

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of February 11, 2016 Board Meeting  
7:00 PM Conference Call

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

1610 Approval of January Minutes

Minutes of the January 7, 2016 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 9-0.

1611 Approval of General Membership Meeting

Minutes of the January 30, 2016 General Membership Meeting, mandatory for all head coaches, had been distributed prior to the meeting via email for review and corrections were made. With no further discussion, the minutes were approved 9-0.

1612 WIAA Sanctioning Update

It was determined that as Vern is not a coach, he would take the lead in working toward WIAA sanctioning and start the process immediately. It was proposed that the SPSL be a focus to gain the support of the Athletic Directors in that conference as there are several that already support lacrosse as a school sport. Vern will be in contact with those ADs with the goal to have five teams on board to support and sign an amendment that will be presented in January of 2017.

1613 CPA and Tax Update

Vern reported that he had a conference call with someone from the IRS and it was determined that the WHSBLA is current on all taxes and does not owe anything. He asked his CPA to look further into the league information to determine whether or not the WHSBLA should seek 501(c)3 status or go another direction.

1614 Mike McQuaid PR Update

Kris has a meeting set up for the next day with Mike to discuss plans for his services with the WHSBLA and will have an update for the board. Kris will push hard to focus on WIAA sanctioning and it was agreed that score reporting is not a priority at this time.

1615 Finals Update

Ian reported that all is on track and Starfire is set with the reservation for the high school championships. The stadium field as well as the other 3 fields inside the complex have been secured. There was discussion as to the type of games to be held for the youth leagues – i.e.

Middle School Championships; Honor Games; Clinics, etc. Ian, Kris, Greg and Rod will reach out to their respective youth leagues to determine their desire for that day and will get back together via conference call on February 28<sup>th</sup> to solidify plans.

Ian also reported that Brooke and Peter are still planning to coordinate the event. It was agreed that the contract with Starfire shall be signed by the Chapter for this year. Ian will forward all paperwork to the Chapter.

#### 1616 Coach Sanctions

There was discussion as to sanctions deemed appropriate for failure to attend the mandatory WHSBLA meeting of the head coaches on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Each program in violation was addressed separately.

Joe Bates, North Kitsap head coach - did not attend the meeting.

**MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by I.O. to suspend North Kitsap head coach, J. Bates, for one game and no other sanctions shall be placed on the program. In favor 8. Opposed 1. Motion carried.**

Rich Stearns, Seattle Prep head coach - did not attend the meeting nor was the board notified as such. Assistant coach was in attendance.

There were 3 proposed sanctions: 1) suspend coach from one game plus program be placed on probation; 2) suspend coach from one game but no other sanctions for program; 3) place the program on probation only and no sanctions for the head coach.

7 of 9 board members were in favor of suspending the Seattle Prep head coach for one game with no other sanctions for the program. Vern will notify Seattle Prep of this decision.

Lewis Ratcliffe, Eastside Catholic head coach - notified WHSBLA late the evening before that he will not be at meeting due to doctor appointments. Assistant coach was in attendance.

**MOTION: It was moved by I.O. to place a one game suspension on EC head coach, Lewis Ratcliffe, unless evidence of the doctors' appointment is presented. In favor 8. Opposed 1. Motion carried.**

#### 1617 Ballard Update

Kris reported that he has tried to get in contact with members of the Ballard program but has not heard back from them as to the status of their search for a head coach. He will continue to reach out to others in the program to determine if they will have a coach and thus be able to go forward with the 2016 season.

1618 O. Scott Petition

The Oscar Scott transfer request was presented and discussed. Chris gave specific details as to the geography and school boundaries in the Spokane area for consideration of the request.

**MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by G.H. to deny the petition by O.Scott requesting to play for Mead-Mt. Spokane. C. Leshar abstained from the vote. In favor 8. Opposed 0. Motion carried – petition denied.**

1619 G. Hanson Transfer Request

The Gage Hanson transfer request was presented and discussed. It was determined that the family made a physical residence move from one school to another and therefore should be eligible as per WIAA and WHSBLA transfer rules.

Vern called a board vote to approve the G. Hanson transfer request to be eligible for varsity play at Emerald Ridge. In favor 9. Opposed 0. Transfer request granted.

1620 Lynden Program Request

The board received a letter from the Lynden program asking for help with all WHSBLA fees for the 2016 season. Kathi reported that a \$300 donation from Peter White had been received to help the program cover their dues. Greg will contact the program to determine their needs and report back to the board.

1621 Bothell Update

No new information has been received regarding the status of hiring a new head coach for Bothell. Vern will follow up with the program to determine where they are in the coach search.

1622 J. Huntley Petition

The James Huntley transfer request was presented and discussed.

Vern called a board vote to approve the J. Huntley transfer request to be eligible for varsity play at Liberty. In favor 9. Opposed 0. Transfer request granted.

1623 C. Lane Petition

A petition was received by Charles Lane but as the petition was not complete (missing information from the former coach), a decision was tabled until the information is received. Brandon has contacted the coach.

1624 Regional Reps' Work Load

There was concern that the Regional Reps may feel overloaded with the additional work load placed on them this season. This was discussed and it was agreed that should a board member begin to feel overloaded, they need to advise the board and help will be given.

1625 D. Vita Transfer

Player, Dylan Vita, transferred from Tahoma to O'Dea during mid-winter break and his eligibility status was discussed. It was noted that a transfer petition has not yet been received and if D. Vita wishes to petition to be eligible for varsity at O'Dea, he will first need to submit the transfer request.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Kathi Lucchesi  
Executive Secretary