

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of December 12, 2012 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM – at Mercer Island High School

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

1353 Approve agenda:

The consent agenda with accompanying background materials was sent to the board prior to the meeting for review. There was discussion about moving the approval of the November meeting minutes to item 8.1 on the agenda.

The question was raised as to the reasoning behind approving a consent agenda. It was decided that the meeting would continue without agenda approval from the board. Approval of the November minutes is moved to item 8.1.

1354 Hess Petition

Visitors were asked to leave during board discussion of the Hess petition. The motion to approve the transfer petition of S. Hess from Snohomish to Everett was on the table.

**MOTION: To grant eligibility of S. Hess to play for Everett at the sub-varsity level. In favor: RH, IO, PW, HV, RW (5); Not in favor: BF (1). Approved.**

1355 Redmond Lacrosse Club

It was reported by H.V. that the Redmond Lacrosse Club is on track to meet the deadline of January 15, 2013 to have all administrative items in place.

1356 Role of the President of the Board

P.W. gave a report of research he had done in regards to the role of a board president. In summary, if a board consists of less than nine members, the role of president is to act as a facilitator.

Discussion followed with board members reflecting on past and current experiences.

**MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by P.W. that Ron Wright shall be removed from the office of President. A roll call vote was taken. In favor: BF, IO, PW, HV (4); Not in favor: RH, RW (2). Motion carried.**

1357 Resignation

Ron Wright submitted his resignation from the board and immediately left the meeting. With five members present, the board meeting continued.

1358 Election of Board President

**MOTION: It was moved by H.V. and seconded by B.F. that Peter White be named the new board president. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

1359 University-Central request for Membership

A motion had been proposed in the agenda to accept University-Central as a provisional member for the 2013 season. The motion is tabled until Brandon is able to obtain further information to confirm the request for provisional membership.

1360 Conference Alignment Changes

Rob presented to the board an alternate conference alignment for review. Input received from other teams that are affected by changes was shared and discussion followed. A motion to accept the "alternate" conference alignment for DII failed to get a second. The DII conference alignment as posted will remain.

Brandon gave an explanation of the changes to the proposed DI playoff bracket and two options were presented.

**MOTION: B.F. moved and H.V. seconded to approve the Division 1 playoff structure of Option A (attached). All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

1361 O'Dea Freshmen

With the elimination of the Seattle Addendum, the current freshmen players are assigned to programs based on their residence. While working to start a team of their own, O'Dea is requesting that current freshman players be assigned to Garfield, to keep players together. If not approved, players will end up assigned to multiple teams. A complication with the Roosevelt players (3) is that the ASB structure of Roosevelt does not allow players to participate who do not attend Roosevelt.

**Motion: It was moved by H.V. and seconded by B.F. to approve the assignment of freshman players who attend O'Dea to Garfield for the 2013 season. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

1362 Providence - Allow 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Providence is projecting a low total number of players for their roster for the 2013 season. Under WIAA rules, 1A and 1B schools are allowed to use 8<sup>th</sup> grade players to supplement the rosters of the varsity team and Providence is requesting the use of 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the 2013 season. Much discussion followed as to what this could do to the eligibility of the players.

A proposed motion to rule on the request was tabled until verification can be obtained from WIAA that 8<sup>th</sup> grade players will have 5 years of eligibility.

1363 Additional Expenses for Email Addresses

With the new website through League Athletics, a proposal has been forwarded from L.A. to provide email accounts using the whsbla.org address. The expense of such would be \$95.00 per year.

**MOTION: It was moved by R.H. and seconded by I.O. to approve the expense for email addresses associated with whsbla.org for the amount of \$95 per year. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

#### 1364 Interpretation of Robert's Rules of Order

Past President, Vern Smith, was in attendance as a guest and asked permission to address the board in regards to the WHSBLA bylaws and use of Robert's Rules of Order. Vern reported that he was the primary person responsible for drafting the WHSBA bylaws after review of at least 50 other bylaws. Robert's Rules of Order were intended to be used as a reference for guidelines but not as an exact order to follow.

Henry explained why he had concerns with the interpretation of abstention from a vote and asked for clarification as to whether or not abstention requested during a discussion counts. It was clarified that abstentions are allowed after a discussion during a motion but not once the voting has started.

Concern was raised about the board conducting business and votes via email. It was noted that due to the nature of the board (i.e. coach's schedule during season; board members who are geographically spread out, etc.) and timeliness of petitions, it is a necessity to conduct business, including votes, via email. Peter expressed that he will follow up with any further concerns on this matter.

#### 1365 Eastside Catholic – Potential Violations

As per Ron's report sent to the board prior to the meeting, after speaking with the AD at Eastside Catholic, there is no evidence of coaching violations by Brett Hickey nor evidence of mandatory attendance at off-season lacrosse activities. The matter is closed.

#### 1366 Out of Season Coaching – Matt Meikle

Following a report of out-of-season coaching by Bellarmine assistant coach, Matt Meikle, it was determined that further information is needed to know whether or not a violation has occurred. The matter is tabled until the February Coach's meeting.

#### 1367 WALOA Negotiations

WALOA is finalizing a proposal which responds to the items addressed in the previous WHSBLA meeting. At this time, a response has not been received from WALOA. Ian and Henry will take over the negotiations from this point forward.

#### 1368 New Business

The next WHSBLA board meeting will be held on January 14, 2013.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Kathi Lucchesi

Executive Secretary/Treasurer