

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of January 24, 2012 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM - in the M.I. High School Staff Lounge

Attending: R. Hawley, B. Fortier, H. Valentine, R. Wright, I. O'Hearn, K. Lucchesi, P. White and P. Sidebottom (via Skype)

1280 Grade requirements: It was brought to the attention of the board that there may have been players who during the spring season are not maintaining passing grades in their classes. Although many programs do have their own policy in place requiring passing grades in order to be eligible to play, there is currently no WHSBLA policy. There was much discussion as to how a policy similar to the one WIAA has in place could be monitored and/or enforced.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the WHSBLA adopt the following policy, "In order to maintain athletic eligibility during the current semester/trimester, the student shall maintain passing grades or the minimum grade standards as determined by the school district if more restrictive, in a minimum of:

3 classes in a 4 period class schedule or equivalent credits

4 classes in a 5 period class schedule or equivalent credits

5 classes in a 6 period class schedule or equivalent credits

6 classes in a 7 period class schedule or equivalent credits

7 classes in an 8 period class schedule or equivalent credits"

Motion carried 7-0.

1281 More discussion followed about the grade requirement policy.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to add the following statement to the grades requirement policy, "Programs shall establish a grade monitoring system to ascertain the student's passing status in the minimum of required classes." Motion carried 7-0.

1282 5th Year eligibility discussion: The topic was tabled until a future meeting.

1283 Scheduling issues: Brandon reported that the scheduling process is going along fine with just a few issues regarding C teams. He will address C team scheduling issues with the coaches at the meeting on Feb. 4th.

1284 WALOA negotiations update: Ian reported that the contract should be wrapped up by the end of next week. The contract looks to be very similar to that of 2011 with the exception that scheduling will go back to Sportability. It was noted that the contract needs to state that all referees will have a background check.

- 1285 Coaching vacancies: Some head coach positions have been filled since the distribution of the contact list. Those names were given to the secretary for updating and will be confirmed at the Coaches meeting on Feb. 4th.
- 1286 Common bookkeeper: The idea of hiring a common bookkeeper to support the WHSBLA, WSLA and USL WA Chapter was presented to the board. Further discussion on this is tabled until a later meeting.
- 1287 Seattle Addendum: Revisiting the Seattle Addendum has been tabled for a future meeting.
- 1288 Media Report: Rob reported that the leagues met with Mike McQuaid to discuss media coverage for the 2012 season. Mike reported plans for more coverage in the Spokane area with the addition of new high school teams playing in the Idaho league. Plans for the 2012 season include the continuation of Player of the Week with the possible addition of adding a Defensive Player of the Week. Mike will talk to the coaches at the Feb. 4th meeting about his plans and what is needed from each of the programs. There will no longer be a 'Comcast Game of the Week' but there was discussion about the possibilities of obtaining footage from games and submitting to the local stations for greater coverage.
- 1289 D&O and Liability Policies: Kathi reported that the D&O renewal has been submitted and there will be no lapse in coverage. The liability insurance application has been sent in to a new company, Markel, to obtain a premium quote. Because the company requires that all programs in the league also have coverage through them, it could possibly end up that the premium is more than originally expected. Discussion followed as to the viability of using US Lacrosse for liability insurance. It was determined that we will purchase separate liability coverage but investigate the possibility of US Lacrosse for the future.
- 1290 Coaches meeting excusals: There were a few requests from coaches to be excused from the mandatory coaches meeting on Feb. 4th. There was discussion as to how to determine when a head coach may be excused and an assistant coach or preferably an AD shall attend in their place. It was determined that when a coach is required to be elsewhere due to work obligations that make it impossible for them to attend the meeting, an AD or assistant coach may take their place. All materials due at the meeting must be submitted prior to or at the meeting.
- 1291 Coaches meeting agenda: The agenda for the Feb. 4th coaches meeting was discussed. Rob will work up the agenda following the same format as the 2011 meeting. Guest speakers will include: Ron Wright (Rules Changes & Points of Emphasis); Ron Wright (State Championships); Mike McQuaid (PR); Kris Snider (US Lacrosse). It was noted that during the meeting, the new grade requirement policy needs to be announced to the coaches so they are aware.

1292 Meeting duties: Because Kathi will not be at the Feb. 4th meeting, her duties were divided amongst the board members.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Kathi Lucchesi

Executive Secretary/Treasurer