

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of September 22, 2013 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 8:12 AM – at Issaquah High School

Attending: R. Hawley, B. Fortier, H. Valentine, K. Snider, I. O'Hearn, G. Hill, P. White and K. Lucchesi

Guests in attendance (1:00 PM Arrival): Tom Toon and Kip Eagles

1408 B. Federspiel Petition

A petition had been received by B. Federspiel who attends Marysville Pilchuck HS but wishing to play for the Stanwood program where he has been playing in the youth program.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by H.V. to deny the petition of B. Federspiel to play for Stanwood. All in favor: 7-0. Motion passed (petition denied)

1409 SAAS Application for Membership

Kris Snider gave the board an update on the status of the SAAS and West Seattle area. He announced that Scott Pattison is no longer coaching a Chief Sealth team. Jeff Danner is working to put together a West Seattle area team that would include players from Chief Sealth.

The SAAS application was discussed noting the numbers of players at each school. The application requested to join players from SAAS, University Prep and Bush School.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by H.V. to accept the application of the SAAS program as a provisional member with the removal of the Bush School as part of the new program. The new program will be a combination of SAAS and University Prep players only. In favor: 6. Opposed: 1. Motion passed.

1410 Status of Garfield players

Following the approval of the new program, the WHSBLA board discussed the status of the players on the Garfield roster that do not attend either SAAS or University Prep.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by I.O. that Garfield High School be added to the boundaries of the Franklin program. All in favor: 7-0. Motion passed.

1411 Franklin status

Ian suggested that with 25 new players to the program for the 2014 season, the board should ask the membership to help support the Franklin program with gear donations or other. An announcement will be made at the General Membership meeting in October.

1412 O'Dea Application for Membership

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by H.V. to accept the application of the O'Dea program as a provisional member. All in favor: 7-0. Motion passed.

1413 Olympia update

An email had been sent to the board during the summer regarding a possible new program starting up in the Olympia area. It was reported that there is no new information. Greg will follow up to determine the status.

1414 Start Date and State Championship Date

The first day of practice for the 2014 season shall be March 3, 2014. With the late start date, there was discussion as to whether or not the season needed to be extended. It was determined that the league will follow the WIAA schedule and hold championships on May 31, 2014.

1415 Coaches Certification

It was brought for discussion the concern that the WHSBLA board does not have a good way to track the coaching certification requirements. After much discussion, it was determined that going forward, the coaching certification shall be changed to the following: All head coaches must be US Lacrosse Level 1 certified. Coaches with over 10 years of coaching shall be exempt from this requirement.

1416 Players from areas not in the boundary documents

It was reported that there was a player from Eatonville HS on the Puyallup roster. As Eatonville is not listed as tied to any program in the boundary documents, it was noted that the WHSBLA board needs to make programs aware that players cannot just be added to a program. The board must determine the correct program such players will be tied to in the boundary document.

1417 Orting High School

A letter was sent to the board from the Auburn Riverside (Lake Tapps Lacrosse Club) and Emerald Ridge (Puyallup Lacrosse Club) programs seeking a change to the boundary document. The request sought to move Orting High School from Emerald Ridge to Auburn Riverside. Discussion followed.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by H.V. that Orting High School be moved from the Emerald Ridge program to the Auburn Riverside program in the boundary documents. All in favor: 7-0. Motion passed.

1418 Archbishop Murphy request

A parent representing players from Archbishop Murphy requested that the players be allowed to be grouped together with one program (Everett). It was noted that although there was an

effort to put together an Archbishop Murphy team, the AD there has stated this will not happen for at least the coming season. Discussion followed.

1419 Repeat Binder and Administrative Violations

Due to a number of programs that had binder and administrative violations and a few of them being repeat offenders, there was discussion about appropriate sanctions for such.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by R.H. that the head coaches of the North Kitsap and Friday Harbor programs be suspended for the first game of the 2014 season. All in favor: 7-0. Motion passed.

1420 Uniforms

The issue of teams wearing uniforms that are not legal by NFHS rules was again brought up for discussion – specifically in regard to what should be done about teams that were put on notice during the 2013 season yet continued to wear illegal uniforms. This is a national high school rule that the WHSBLA membership was notified of and given an ample grace period to come in to compliance. This will once again be a point of emphasis at the October General Membership Meeting.

1421 WALOA Update

The 2013 season arrangements between WHSBLA and WALOA went well and because of that, the memorandum of understanding is on track to be agreed upon well ahead of the 2014 season. It was suggested by Ian that Erik Smith have time at the General Membership meeting to explain the new rules and points of emphasis.

There was much discussion about how to meet the demands of a growing league. It was suggested that trainings need to take place in outlying areas to help meet this demand and make sure qualified officials are in each region. One suggestion to help meet this need was to make it mandatory that each program provide one new qualified referee.

MOTION: It was moved by I.O. and seconded by G.H. that it be required for each program to submit one new qualified referee candidate to be added to the referee work pool for the 2014 season. The referee candidate must work a minimum of 5 games to be deemed qualified. If a program does not submit a referee, they will be charged the amount of one full varsity game fee. In favor: 6. Opposed: 1. Motion passed.

1422 Board Expansion and Restructure

Due to the expansion of the league with a number of new teams added to outlying areas, a new board structure was proposed. This would include adding two positions – an Eastern Region Representative and another At-Large Representative. Discussion followed as to the correct process to make such changes and it was determined that the proposal would be announced at the General Membership meeting while consultation is sought as to the correct procedures for board restructuring.

1423 Richland update

Ian reported on the timeline of events surrounding the request for membership by the new team, South Ridge, out of the Richland program area. Background was given regarding meetings and communications between members of the Richland board and WHSBLA board members.

1424 Three Rivers Lacrosse Club Guests

Tom Toon and Kip Eagles of the Three Rivers Lacrosse Club joined the meeting to present potential new information regarding the events surrounding the split of the Richland program. Information was presented to the WHSBLA board in written format with time allowed to explain their position and answer any questions about the documents presented. Following the presentation, it was determined that there is no further action needed by the WHSBLA board.

1425 General Membership Meeting Agenda

Agenda items for the General Membership meeting were determined. The agenda will be drafted by Kathi and sent to the board for approval.

1426 Conglomerate Programs Discussion

A discussion about conglomerate programs (i.e. those programs that consist of players from 2 or more high schools) was divided in to two parts: 1) format for the future; 2) of specific concern for the current season. Discussion was had about the WHSBLA position on building programs and determining at what time a program should split. It was suggested that there needs to be a recognizable point of critical mass that a program reaches and then needs to look at splitting.

A policy proposal was drafted by Rob and discussed. It was agreed that this policy will be presented at the October General Membership Meeting (see attached document). After reviewing program rosters, conglomerate programs that are at or near the point of critical mass were identified. Board members will reach out individually to those programs that will be affected to explain the background and specifics of the policy.

1427 League Alignment and Division Designation

Prior to the board meeting each conference was surveyed separately to gain feedback from coaches regarding league alignment. Feedback received from each Division was shared. Much discussion followed about criteria being set that is consistent for moving teams up to DI.

Two proposals for league structure were presented and discussion followed. Brandon will work on preparing these proposals to present to members for feedback.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 PM

Kathi Lucchesi

Executive Secretary/Treasurer