

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:17 PM – at Mercer Island High School

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

1331 September Minutes Approval:

The September board meeting minutes were sent to board members for review and approval prior to the October meeting. The minutes were approved by the board and have been posted to the WHSBLA website.

1332 WALOA Update:

The memorandum of understanding between WHSBLA and WALOA is nearly finalized and will be sent to the board for review.

1333 Out of Season Coaching Clarification - EC:

The Eastside Catholic program asked for clarification as to whether or not one of their 2012 season assistant coaches would be in violation of coaching out of season if he were to coach in the Fall of 2012 after resigning his position as an assistant within the program. The ruling was researched and determined that if he coaches Eastside Catholic players in the fall of 2012, he will be ineligible to coach for Eastside Catholic during the spring 2013 season. If he does not coach in the spring of 2013, the program will not be in violation.

1334 Hess transfer request:

The board received a request from Sean Hess to transfer from Snohomish to Everett where his father, Craig, is the new head coach. Both Sean and Craig were in attendance to present this hardship request.

Following the presentation, the board discussed the request and felt further information was needed before ruling. The petition is tabled for further review.

1335 Bachison request:

Rob reported that following the coaching suspension of one game during the 2012 season, it was requested that a letter from the WHSBLA board be sent to the Three Rivers board stating that the matter is closed and that Coach Bachison is in good standing with the league. The board agreed that the matter is closed and will follow up with that letter.

1336 Coaching violations – Eastside Catholic:

Following reports and further investigations of potential violations within the Eastside Catholic program there was lengthy discussion. It was determined that there were multiple violations, related yet across different areas:

1) Bookkeeping violation: Two individuals were not listed or shown as certified coaches in the binder nor paperwork in the coaches packet yet were coaching in the coach's box during one or more games

2) Coaching Out of Season violation: An individual in the program was present in the coach's box and worked as a coach during one or more contests during the 2012 spring season. This same individual then acted as a coach during one or more Fall Ball games at Skyline Community Fields in September of 2012.

**MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by I.O. that the following sanctions will be given to the Eastside Catholic program:**

**1) Bookkeeping Probation - 1 year - Binder must be in order with no further violations**

**2) General Program Probation - 1 year - Ineligible to vote on league policy matters**

**3) Gordon MacIlvenie will not be allowed to coach Eastside Catholic players through August 1, 2013. This includes all Out-Of-Season activities as well as the 2013 Spring Season.**

**Any further violations within the Eastside Catholic program related to Coaching out of Season or Uncertified Coaches filling the role of a coach during the Spring 2013 season will result in a suspension of the head coach (as the head coach is ultimately responsible for his coaching staff), a forfeiture of any game coached by an uncertified coach as well as the potential forfeiture of a future league game.**

**Further, it is noted that the role of a Manager is limited to keeping statistics, providing players with water/equipment, setting up the field, etc. A manager's role is behind the scenes, behind the team bench and/or helping at the scorer's table. A manager does not participate in drills, line-ups or coaching of players in any manner and therefore has no role in the coach's box. The coaching box is reserved for those certified to be coaching the players.**

**All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION: It was moved by P.W. and seconded by I.O. that head coach, Lewis Ratcliffe, be suspended from the first game of the 2013 season. In favor - 3; Not in favor – 2; Abstained from vote – 1. Motion failed.**

1337 Seattle Addendum Clarification:

The removal of the Seattle Addendum from league policy regarding program boundaries does not affect those players that have already participated in the WHSBLA prior to the 2013 season. Any players new to the WHSBLA (freshmen and/or new players) must now adhere to current boundary documents and program eligibility rules.

1338 Spokane Programs Update:

Ron and Ian will be attending a meeting tomorrow with a representative from Ferris High School to discuss the potential of approximately four new programs. There is potential for several new teams in the Spokane area to join the league for the 2013 season. Discussions will likely be ongoing for the next few weeks.

1339 WHSBLA Strategic Planning:

Ron brought up the need for WHSBLA to have a strategic plan in place to better answer questions raised regarding league policy. A strategic planning committee will be formed to work toward that end.

1340 New Handbook Policy with Q & A:

To better answer the many questions that come up in regard to the league policies, Brandon proposed a revamp of our WHSBLA Handbook. The proposal is to minimize the WHSBLA Handbook to WHSBLA and lacrosse specific policy and to use the WHSBLA Handbook in cooperation with a WIAA Policy Handbook containing all WIAA policies that our league follows. Brandon presented both proposed documents for review that included the revamped WHSBLA Handbook as well as the WIAA Policy Handbook with Q&A. Further discussion followed to edit existing WIAA policy document to best suit rules that govern the WHSBLA. He will finalize the document for board approval and potential adoption at next meeting.

1341 Division I Conference Alignment Proposal:

A proposal for a new Division I alignment was presented to the board for discussion. Much discussion followed and it was determined that it should be sent to the members for review and comments. Brandon will write a summary of the proposal and email out to members asking for input.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 PM.

Kathi Lucchesi

Executive Secretary/Treasurer