

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of September 18, 2016 Board Meeting

Members present: V. Smith, B. Fortier, K. Snider, I. O'Hearn, H. Valentine, R. Hawley, R. Amell, and G. Hill, K. Lucchesi.

Via conference call: C. Leshner

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM

1651 Approval of August Minutes

The August minutes were distributed via email prior to the meeting. Kris noted that there should be corrections to items 1648 and 1649 in regards to players' eligibility for season awards and to item 1650 where D1/D2 was left off of "Private" in the Model B Option 2.

MOTION: It was moved by H.V. and seconded by R.H. to approve the August minutes with the corrections noted. In favor 9. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

1652 Conglomerate Programs Policy

During summer work in regards to Conglomerate Programs (CPs), it came to the attention of the board that the CP policy needs to be better clarified and revised. A list of programs and the schools attached to them was discussed in regards to what constitutes a CP vs a single school program. There was much discussion which included looking at the Oregon model as example and discussion about classifying schools such as Overlake that have a formal school agreement binding two schools. Guidelines for placing CP programs on the clock with all of the possible program variables (i.e. size of schools, feeder programs, geographic locations, number of players from alternate schools) was discussed at length.

It was suggested that everyone that has more than one school tied to them should be placed on the clock to split in 2 years. If a program feels they have extenuating circumstances making a split impossible, they would need to apply for a waiver. Further discussion of the benefits of this model led to the presentation of a revised CP policy.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by G.H. to accept the following Conglomerate Program policy:

1. Effective for all CURRENT/EXISTING conglomerate programs

- i. CP0 - WHSBLA Approved partnership
- ii. CP1 - 2 year window then must split or remove additional schools from boundaries
- iii. CP2 - already had 2 years, granted waiver for one year
- iv. CP3 - ineligible (see #3)

2. When a conglomerate program splits and either one or both of the resulting new programs are by definition still a conglomerate program, then they by default are classified as a CP1 with a new 2 year window.

3. Any program that does not split when mandated (or receive waiver from league Board, thus classified as CP2) becomes a CP3 and subject to the following:

- i. Team is not eligible for post season play.**
- ii. Players not eligible for All-Conference**

In favor 9. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

1653 Appeal Process – Intermediate Appeal

A concern was brought to the board as to the current appeal process whereas the petitioner must share potentially sensitive information with the membership to support their reasons for requesting a transfer waiver. Vern presented the idea of an intermediate appeal process where the petitioner could present their appeal to a committee consisting of individuals outside of the board. It was agreed by the board that such a committee should be in place and the details will be worked out in the near future. In the meantime, current petitioners with such a concern will be notified that an Ad Hoc committee will hear their appeal.

1654 Appeal Process Procedures

It was brought to the board's attention that there is conflicting information in the bylaws regarding the appeal process procedures for petitioners to obtain 2/3 membership support. It was determined that the league secretary shall send via email through the league distribution the prepared notice from the program seeking support to hear an appeal. The votes shall be received via reply email and the secretary will keep track. Vern will draft the procedural changes for updating.

1655 Handbook Review

Board members were asked to review the current Handbook found on the WHSBLA website for possible revisions and updates needed. Several changes were brought up and discussed for relevance. Of note, the Handbook will be updated to include language about the obligation of a program to participate and/or help with an investigation if an issue is presented regarding their program. Also to be included is specific language clarifying the eligibility of players is measured from the start of the game through to the end of same game even if game is delayed and continued on a different day.

The new Conglomerate Program policy will be added to the Handbook.

It was noted that the Handbook includes specific fines for late submission of fees, rosters and compliance files. It was noted that since the addition of those fees, there have been less late submissions however, fines need to be consistently assessed when appropriate.

Brandon will update all changes to the Handbook.

1656 Current Forms Update

It was noted that some of the forms on the website need to be updated or removed if no longer relevant. Specifically, the WHSBLA/WIAA Policy and the Out of Season Q/A Documents were addressed. Henry will update.

1657 Membership Meeting Agenda and Board Assignments

Vern will work to put together the agenda for the October 1st Membership Meeting. The agenda will include time for information and updates from the USL WA Chapter and tickets will be sold for the Seatown Classic. Ian will lead the discussion on the vote for the league alignment and will work with Brandon on visuals to present to the membership.

It was asked whether or not electronic voting can take place. Henry will look into options but given the quick turnaround and specific needs of each vote, it likely will not happen for this meeting.

1658 Championship Day Committee

With the league taking over all of the Championship Day events, it was determined that there needs to be a chairperson from the WHSBLA board. Ian O'Hearn and Rob Hawley agreed to Co-Chair the event. Ian reported that Brooke is willing to continue on the committee as well.

1659 WIAA Update

It was reported that it doesn't look like WIAA sanctioning will be happening in the near future and therefore the focus toward sanctioning should be dropped. It was suggested that public relations money be spent on marketing the WHSBLA as the sanctioning league and that something be put together to present to schools and school districts.

1660 Budget Review and Discussion

The profit and loss detail report was distributed to the board for review. It was reported that with the league taking over the Arbiter account, there are added fees associated that are not being covered by game fees collected. Ian reported that a meeting is to take place in the next few weeks that will include members of WALOA as well as youth leagues that also use the Arbiter scheduling. Following the outcome of that meeting and negotiations for an agreement, the game fees may need to be adjusted.

1661 Championships Date

It was discussed whether or not the championships could be moved off of Memorial Day weekend. After looking at the calendar and discussion of implications of going later in June, it was determined that the championships need to remain on that weekend.

1662 Replacement of Executive Secretary/Treasurer

It was announced that Kathi is resigning from the position of executive secretary/treasurer. She has agreed to help with the transition and will gather information such as a job description and hours to help when talking to potential candidates.

1663 Acceptance of New Programs

**MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by H.V. to approve Chiawana, Glacier Peak and Rogers as new provisional programs to the league.
In favor 9. Opposed 0. Motion carried.**

1664 Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for October 25th at 6:30 PM in Vern's office.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 AM

Kathi Lucchesi
Executive Secretary