

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of December 18, 2014 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:13 PM at the Mercer Island Public Library

Attending: B. Fortier, V. Smith, I. O'Hearn, R. Hawley, K. Snider, K. Lucchesi and P. White, H. Valentine, C. Leshar, G. Hill via conference call.

1504 C. Toliver Petition

A petition was received from Chandler Toliver seeking approval to play lacrosse at the varsity level for Eastlake where he now attends school. Chandler had previously attended and played varsity lacrosse for Eastside Catholic. The petition was discussed via email.

**MOTION: It was moved by H. Valentine and seconded by C. Leshar to approve the petition by C. Toliver requesting to be eligible to play lacrosse at the varsity level for the Eastlake High School Program effective spring season of 2015. In favor: 9 Opposed: 0. Motion carried.**

1505 Garfield Equipment Needs

K. Snider reported that with Garfield starting up a new program, there is a need for help with equipment. There are very few players that will have their own gear and it was asked if help is available. A few board members and coaches offered to help by donating extra helmets and equipment. It was suggested that word get out to all programs asking if there are others that can help get them started.

1506 Kennedy Status

K. Snider spoke with the AD at Kennedy and reported that they plan to have a varsity program this season. They are currently looking for a head coach and welcome the names of any person interested. K. Snider will check back in a month for an update.

1507 State Championships Hosting

At the November WHSBLA board meeting, the possibility of bringing the coordination of the state championships back to WHSBLA was proposed and discussed briefly. Since that meeting, the Washington Chapter of US Lacrosse met and the topic was also discussed. I. O'Hearn gave a report from that meeting leading to a further discussion of the possibility.

There was much discussion with the following questions, concerns and ideas being addressed:

The potential profit for WHSBLA could be used to help in many areas that support boys' lacrosse and give the ability to have a direct impact on the programs and teams served.

With the tremendous growth of the league over the past several years, the WHSBLA is at a point where some services may need to be hired out (bookkeeping, legal assistance, etc.) and profits from state championships could make that possible without the need to raise fees.

The WHSBLA could use funds to waive fees for new programs to help them get started and become a viable program.

It was asked and discussed what the loss of profit would mean for the Chapter if they didn't run the championships.

There was much discussion about the logistics of the WHSBLA running the event given the timing, amount of work and the volunteers needed.

The idea of a transition period for such a change was discussed and there was much interest in the possibility of a 2-3 year plan.

It was proposed that the WHSBLA board come up with a proposal to the Chapter and set up a meeting in January for the two organizations to discuss.

#### 1508 Metro Private School Policy

I. O'Hearn forwarded to the board a policy that is in place for the private and parochial members of the Seattle Metropolitan High School league whereas such programs must commit to certain philosophies and guidelines as they relate to WIAA sanctioned athletes and the promotion of marketing their schools. It was proposed that the WHSBLA accept this as a policy for its members as well. The question was raised as to whether or not the Athletic Directors have to sign documentation adhering to these guidelines. I. O'Hearn will look into it.

It was suggested that as this is already a WIAA document, the board simply remind members of this policy and highlight it as a point of emphasis at the February Coaches meeting.

#### 1509 Transfer Document

B. Fortier shared a document from the Nevada schools that is used when a student athlete transfers schools. The document creates a uniform process and removes most subjectivity from transfer petitions. It was agreed that it is a good starting point that can be adapted to meet the needs of the WHSBLA.

#### 1510 Three Rivers concern

It was reported that the Three Rivers website is announcing the offering of games in the spring to high school teams. This may be an opportunity for more JV play and as long as WHSBLA teams are following league rules, it is not a concern. C. Leshner will contact the teams in the area to make it clear that no JV or Varsity teams may play against non-sanctioned teams.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Kathi Lucchesi, Executive Secretary/Treasurer