting is tentatively set for January 7, 2016 at 6:30 PM in Vern's office. The location may be moved to Breakaway Sports due to parking issues.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Vern Smith, Board President