

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of January 28, 2017
General Membership/Mandatory Coaches Meeting

925: The meeting of the Membership/Coaches of the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association was held on Saturday, January 28 2017, at 10:00 AM at Demeray Hall, SPU, Seattle, Washington.

All Board members and the Executive Secretary were present

All Members were present except as noted below:

Mt. Spokane was absent (flight was cancelled, coach was bumped from 2nd flight for medical emergency)

Head coach Scott Carlin, Meadowdale, was absent without advising the Board prior to the meeting.

926: After calling the meeting to order and explaining the ground rules, Board president Vern Smith had all the new programs and all the new coaches to existing programs stand and introduce themselves. Late arrivals were also advised to check in the Catie Larsen to confirm the attendance was recorded and to collect fees and paperwork.

927: Ian reminded coaches of the coaching clinic directly after the meeting.

928: Coaches' packets and membership fees are due today. Invoices and reminders had been sent out to all. Membership fees are \$300 per Varsity team and \$200 per JV and C team. Included in the coaches' packet is a declaration stating that your program will have all required compliance file paperwork (kept in team binder) completed. The coaches' packet and membership fees are the only items due today.

929: Compliance Files are due by February 22, 2017. File is to be scanned and emailed in one file to each member's regional board representative. Brandon will email the 2017 WHSBLA Compliance File Checklist with more specific instructions, however the checklist of items needed is always available through the league website under Coaches Certification.

Due to a large number of programs turning in compliance files late or incomplete last year, FINES will be levied this season for files late and/or needing resubmission for missing items. Further reminder was given to submit compliance files early to allow time to submit any missing items and avoid being ineligible to start practice.

Brandon shared an example of all items due in the compliance file, explaining how to complete each. Special emphasis was given to the mandatory background checks and how to obtain. Each coach must have a background check of a national scope. The easiest way to complete this is to go to through US Lacrosse. A link is up on the WHSBLA site. This background check is good for 2 years and it is listed on US Lacrosse membership cards.

All were reminded that all coaches must show documentation of both First Aid and CPR. All coaches were reminded to start right away as these items take time.

931: The initial game fees payment is due to Catie by March 1, 2017. The first payment includes all home games on the schedule at this time. The second invoice will be sent at the end of the season and will include any additions or changes including refunds due back for referee no-shows. If any program has trouble paying initial game fees due to school policy to get in contact with her immediately to work out a payment plan. The address is at the bottom of all invoices and checks are to be made out to WHSBLA.

932: All Official Program Rosters are due by March 13, 2017. These must be emailed to your Region Rep. Rosters must be submitted using the template that will be emailed to all by Brandon at the end of February. Program rosters include all players in the program, varsity and sub-varsity, and the total count of each. The rosters are used throughout the year for a number of reasons, including player eligibility, US Lacrosse census reports, and insurance reporting. There is necessity for roster consistency which is provided by the template.

933: Brandon also reminded coaches to make sure program info updated on WHSBLA website, double check Sportability for correct home game information and post rosters in Sportability before first home game. Email Brandon if you don't remember your login information.

Before any player is allowed to step on the field in a varsity game, they must be listed on the team roster in Sportability. All were reminded that the players' number on the roster must also match the number they wear on the field. Team rosters must be posted on Sportability before the first game.

Accessing and updating Sportability was explained in detail and shown to members on the screen. All were reminded that it is easier to correct the Sportability schedule and make changes now rather than later.

935: Teams are responsible for reporting scores and stats of varsity games on Sportability, as well as any player who is ejected, within 24 hours of the

conclusion of the game.

- 936: Additional tools, LaxPower and MaxPreps, for reporting scores and stats were announced:

Both are good sites to give national attention to players and programs. In LaxPower, a coach can edit information about their program if information is incorrect but then the site takes care of itself.

MaxPreps is a good site that helps get lacrosse linked to the schools. It is helpful for getting more press and encouraged as we pursue WIAA sanctioning. Programs will need to go in and make updates.

- 937: Game and practice reminders: Maximum allowed is 20 games (contests) plus 1 jamboree. Anything with an opponent is a contest and must be reported. All players must have 10 practices before participating in a game or jamboree.

- 938: 2017 Season Important Dates:

- i. First day of practice – Monday, February 27, 2017
- ii. Playoffs Begin –Saturday, May 6th w/Play –In games
- iii. All-American Meeting – Sunday, May 21, 2017
- iv. WHSBLA CHAMPIONSHIPS – Saturday, May 27, 2017
- v. Out of Season begins – August 1, 2017

- 940: WALOA official, Andy Assante, was introduced to share the 2017 season rule changes and points of emphasis.

Members were reminded that there is a grievance process in place for issues regarding officials and officiating. If there is a significant issue, the head coach first needs to bring it to their WHSBLA rep and the rep will then contact Eric Smith to determine any necessary action.

Timers and Scorers Clinic: There will be a clinic on Saturday, February 18th, at SPU - Demaray Hall 150 - from 1-3 PM.

- 941: New rules and points of emphasis for 2017 were shared and all can be found on the NFHS website: <http://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/boys-lacrosse-rules-changes-2017>

- 942: Vern spoke on behalf of Dave Haralson and the Washington Chapter of US Lacrosse. The Chapter is looking for new Board members and is especially looking for representation from outside the Puget Sound Region.

Vern also announced that WSLA is conducting first aid training sessions on the 29th at SPU with both morning and afternoon sessions.

943: A Q & A session concluded the meeting and questioning focused on how the Board reached its decision to add a private school championship.

944: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Catie Larsen, Executive Secretary