

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of November 14, 2012 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:26 PM – at Mercer Island High School

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

1342 Consent agenda – October minutes; Pavolka petition; Reis-El Bara petition:

The October 2012 board meeting minutes were sent to board members for review prior to the November meeting. Two petitions had also been reviewed: J. Pavolka (Bellarmine) and B. Reis-El Bara (Lynden).

MOTION: It was moved by R. H. and seconded by B. F. to approve the October 2012 minutes and to approve the petitions seeking varsity status for both J. Pavolka (Bellarmine) and B. Reis-El Bara (Lynden). All in favor. Motion carried 7-0, except P. White abstained from the Reis-El Bara vote.

1343 Hess Petition

The motion was tabled during the previous meeting in order to allow for additional documentation to be obtained. After discussion, it was determined that members needed further documentation in order to vote on the matter. The petition is again tabled until the documentation is received and reviewed.

1344 WALOA Memorandum of Understanding

Ron distributed the DRAFT 2013 Memorandum of Understand between WHSBLA and WALOA alongside the 2012 Agreement for comparison. A point-by-point discussion occurred for all the items that are changed from last year. Much discussion centered on the change indicating that WHSBLA would be responsible for tracking and paying the extra travel fees (i.e. any travel in excess of 40 miles per single game). Ron will check with Arbiter to determine how much of this can be tracked in the system and automatically calculated.

Ron indicated that each of the Board was not in agreement with and would be communicated back to WALOA for response. Specific concern was expressed regarding the paperwork burden being transferred from WALOA to WHSBLA.

1345 Eastside Catholic – Potential Violations

Two new reports of potential coaching violations at Eastside Catholic were received. Ron has already contacted the AD at Eastside Catholic to let him know they were received and give them an opportunity to respond. Ron will follow-up with him. Ron was also asked to followup on another aspect related to the reports.

1346 New Handbook Policy with Q & A

The policies with Q & A to be added to the handbook had been discussed at the October board meeting. A few changes were suggested including a preamble to the Q & A stating that the term "schools" is used to represent all of our member teams. It was proposed that this explanation is necessary as the WHSBLA league is made up of both school teams and club or program teams.

An additional change: In the coach's packet, teams will need to declare the size of their home fields (i.e. what lines are available and to be used for games). This will be made a point of emphasis at the February Coach's meeting.

The vote on the New Handbook Policy was postponed.

1347 The board took a short recess in the meeting and resumed without board members, B. Fortier and I. O'Hearn.

1348 Strategic Planning

A discussion occurred regarding the changes anticipated over the next few years as new teams are added. The league is growing to a point where the idea of another board position needs to be considered. Per the discussion in our last meeting, Ron will prepare an outline for a strategic planning process for the board to approve.

1349 Spokane Area Teams

Three Spokane area teams have submitted a letter requesting admission into WHSBLA as provisional members for the 2013 season. The status of a fourth team, University-Central is not yet determined.

MOTION: It was moved by R.H. and seconded by P.S. to accept the following programs as provisional members for the 2013 season:

1) Gonzaga Prep

2) Ferris-Lewis & Clark

3) Mount Spokane-Mead

All in favor. Motion carried 5-0 (B.F. & I. O. absent for the vote)

1350 O'Dea Status

It was determined that O'Dea will not be forming a team for this season. Players that attend O'Dea have been in contact with Ron to ask where they will play with the removal of the Seattle Addendum. It was confirmed by the Board that O'Dea freshman players are to play for their resident school program.

1351 DII Conference and Playoff Structure

There was much discussion as to how to restructure the DII Conferences with the addition of the Spokane area teams. One playoff structure was presented and discussed. It was determined that a separate meeting within the week was necessary for board members to fully

discuss and determine the DII Conference and Playoff Structures. A tentative meeting time was set for Sunday 11/18 at 10:00 a.m.

1352 Discussion regarding sponsorship opportunity for the State Championships

The discussion the this topic was postponed to a later meeting.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Kathi Lucchesi

Executive Secretary/Treasurer