

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of July 30, 2015 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:47 PM

Attending: B. Fortier, I. O'Hearn, R. Hawley, V. Smith, G. Hill, H. Valentine, K. Snider, K. Lucchesi, and P. White and C. Leshar via conference call

1519 McQuaid PR Fees

The Washington Chapter of US Lacrosse inquired as to payments past due for the Boys League portion of McQuaid PR. Kathi noted that the 2013 season had been paid but the WHSBLA had not received invoices for the 2014 and 2015 seasons. Kris forwarded contact information and Kathi will follow up to collect invoices and send payment.

1520 Closure of 2015 Season Items

a. Puyallup issue: There had been an issue during the season regarding a difficult situation with a parent/player. The parent was asked to leave the club permanently and has asked the WHSBLA board for help in getting reinstated. As this is a club issue, the board considers it a matter between the club and family. Kris will follow up with the parent to let them know their options (i.e. transfer rule) should they not be able to work things out with the club.

b. Providence Jersey issue: The board was made aware that there was a player on the Providence team that played in a number of games wearing a different number than posted on the website roster while his number was on the field worn by a different player. It was explained to the coach that if a different jersey is needed due to missing jersey, they must let the table and opposing coach know prior to the start of the game. It was proposed that the board notifies the coach that this has been forwarded and any future reports will result in sanctions.

**MOTION: It was moved by V. Smith and seconded by G. Hill to put the Providence coach on notice of reports of not properly reporting player numbers and that if there are further reports, the team could face forfeiture of games. . In favor: 9. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.**

c. Non Compliance issues: Brandon shared the 2015 Season compliance report which contains a checklist of items due. As there were again several violations and a large amount of follow up was necessary, it was suggested that an alternate plan be in place for collecting compliance files from teams. The idea of a substantial fee for not submitting items in full by the due date was presented as well as not allowing a team to play or practice. This matter will be a point of emphasis at the October meeting.

It was noted as a reminder to all that per the Coaches Handbook, the penalty for not reporting an ejection within 12 hours is that the head coach sits out a game.

#### 1521 Mothershed transfer possibility

An email had been received by the board asking about the possibility of transferring programs for the 2016 season. The transfer request was revoked as J. Mothershed plans to stay with his current school program.

#### 1522 Tippet Boundary Exemption Request

Snohomish Coach Tippet inquired as to how to transfer his son to the Snohomish team. He lives in the Monroe district and attends Monroe High School. A transfer petition would need to be submitted and the transfer rule applies.

#### 1523 New Teams Discussion

There was discussion about the potential new teams to the league: Olympia is ready to start and Brandon has sent them an example file to complete and return to the board; Sammamish/Interlake has hired coaches indicating they are also ready to start a team.

#### 1524 Conglomerate Discussion

There was discussion about the status of conglomerate teams: Columbia River/Skyview – looking to a name change – no final word from the program; Everett will change to Jackson for 2016 season; Snohomish has more Glacier Peak HS than Snohomish HS players and Brandon will have a conversation with them about the possibility of a name change; Emerald Ridge/Puyallup needs to be put on the clock for the 2017 season as they have 23 Emerald Ridge HS players returning and 19 from elsewhere. There was further discussion about the possibility of some teams cutting players and it was suggested that if a conglomerate team cuts players, they should automatically be required to split the program.

#### 1525 Status of High School Championships

There was much discussion about the status of the high school championships and the timeline of turning the operation over to WHSBLA:

- a) The payment of \$5000.00 from the USL WA Chapter will be sent to WHSBLA after the outstanding McQuaid PR payment is made.
- b) Concerns were raised about relations with the Chapter and leadership running the championships. WHSBLA board members took up much of the coordination of the 2015 event. Kris noted that the position of President of the USL WA Chapter is due for election and there is a strong need for more volunteers at the Board and Committee levels and to help with Chapter events.
- c) It was asked whether or not the Chapter can run the event again this year or does WHSBLA need to step in early? Kris assured the board that the Chapter will work hard to keep everything going. In the meantime, a venue needs to be reserved for the 2016 Championships

to assure we do not run into the same conflicts as 2015. Ian suggested that the WHSBLA reserve a date at Starfire and make the Chapter aware. He will take care of that.

#### 1526 WALOA Request for College Rules

Jim Franklin asked the board about the possibility of moving to NCAA rules with a few exceptions for the 2016 season. Some specific possibilities were discussed. Vern pointed out that the league is based on NFHS rules which are typically adopted the following season (after one season of college implementation). It was suggested that the league wait until the new NFHS rules are announced. If there are no changes this year, the board can then decide whether or not to make the changes with WALOA. Kris will get a status update on the US Lacrosse position regarding NFHS rule changes.

#### 1527 Bylaws and Handbook Language

Vern offered to look over the WHSBLA Bylaws and Coaches Handbook for areas that need updating. He will circulate suggestions to the board prior to seeking approval.

#### 1528 Alignment Options for 2016

Brandon shared a document with board members to start the process of looking at potential league structures using the 1A/2A, 3A and 4A model. When placing programs based on this model, it was noted that each category seems to be very wide-spread with much disparity. Discussion followed as to whether or not to stay status quo (DI & DII) or look to another model. There had also been interest from programs in keeping to a geographic model and many commented that they would like a 3 tier championship model.

The concern was raised that private school programs have an unfair advantage as they have the potential to recruit players from elsewhere. Much discussion followed and it was suggested that as WHSBLA follows WIAA, we should continue to go with the WIAA on this matter. It was noted that to separate out private schools may put the league at odds with private school ADs that have been supportive of WIAA.

It was suggested that the board bring two options to the membership: 1) 1A/2A, 3A, 4A Model; 2) DI, DII, Private Schools Model

In the interest of time, this discussion was tabled to the next meeting that will be dedicated solely to league configuration.

#### 1529 2016 Board Elections

Kathi will announce to the Membership by August 1<sup>st</sup> that the following positions are up for election and nominations are sought: Division I Rep, Division II Rep and At-Large Reps (2).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Kathi Lucchesi, Executive Secretary/Treasurer