

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of October 2, 2010
General Membership Meeting

- 592: The meeting of head coaches of the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association was held on Saturday, October 2, 2010 at noon at Bertona Hall, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington.

Board President: Vern Smith
Interim Board Executive Secretary: Gail Shelton
Incoming Board Executive Secretary: Kathi Lucchesi
Division I Rep: Brandon Fortier
Division II Rep: Kevin Martin
East Rep: Vern Smith
Metro Rep: Ryan Kelly
West Rep: Rob Hawley
North Rep: Peter White
At-Large: Ian O'Hearn

Division I – Bainbridge Island, Bellevue, Curtis, Eastlake, Eastside Catholic, Issaquah, King's Way, Lakeside, Lake Tapps, Lake Washington, Lynnwood, Mercer Island, Mukilteo, Northshore, Overlake, Puyallup, Seattle Prep, Skyline, Stadium, Tacoma, Tahoma, Vashon

Division II – Ballard, Blanchet, Everett, Franklin, Garfield, Gig Harbor, Highline, Klahowya, Liberty, Mt Si, Nathan Hale, North County, North Kitsap, North Olympic, Providence, Redmond, Roosevelt, Sammamish, Skagit Valley, Snohomish, South Kitsap, Stanwood, Three Rivers, Wenatchee, Whatcom, Woodinville. Absent: San Juan, Selah (excused)

- 593: Roll Call was taken and Vern introduced the new program, Ballard, and head coach, Brian Main. There are now 50 programs in the league. New Head Coaches and representatives of current programs introduced themselves. Vern introduced current Board members and explained who they represented.
- 594: Vern presented final comments as out-going Board President. He has been involved in lacrosse in Washington for 21 years and commended all the men he has worked with on the WHSBLA Board for their dedication to lacrosse. Without exception, he said the members of the Board made decisions that reflected the best interests of entire league and not their individual programs. The 2011 season brings with it many challenges – because of the growth of lacrosse, WALOA has been strained to the breaking point and more officials are desperately needed. The lack of

officials may limit the ability of WHSBLA to grow. Every program should identify one parent who would be interested in joining WALOA.

2010 was the worst year ever for problems regarding the behavior of coaches, fans and the abuse of officials. This behavior is not tolerated in other sports and lacrosse will not become a WIAA sport if teams don't control their fans. The abuse of officials by coaches and the behavior of coaches have never been worse. Players model behavior of coaches and lacrosse won't become sanctioned with these problems. The Board does not want to micromanage programs. It is the responsibility of every program to discipline its coaches, players and fans.

- 595: Vern reminded the membership about the ground rules for speaking. Everyone can speak once on every topic, if someone wants to speak twice they must wait until everyone else has the opportunity to speak once. He mentioned that what can be said in one minute can be said in thirty seconds.
- 596: The first order of business was the election of regional representatives to the Board. Each candidate introduced themselves and briefly explained why they want to be on the Board.
- 597: The results of the election: Eastside Representative-Henry Valentine; Metro Representative-Ron Wright; Northside Representative-Peter White; Westside Representative-Rob Hawley.
- 598: Chris Kelly and Matt Hastings from Washington Stealth explained how the Stealth is working with the Washington Chapter of USL. Season ticket purchases offer a rebate to individual teams. Group rates are also available for teams. If a team wants posters, they can send an email to Matt and he will send posters. Stealth is offering sticks to schools where there is no lacrosse at no cost to the school. Stealth Indoor Academy is available for individual players or teams. The second season starts November 7.
- 599: LacrosseRecruits.com representative Matt Wheeler was introduced by Ian O'Hearn. The official recruiting tool of US Lacrosse is a recruiting tool that increases the exposure of players during the recruiting process. A player completes his profile with all the information a college coach needs to know about a potential recruit. Video can be uploaded and highlights can be used software built into LacrosseRecruits.com. Players have between now and February 5 to get their information together. To get further information about LacrosseRecruits.com contact Ian.
- 600: The WALOA Negotiating Committee for the 2011 contract is Ian, Brandon and Ryan. Please email one of the Board members if you have ideas

- regarding the negotiations. If you want to sit on this subcommittee, please contact one of the members and let them know. It will be a difficult negotiation as WALOA wants WHSBLA to pay individual officials among other issues.
- 601: Brandon would like all coaches to update their team webpage as soon as possible. If you are not linked to Brandon, please send him an email. There is a webpage for every team. Each program must check the page and fill in the blanks or edit and let Brandon know what changes need to be made.
- 602: Gail announced that the final accounting for the 2010 season is available for inspection by members.
- 603: Fees for game officials for the 2011 season is yet to be determined although the Board is hoping it will be the same as 2010 - \$130 for varsity and \$110 for JV and Frosh/Soph officials. Dues will remain \$10 per player and registration fees will be \$100 for varsity and \$75 for non-varsity. These fees are due at the February general membership meeting. Games added after the deadline (2 weeks after the season begins) will be an additional \$50/game. This is only if a game is added – not a change of time or location.
- 604: Brandon will have the initial 2011 schedule by December 1. Please send him your team's absolute black-out dates (tolo, prom, religious holidays etc.); if your home field has lights or not; or if there are times when games cannot be scheduled on your field. If teams don't respond and the schedule is set, coaches will have to move the games yourself.
- 605: Teams are allowed 20 games per season plus a jamboree. If teams attend multiple jamborees, each one is deducted from your 20 games. If teams have a 13-14 league scheduled games they can fill their schedule to 20 games.
- 606: If you have a JV or FR/SO team built into the schedule you will be charged a registration fee for each and if you pull those teams from the league you will lose the registration fee. Criteria for having a JV team – a minimum of 35 players and 50-55 if you are adding a JV and F/S. You can have a F/S team without a JV team, but F/S teams are limited to freshmen and sophomores players.
- 607: Players can only play 4 quarters per day even goalies. Overtime is an extension of the 4th quarter.
- 608: 2011 Season
Dead Period – August 1, 2011 thru February 27, 2011

- i. No coach may have any coaching contact with his players, including incoming freshmen, during the Dead Period
- ii. For details, see Handbook Sec.8.2.0
- iii. First day of practice: Monday February 28, 2011
- iv. Championship Day: Saturday, May 28, 2011
- v. Finals – May 28 at Memorial Stadium

609: League alignment has been changed as follows:
 Lynnwood and Lake Washington are moved to Division I
 Lakeside is moved to the Southwest Conference

DI – conferences

Northeast Conference (in order of 2010 finish): Bellevue, Mercer Island, Issaquah, Skyline, Overlake, Bothell (Northshore), Kamiak (Mukilteo), Eastlake, Eastside Catholic, Lynnwood and Lake Washington

Southwest Conference (in order of 2010 finish): Bainbridge, King's Way, Curtis, Puyallup, Bellarmine Prep (Tacoma), Lakeside, Stadium, Tahoma, S Prep, Vashon, Auburn Riverside (Lake Tapps)

DII - conferences

Cascade: Everett, Providence, Snohomish, Stanwood, Woodinville

Eastern: Richland (Three Rivers), Selah, Wenatchee

Evergreen: Highline, Liberty, Mt. Si, Redmond, Sammamish

Metro: Ballard, Blanchet, Franklin, Garfield, Nathan Hale, Roosevelt

Olympic: Klahowya, North Kitsap, Olympia, South Kitsap, Gig Harbor

Skagit: Skagit Valley, San Juan, North County, Whatcom

610: Division I will have a 12 team playoff scenario and Division II will have a 16 game scenario.

611: The Board has adopted a new rule for the 2011 season. Because of the problems experienced with fan behavior the Board has enacted the following requirement:

The HOME team is required to provide an adult to serve as the designated "Sideline Manager" to assist with crowd control issues during the duration of the contest. This person **must** be introduced to the officials prior to the start of the contest. In order to remain mobile, this person may not be part of the table crew (scorekeeper, clock operator, penalty timer, horn operations, etc.). The visiting team is encouraged to designate a "Sideline Manager" of their own, and if present should be introduced to the game officials prior to the start of the contest.

- 612: The Zach Lystedt law remains in effect and all members must be in compliance. The WHSBLA website has all the forms and training for coaches.
- 613: Coaching standards are now in effect. See the Handbook Addendum for details.
- 614: The NFHS game jersey rules are now in effect. See Handbook if you have any questions about the details.
- 615: Sportability is the website the league uses and every team is required to accurately record and post statistics and varsity rosters. Also JV scores must be posted. The league asks teams to enter their game scores and statistics within 24 hours of the contest. Assign a responsible parent to post the information rather than the head coach doing the posting.
- 616: If you do not receive two officials for a game, you **must** inform the secretary/treasurer. Reimbursement takes place at the end of the season, but will not happen if you don't inform the league.
- 617: Game Official Evaluation Forms will again be used. The Board strongly encourages all members to fill out and return these forms to the Board. The information provided is invaluable to the board.
- 618: Mandatory Coaches meeting – February 5, 2011 at Breton Hall, Seattle Pacific University.
- 619: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Gail Shelton, Interim Executive Secretary