

WSLA Executive Council | Lakeside School - Seattle | 1.8.2012 | 3:30pm

*In attendance: **HS Board** - Jason Hennig, Bruce Reid, Kate Roper, Beth Lancaster, Craig Wickstrom, Jillian Gant, Sara Towner, Sue Haviland. **Youth Board** - Kate Roper, Mike Reynolds, John Brubeck, George Bergeron, Lesley Kovar, Maureen Anderson.*

Excused: Lyn Porterfield, Tami Tommila.

Guests: Colette Foreman, Dean Banks, Mike Shigley

Meeting was called to order at 3:30pm by Jason Hennig

The Executive Council met to consider appeals of player waiver request determinations made by the High School and Youth League Boards.

I. Jacobson Waiver Request Appeal

The Executive Council reviewed and took action on appeals of Youth Board determinations for two St. Joseph Catholic School students to play for the Eastside Crusaders Youth Lacrosse. The players' residence is within the Mt. Si Lacrosse Club program assignment area. Representatives of the Eastside Crusaders Youth Lacrosse program presented an overview of the program and the relevance to the Jacobson appeal.

The Executive Council adjourned to an executive session to review and consider all of the information which was provided as part of the appeal. The Executive Council voted to uphold the determination of the Youth Board.

II. Hennegan Waiver Request Appeal

The Executive Council reviewed and took action on an appeal of a High School Board determination that an 8th grade player could not play on a High School Varsity team. The player attends school within the Central Kitsap School District and requested a waiver to play for the Klahowya High School Varsity team. The WSLA Handbook limits participation to players in grades 9-12.

In considering the appeal, the Executive Council reviewed information regarding 8th grade player HS participation rules and policies for lacrosse programs in Texas, Arizona, California and Oregon. It also reviewed the WIAA provisions in Washington. With the exception of Oregon, there are limited exceptions allowing 8th grade students to participate on a high school team.

The Executive Council voted to reverse the High School Board determination and approved the waiver request to play on a High School team. The Executive Council voted to approve the player for participation at the Junior Varsity team level. The approval is contingent on WSLA being provided with documentation that approval has been provided by the Klahowya High School and/or the Central Kitsap School District for the player to participate on a High School team. Additionally, WSLA must be provided with a full release of liability by the player's family as well as Klahowya High School and/or the Central Kitsap School District.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm by President Jason Hennig.