

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of October 6, 2018
General Membership Meeting

1976: The meeting of the General Membership of the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association was held on Saturday, October 6, 2018, at 11:00 AM at Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington.

2019 Season Membership Programs present:

Archbishop Murphy; Arlington; Auburn Riverside; Bainbridge; Ballard; Bellarmine Prep; Bellevue; Bellingham; Blanchet; Bonney Lake; Bothell; Burlington-Edison; Camas; Cascade-Jackson; Cedarcrest; Central Kitsap; Central Valley; Chiawana; Columbia River; Eastlake; Eastside Catholic; Emerald Ridge; Enumclaw; Ferris; Franklin-Garfield; Gig Harbor; Glacier Peak; Gonzaga Prep; Graham-Kapowsin; Hanford; Hermiston; Inglemoor; Interlake; Issaquah; Juanita; Kamiak; Kennedy Catholic; Klahowya; Lake Stevens; Lake Washington; Lewis & Clark; Liberty; Lynden; Mead; Meadowdale; Mercer Island; Monroe; Montesano; Mt. Si; Mt. Spokane; Mountain View; Nathan Hale; Newport; North Creek; North Kitsap; Olympia; Overlake; Peninsula; Puyallup; Redmond; Richland; Rogers; Roosevelt; Sammamish; Seattle Academy; Seattle Prep; Sedro-Woolley; Sehome; Selah; Sequim, Shorecrest; Skyline; Skyview; Snohomish; South Kitsap; Southridge; Squalicum; Stadium; Stanwood; Sumner; Tahoma; Union; Vashon; Wenatchee; West Seattle; West Valley; White River; Woodinville

Absent: Curtis, Kingston, Lakeside, O'Dea, Orting

1977: The meeting was called to order by board president, Vern Smith. He welcomed all 93 programs and reminded coaches to check in with Catie if arriving late to the meeting to assure attendance is recorded and to send any team contact updates to Catie as soon as possible.

1978: Vern reminded the membership about the ground rules for speaking. Everyone can speak once on every topic. If someone wants to speak twice they must wait until everyone else has the opportunity to speak once.

1979: Vern introduced the newest provisional members to the league: Arlington, Sedro-Woolley, (Burlington-Edison, also present, will be considered the newly formed team), Cedarcrest, Enumclaw, Hanford, Interlake, Kingston, Lake Stevens, Mountain View, North Creek, Puyallup, Squalicum.

1980: The WHSBLA Board of Directors was introduced.
Board President/At-Large 1 Rep: Vern Smith
Region 1 Rep (Wesco-Northwest): Greg Hill
Region 2 Rep (KingCo): Brandon Fortier
Region 3 Rep (Metro): Drew Wright

Region 4 Rep (Olympic/Gr. St. Helens): Rob Hawley
Region 5 Rep (Puget Sound/Pierce): Jimmy Twining
Region 6 Rep (Central/Greater Spokane): Brian O'Rourke
At-Large 2: Ian O'Hearn
At-Large 3: Henry Valentine
Board Executive Secretary: Catie Larsen

- 1981: Vern gave an update on the WIAA meeting that was attended by members of WHSBLA and WSLAX. If lacrosse became a WIAA sport, then it could become a school sport. There were many negatives though. WIAA
- Will not require or encourage ADs to adopt lacrosse
 - Will end Fall Ball
 - Will end conglomerate teams
 - Will end current school championship format
 - Will end out of season contacts for coaches with HS players as well as 7/8 players
 - Will only allow WIAA schools to play WIAA schools within the state
 - Will not promote lacrosse
 - Will not reinvest profits raised from boys' state championship back to boys lacrosse

WSLAX has reservations and think it would 'kill girls' lacrosse' since many teams are smaller, regional teams.

Several members of WHSBLA spoke on how WIAA would benefit some teams and asked WHSBLA to give pros and not just cons in the future.

- 1982: Vern shared that in 2017, profits from the State Championship were \$13,904. About \$10,000 of it was used for financial assistance to teams for the 2018 season. The board was able to grant some type of financial assistance to every team who requested it by the deadline. The 2018 State Championship made \$17,141 and will be used for financial assistance for the 2019 season. October 15 is the deadline to get a request submitted.

- 1983: The Board proposed the following by-law amendment:
The current By-Laws define the fiscal year to end on June 30th. Typically, we carry a large balance in our accounts waiting for final expenses from the state finals and final billing from WALOA for game officials. Our accountants have recommended moving the end of our fiscal year to December 31st to address this issue for tax purposes.

- 1984: Board elections were announced with the following positions and nominees on the ballots and it was noted that there is space on each ballot for write-in nominations. Each candidate was given an opportunity to introduce themselves and share their reason for wishing to be on the board or have someone speak on their behalf if they were not present:

At-Large Representative 2: Ian O'Hearn
Region 2 Representative: Brandon Fortier
Region 4 Representative: Rob Hawley
Josh Paulus
Region 6 Representative: Brian O'Rourke

1985: Members eligible to vote were given ballots upon checking in to the meeting. Brandon presented 2019 Season items while Board President, Vern Smith, and Executive Secretary, Catie Larsen, counted the ballots.

1986: Conference changes were presented by Brandon:

Region 1

Northwest -

- Sedro-Woolley joins as new program
- Squalicum joins as new program

WesCo -

- Archbishop Murphy shifts here to align with their move in all WIAA sports
- Cascade-Jackson requested a merge and CP3 status to help grow each program
- Shorecrest returns after year hiatus
- Arlington joins as a new program
- Cedarcrest joins as a new program
- Lake Stevens joins as a new program

Region 2

KingCo -

- Interlake joins as a new program
- North Creek joins as a new program

Region 3

Metro -

- Kennedy Catholic shifts here to accommodate travel concerns as vast majority of Puget Sound conference is South whereas Kennedy is in North Puget Sound for all other sports

Region 4

Great St. Helens -

- Mountain View joins as new program

Olympic

- Montesano shifts here so they can match-up with other like 1A/2A programs since Orting and White River shift to new Puget-Pierce
- Kingston joins as a new program

Region 5

- Natural district rivalries between Sumner-Bonney Lake as well as White River-Enumclaw, coupled with the fact that Orting is also an SPSL 2A member for all other WIAA sports made it reasonable to bring the former Puget and Pierce conferences together (now Puget-Pierce).

Puget Pierce-

- Enumclaw joins as new program
- Puyallup joins as new program

Region 6

Central -

- Hanford joins as new program

1987: A document that lists CP program status is located on the WHSBLA website under League Documents.

1988: The following season items were presented by Brandon:

Schedule deadlines and requests – Region reps will send an email asking for any scheduling requests. Schedule deadlines, requests and blackout dates are due November 15th. A draft schedule will be out by December 1st.

Declaring sub-varsity teams – if you declare a JV or C team, make sure you have the numbers to support them. If a schedule is built for a declared team and they must pull out, the membership fees will still be assessed to the program. If a program is unsure in any way that there will be a sub-varsity team, it is better to say 'No'. If the JV or C team is added later, the program can build a schedule at that time.

Budgeting –

Membership Fees will remain the same as last year - \$300 per varsity team; \$200 per sub-varsity team. The invoice form is available on the WHSBLA website and will also be sent out via email. The payment is due at the January Mandatory Coaches Meeting.

Extra Ref Fee of \$177 will be added to the Membership Fee. This money is used to pay travel costs to cover outlying areas. If a club provides a new HS ref who works at least 5 games, the fee will be refunded or added to next year's balance.

Game Fees will remain the same as last year - \$158 per varsity game; \$126 per sub-varsity game. The invoice form is on the WHSBLA website and will also be sent out via email. The payment is due by March 1, 2019.

WHSBLA Website – Please check your team page and send any updates to Brandon Fortier.

1989: The 2019 Season dates were announced:

- First Day of Practice – Monday, February 25, 2019
Reminder – The compliance file must be turned in and approved before any practices can count toward the 10 practices necessary to compete.
- MANDATORY Coaches Meeting – January 26, 2019.
 - Items due: Membership Fees and Preseason Coach Packet
 - Meeting place: Seattle Pacific University, Nickerson Hall, 11am.
- Championship Day - Saturday, May 25, 2019

1990: The Board Election results were announced:

At-Large Representative 2: Ian O'Hearn
Region 2 Representative: Brandon Fortier
Region 4 Representative: Rob Hawley
Region 6 Representative: Brian O'Rourke

1991: The following budget items were announced:

Jimmy announced that the profit and loss statement for the past fiscal year is available in the lobby to look over and if there are any budget questions to see Catie

1992: A Q&A was held at the end of the meeting and items of discussion

Included:

- lack of qualified coaches and how the group could help.
- Teams recognized by their school. Several teams have done it and are willing to help others. A survey will be sent out to see the status of all teams and find those clubs willing to give advice to teams who are trying to get recognized by their schools.

1993: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Catie Larsen, Executive Secretary