

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of January 7, 2016 Board Meeting

6:30 PM – Office of Vern Smith

Members present: V. Smith, B. Fortier, K. Snider, K. Lucchesi

Members present by phone: R. Hawley, H. Valentine, C. Leshner

Absent: P. White, I. O'Hearn, G. Hill

1593 Approval of December Minutes

Minutes of the December 3, 2015 board meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting via email for review and were modified per Brandon and Vern's input. With no further discussion, the minutes were approved 6-0.

1594 WIAA Sanctioning Update

Vern gave a summary of his meeting with Andy Barnes, assistant executive director at WIAA. The following items were discussed in the meeting:

1. A transition period of 1 or 2 years where non-WIAA teams could play WIAA teams
2. Maintaining the leagues (Metro, SPSL, KingCo, etc) with mixed teams (club & school)
3. Questions about Finals – including WHSBLA having input, revenue sharing and incorporating youth and middle school games
4. Conglomerate programs – recognized as an area of concern

It was reported that the WIAA is receptive to the ideas presented and supportive of working with the WHSBLA toward sanctioning. Much discussion followed especially around the topic of conglomerate programs. The ultimate decision on whether or not club teams and school teams can play together is with the Athletic Directors themselves. The larger concern is whether or not they will want conglomerate programs to be a part of the league.

As to next steps the board was asked whether or not efforts of the WHSBLA should be put toward going forward in aggressively pursuing WIAA sanctioning. The board will present to members at the January 30th meeting the plan to pursue sanctioning.

1595 CPA and Tax Update

Vern will set up a meeting with his CPA for next week to make sure the WHSBLA is compliant in regard to taxes.

1596 Mike McQuaid PR Update

There was discussion as to whether or not the WHSBLA should continue working with Mike McQuaid for its public relations. Concern was raised as to whether or not a new direction should be pursued. Given the impending work toward WIAA sanctioning, it was agreed that we should continue working with Mike McQuaid. Kris will set up a meeting with him to come up with parameters that the WHSBLA would like for him to focus on. Board members were asked to submit suggestions to Kris by January 14th.

1597 Membership Meeting Agenda

The board was asked to submit any items that should be presented to the membership. Vern will work on putting together the agenda for the upcoming mandatory coach's' meeting on January 30th and circulate for input. In an effort to make sure there is accurate attendance taken, board members will collect paperwork and fees from coaches after Kathi verifies attendance at the door.

1598 Finals Update

With Ian and Peter absent, there was no update to report.

1599 N. Morgan Transfer Request

The Nolan Morgan transfer request was presented and discussed.

MOTION: It was moved by H.V. and seconded by R.H. to approve the request by N. Morgan to be eligible for varsity at Juanita. In favor 6. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

1600 I. Pratt Transfer Request

The Isaiah Pratt transfer request was presented and discussed.

MOTION: It was moved by H. V. and seconded by B.F. to approve the request by I. Pratt to play for Union and be eligible for varsity. In favor 6. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

1601 Member Recognition

Kris Snider presented proposed guidelines and plan to recognize members who have contributed long standing effort to the success of the league. The recognition program with candidate guidelines was discussed and approved. It will be introduced at the January 30th membership meeting and posted on the website with instructions for completion.

1602 Olympia Early Start Request

New program, Olympia, requested an early start for practices. The player roster listing year in school and years of lacrosse play experience was reviewed.

MOTION: It was moved by C.L. and seconded by K.S. to allow Olympia to start practice on February 22nd, which is one week early, as long as their full compliance file is in place prior. In favor 4. Opposed 1. R.H. abstained. Motion carried.

1603 Kennedy Program Update

Kris reported that after speaking with the AD at Kennedy, they are actively looking for a head coach and plan to have a team for the 2016 season. The AD asked for help in finding a coach. Names of any potential candidates should be sent to Kris and he will forward to the AD.

1604 Spokane Schools Alignment

Chris L. proposed aligning North Central High School to the Lewis and Clark program and Rogers High School (Spokane) to the Mead-Mt. Spokane program. A map of the schools by district in the Spokane area was distributed to the board to review. Discussion followed and the board unanimously agreed to approve this alignment. Brandon will make the changes on the website.

1605 Play 4 The Cure

There is a new partnership between Play 4 the Cure and US Lacrosse with the goal of raising funds for cancer research and to stimulate growth of lacrosse in underserved, non-traditional areas. A flyer announcing the partnership was sent to board president, Vern Smith. This information will be forwarded on to members and to youth league directors.

1606 Programs on Probation

There are several teams that are on probation through the January 30, 2016 meeting for having missed the October 2015 meeting. Those programs are: Ballard, Providence, Seattle Academy, Shorecrest, South Kitsap and West Seattle. Kris will contact the metro teams and Rob will follow up with South Kitsap. The Kennedy program is also on probation for having missed two meetings. Franklin and Gonzaga Prep have completed their probation period effective with the Jan. 30th meeting.

1607 Teams Needing Coaches

Brandon announced that there are 7 teams still in need of a coach. The programs are: Ballard, Bothell, Cascade, Garfield, Kennedy, and Skyview. It was asked that broadcast emails be sent to the administrators of those programs to remind them of the mandatory meeting and compliance items that must be turned in.

1608 Championships

It was clarified that the Championships will be a joint effort between the WHSBLA and the USL Chapter. The proceeds from the event will be split 50/50.

1609 Next Board Meeting

The February board meeting is set for February 11, 2016 at 6:30 PM. The location is TBD.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Kathi Lucchesi
Executive Secretary