

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of October 17, 2011 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM - in the M.I. High School Staff Lounge

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

1252 Connor Merritt Petition #92 requests that he be eligible to play in the spring of 2012 even though he has completed his senior year early and received his GED.

MOTION: Merritt Petition #92 is denied 7-0. The decision is based on ineligibility as he is no longer a high school student.

1253 Cam Warren Petition #93 requests that he be given transfer exemption to play for a team other than Edmonds in the 2012 season.

MOTION: Warren Petition #93 is denied 7-0.

1254 There was a question from the Kennedy program asking to waive the requirement that all former Highline players (except seniors) be required to play for Kennedy. R.W. reported that he replied and answered the question stating that per rule, only seniors are grandfathered in.

1255 During the October GM meeting, Marc Kemp, Gig Harbor coach, had asked for information regarding team affiliations with schools vs clubs. He asked for the information so as to have talking points when approaching an AD about becoming a school sport. R.H. noted that he will help gather that information.

1256 R.W. brought up the question of the assignment of Shoreline as a Metro team. The need to identify where new teams are assigned was discussed.

1257 R.H. gave an update on the request for Providence to include Cedar Park in their program. The request had been earlier denied and H.V. reported that he had a good conversation with Mark Thomas from Providence explaining the process for the school's affiliation. There is no further action needed at this time.

1258 There was a lengthy discussion regarding the boundaries for the new Union program and the request by King's Way board to meet with the WHSBLA board in Vancouver. It was suggested that King's Way present a plan and an agenda for such a meeting before the board travels to Vancouver. It was also suggested that if a meeting takes place in Vancouver, it could be requested that a majority of parents be in attendance so they will have an opportunity to hear the mission of the league.

1259 R.W. and R.H. will work together on the Vancouver boundary issues.

1260 Jarrett Toy Petition #94 requests that he be allowed to play at the varsity level at Eastside Catholic this year as a transfer student. Much discussion followed including WIAA transfer of residency rulings as well as rulings in regards to evidence of recruiting for special talents.

MOTION: Toy Petition #94 is denied 7-0. The decision is based on the ruling that there can be no evidence that either the student transferred for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics or transferred as a result of having been recruited for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics.

1261 Gabe Girgus Petition #95 requests that he be allowed to play for Snohomish as he has transferred from Cedar Park Christian School to Glacier Peak High School. The family is in the process of moving back to Snohomish.

MOTION: Girgus Petition #95 is approved 7-0. He is allowed to play at Snohomish at the sub-varsity level as per the transfer rule. He is ineligible for varsity at Snohomish for the 2012 season.

1262 Casey Kearl Petition #96 requests that he be allowed to continue to play for his resident team, Gig Harbor, while he works toward earning his high school diploma through the Fresh Start Program at Tacoma Community College.

MOTION: Kearl Petition #96 is approved 7-0. The decision is granted based on the eligibility ruling that Casey is working toward his diploma and has not yet graduated from high school.

1263 K.L. reported that the board's US Lacrosse Directors and Officers insurance will expire in January. At that time, rather than renew with US Lacrosse, we will purchase a new policy to make sure we are also covered for personal liability. There was discussion about what to do in the long term – after the 2012 season. The board will seek information from the members in regards to how many programs already use US Lacrosse for their insurance before determining whether or not to require all players and coaches become US Lacrosse members.

1264 The vote by the Division I programs in regard to playoff structure was announced. The vote was 12-8 in favor of option "A" which leaves that structure as it is.

1265 There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Division II conference format. P.W. explained a new option sent out to the board prior to the meeting. This option spreads the travel to everyone taking in to account ferry time and removing mileage from the outlying teams.

- 1266 The board decided to go with option "A" earlier presented to members but with some minor moves and fixes to help with the travel. Regionalizing the cross-conference games was noted as one of the changes needed to this option.
- 1267 There was much discussion about the Division II playoffs format. Because there are varying numbers of teams in a conference, there needs to be a balance of playoff berths given per conference.

MOTION: It was moved that the Olympic, Metro North, Metro South and Cascade conferences will each be given 3 berths in to the DII playoffs. The Skagit and Evergreen conferences will each be given 2 berths in to the DII playoffs. Approved 6-1.

- 1268 It was noted that the International School is listed on the catchment for Sammamish but should be removed as players may play for their local program.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Kathi Lucchesi

Executive Secretary/Treasurer