

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of September 15, 2015 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

Attending: B. Fortier, I. O'Hearn, R. Hawley, V. Smith, H. Valentine, K. Snider, K. Lucchesi
Via Conference Call: P. White, C. Leshner, G. Hill (arriving late)

1530 Aidan Rowland Transfer Review

A petition was received from A. Rowland requesting to play varsity for Sehome-Bellingham as he has moved from Mt. Vernon to Bellingham. The petition was discussed and noted that this is a physical relocation and change of schools to the new boundary.

MOTION: It was moved by V. Smith and seconded by R. Hawley to approve the petition by A. Rowland to be varsity eligible at Sehome-Bellingham for the 2016 season. In favor: 8. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

1531 Mac Mowat Transfer Review

A petition was received from M. Mowat requesting to play lacrosse at Bellevue High School following a school transfer from Lakeside High School. The petition was discussed and noted that Mac did not practice or play lacrosse during the 2015 season due to injury.

MOTION: It was moved by R. Hawley and seconded by I. O'Hearn to approve the petition by M. Mowat to be allowed to play lacrosse and be varsity eligible at Bellevue for the 2016 season. In favor: 8. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

1532 Update on University Prep/SAAS decision

Kris reported that following the decision by University Prep to no longer be tied to the SAAS program, he has received emails from some players that will be playing for their resident school program asking if there is anything more that needs to be done. He will close out this business with an email to all players affected by the decision.

1533 Provisional Membership requests from Sammamish/Interlake and Olympia

The board received two requests for provisional membership for the 2016 season. One came from Sammamish/Interlake and the other from Olympia. Both requests were discussed. Olympia sought to include players from a number of high schools including some that are assigned elsewhere.

MOTION: It was moved by B. Fortier and seconded by K. Snider to accept both Sammamish/Interlake and Olympia as provisional members to the league. In favor: 9. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

Brandon will explain to the Olympia program the high schools that will be allowed to fall into their catchment area.

It was noted that Bellevue Christian may also seek provisional membership. Other programs were discussed regarding their sustainability.

1534 Vote Provisional Members to Regular Member status

There were 7 provisional teams added to the league in the 2015 season. These programs were reviewed for potential violations during the season that would make them ineligible for regular membership. No such violations were found.

MOTION: It was moved by B. Fortier and seconded by H. Valentine to accept the following programs as regular members for the 2016 season: Archbishop Murphy, Bethel, Bonney Lake, Inglemoor, Juanita, Sumner, and White River. In favor: 9. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

1535 Potential Rules Changes for 2016 season (WALOA request)

The board was notified that WALOA was looking at the possibility of including a few of the new rule changes regardless of whether or not the NFHS adopts them. Two rules WALOA is looking to adopt is the 30 second clear (vs 20/10) and the quick whistle/5 yd rule allowing officials to give a delay of game if player does not give 5 yards on restart. It was suggested that rather than picking and choosing rules, the league use one or the other (NCAA or NFHS). The potential for such was discussed including what the implications are for insurance coverage.

It was further suggested that Jim Franklin be invited to attend the general membership meeting to present the possible rule changes and open it up for discussion amongst members. Brandon will contact Jim to invite him to the meeting.

1536 Potential Bylaws Changes and Board Elections positions

There was discussion regarding the process for proceeding forward with board elections should the proposed bylaws changes be approved at the general membership meeting. It was determined that if the changes go into effect therefore altering the makeup of the board, the elections for those positions (replacing DI and DII Reps) would take place at the February membership meeting to allow time for nominations.

The Division Reps and At Large positions will still be elected at the general membership meeting on October 3rd.

The bylaws and classification structure for post-season championships votes were discussed to determine the order and process.

1537 Handbook updates

Brandon recommended some changes and updates to the League Handbook. He will continue to work on updating the handbook after the October meeting to have it completed and approved prior to the February coaches meeting.

1538 Board Member Roles and Duties

It was proposed that more defined roles for each board position be created to help members better connect with their representative and to divide the work of the board. Much discussion followed and this will be readdressed after the upcoming board elections.

1539 Insurance Question

The board received an inquiry about insurance options for directors and board members in the State of Washington. Kathi will contact Bollinger Insurance for clarification and reply.

1540 2016 Budget

Kathi presented the 2016 budget for review. Items were discussed and in particular there was discussion about the line item for Public Relations expense and whether or not this should be updated. It was determined that a summary of work done and a PR proposal for the upcoming season should be sought from Mike McQuaid. Kris will get with the Chapter to ask for a PR proposal.

The potential in the near future to offer financial assistance to help start up and struggling programs was discussed. It was suggested that to increase the impact, the WHSBLA should partner with the USL Washington Chapter and with US Lacrosse National programs.

1541 WHSBLA and WALOA Agreement

There was much discussion about the referee concerns in the Eastern Region. It was noted that there are just a few qualified referees and there is a need for different scheduling to allow existing and newer refs the opportunity to gain experience. There is also a need to take another look at charges and have a clear understanding of such given the changes of the past few seasons. Ian will get with Smitty to discuss the scheduling in that region and will also work to set up a meeting with WALOA to update the agreement.

1542 New Sudden Cardiac Arrest Requirements

Rob shared that he took the new online test for Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness. This is a new requirement for all coaches in the state of Washington as well as for parents and players to read and sign. It is very similar to the Concussion Awareness Information. This will be shared at both of the upcoming general membership meetings and updated in the compliance packets.

1543 February Meeting Date

Ian shared the concern that the date of the Mandatory Coaches Meeting in February falls on Super Bowl weekend. It was suggested that the meeting be moved to one week earlier. The board will seek to move the meeting to January 30, 2016 to avoid the potential conflict.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Kathi Lucchesi, Executive Secretary/Treasurer