

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of August 2016 Board Votes

Members present via email discussion: V. Smith, B. Fortier, K. Snider, I. O'Hearn, H. Valentine, C. Leshner, R. Hawley, R. Amell, and G. Hill

During the July board discussions and votes of conglomerate programs, while information was being sought, the vote on Sehome-Bellingham was tabled until August. Additionally, summer work continued in regards to conference alignment, championships and board policy regarding conglomerate programs. The following minutes include the motions presented and votes for each.

1646 Sehome-Bellingham Program

Past season rosters, season records and communications with the program were reviewed and discussed.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by R.A. that Sehome-Bellingham should be split into two programs for the 2017 season. The Sehome program may house student athletes from Sehome HS, while a new program must form housing student athletes from Bellingham and Squalicum High Schools. The Sehome-Bellingham Program may oversee/manage this new program under their umbrella for the 2017 season.

In favor 7. Opposed 2. Motion carried.

1647 Conference Realignment

Based on the Narrows and Seamount conferences being dissolved at the WIAA level, the subsequent formation of several new conferences at the WIAA level in the South Puget Sound/Pierce County area and the establishment of 8 new programs in the WHSBLA, the following motion was presented.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by H.V. to rename and/or reorganize the WHSBLA conferences as follows:

Greater St. Helens – Camas, Columbia River, Heritage/Mountain View, Skyview, Union

Central – Pasco, Richland, Selah, Southridge, Wenatchee

Greater Spokane – Central Valley, Ferris, Gonzaga Prep, Lewis & Clark, Mead, Mt. Spokane, West Valley/University

KingCo – Bellevue, Bothell, Eastlake, Inglemoor, Issaquah, Juanita, Liberty, Mercer Island, Mount Si, Newport, Redmond, Sammamish-Interlake, Skyline, Woodinville

Metro – Bainbridge, Ballard, Blanchet, Eastside Catholic, Franklin, Garfield, Lakeside, Nathan Hale, O'Dea, Overlake, Roosevelt, Seattle Academy, Seattle Prep, West Seattle

Puget-Pierce – Auburn Riverside, Bellarmine Prep, Bethel, Bonney Lake, Curtis, Emerald Ridge, Kennedy Catholic, Rogers, Sumner, Tahoma, White River

Olympic-South Sound – Gig Harbor, Klahowya, North Kitsap, Olympia, Peninsula, Sequim, South Kitsap, Stadium, Vashon

Wesco – Cascade, Glacier Peak, Jackson, Kamiak, Meadowdale, Monroe, Shorecrest, Snohomish, Stanwood

Northwest – Archbishop Murphy, Bellingham, Burlington-Edison, Friday Harbor, Lynden, Providence, Sehome

In favor 9. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

1648 Policy in regards to Conglomerate Splits

MOTION: It was moved by B. F. and seconded by C.L. to adopt a policy in regards to conglomerate splits whereas any program that does not split when mandated (or receive waiver from the league Board) shall be subject to the following:

- i. Team is not eligible for post season play.**
- ii. Players not eligible for All-Conference.**
- iii. Loss of senior grandfathering right.**
- iv. This is a one-time option valid for one year – a subsequent year would result in the team being suspended from WHSBLA.**

In favor 8. Opposed 0. K.S. absent from vote. Motion carried.

1649 2017 Only Waiver in regards to Conglomerate Splits

In lieu of the short notice given to programs to split, the following motion was presented.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by C.L. to waive stipulation ii (players not eligible for All-Conference) for the 2017 season ONLY for any program unable and/or choosing not to split for the 2017 season.

In favor 7. Opposed 0. K.S. and R.A. absent from vote. Motion carried.

1650 Conference Alignment and Championships Structure

The WHSBLA Board is in general agreement that adding at least one, if not more, championships to our league is beneficial and appropriate. Our membership has grown to include over 80 programs for the 2017 season. In order to change the current classification structure and add one or more classifications, the General Membership must approve with a 2/3 majority vote. As such the Board acknowledged it must present the membership with proposals for both our current status of 2 classifications (Model A) versus a change to add classifications (Model B). The board vote follows:

Model A:

For Model A, two proposals were discussed: Option 1 (50/50 model in each Conference) and Option 2 (By Size)

Option 1 (50/50 model) votes: 2

Option 2 (size model) votes: 6

Option 2 (size model) carries by a vote of 6-2

Model B:

In discussing proposals for adding championships it was determined that there are two distinct categories:

Option 1 – proposals that keep Public and Private schools together in the same classifications

Option 2 – proposals that separate classifications for Public and Private schools

For Model B Option 1, two proposals were discussed: Choice B.1 #1 (By Size) AND Choice B.1 #2 (D1/D2/D3 by “talent”). The board vote follows:

Choice B.1 #1 votes: 8

Choice B.1 #2 votes: 1

For Model B, Option 1, Choice 1 (By Size) carries by a vote of 8-1

For Model B Option 2, two proposals were discussed: Choice B.2 #1 (D1/D2 Public; D1/D2 Private) AND Choice B.2 #2 (D1/D2/D3 Public; D1/D2 Private). The board vote follows:

B.2 #1 (D1/D2 Public; D1/D2 Private) votes: 8

B.2 #2 (D1/D2/D3 Public; D1/D2 Private) votes: 0

No vote – Chris

For Model B, Option 2, Choice 1 (D1/D2 Public; D1/D2 Private) carries by a vote of 8-0

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