

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Prior to the October 17 board meeting, the following items were discussed and decided via email.

1815 Election of Board President

MOTION: It was moved by G.H. and seconded by B.F. to elect Vern Smith as president of the WHSBLA Executive Board for the next term. In favor 8. Opposed 0. (Abstained VS) Motion carried.

1816 Fall Ball

Based on the response from the general membership meeting the WHSBLA Board has voted to enact the following to be included in our League Handbook:

12.12 - Fall Open Period

Coaching Contact is allowed from the first Friday in November through the first Sunday in December each year within the stipulations set below.

12.12.1 - Allowable contact days during Open Period: 12 total

12.12.2 - Maximum 4 contact days per any calendar week

Coaching Contact is considered any lacrosse specific coaching with members of your high school team including, but not limited to practices, scrimmages, individual work, alumni games, jamborees and/or tournament play.

These contact days can in no way be made mandatory for any squad's members. Rather they are optional opportunities to work with current squad members in efforts to recruit new players, give those not involved in other sports a chance to stay active and help those interested in fall recruiting events.

MOTION: It was moved by D.H. and seconded by B.F. to approve the Fall Ball proposal. In favor 9. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Minutes of October 17, 2017 Board Meeting

Members present: B. Fortier, I. O'Hearn, H. Valentine, C. Larsen

Via conference call: V. Smith, B. O'Rourke, D. Wright R. Hawley, J. Twining and G. Hill

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM.

1817 Approval of September Minutes

The September minutes were distributed via email after the September meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by H.V. and seconded by I.O. to approve the September minutes. In favor 9. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

1818 Kevin Powers, head coach of Bothell, asked to be excused from the January mandatory coach meeting due to another commitment. The board determined that his prior engagement did not meet the criteria for an excused absence.

MOTION: It was moved by H.V. and seconded by B.O. to suspend Powers from the 1st regular season game if he misses the mandatory coach meeting. In favor 8. Opposed 0. Abstain 1 (BF). Motion carried.
H.V. to notify.

1819 I.O. requested the board to consider the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference rule: "During the high school season, starting with the first scheduled contest through the CIAC and New England tournaments, you may not practice or play with an outside team in the same sport." This would include tryouts. It was decided that this would need to be put forth as a policy and I.O. will draft the rule and proposed sanction for board members to discuss and vote upon. GELL has recently put something similar in place for its youth players.

1820 Conglomerate concerns

Some Conglomerate teams are voicing concern about having to split after the 2018 season. The board discussed that when teams have had to split in the past, they have always succeeded in creating separate teams. To help with this effort D.W. and I.O. will put together a framework to help teams who are splitting, including examples for building youth programs to feed into these new teams. All teams who must split need to show a good faith effort of trying to make the split successful before the Board will consider hearing a motion to grant a waiver.

1821 Compliance Fee Fine

Due to the misunderstanding by some about the compliance fee fine, which can be applied due to multiple submissions, V.S. will draft new wording to make the intent perfectly clear to all.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by H.V. that because the multiple submission penalty was mentioned several times at the mandatory coaches meeting as well as in the emails sent by B.F., Columbia River needs to pay their \$200 fine or forfeit their first game. In favor 7. Opposed 2 (V.S., R.H.). Motion carried. B.F. to Notify.

1822 Bethel is actually comprised almost entirely of student athletes from Graham-Kapowsin. Thus the program will now be referenced as Graham-Kapowsin. As such, the program will be correctly classified as 4A and shift to the Puget Sound conference for regular season play.

1823 Kennedy Catholic request to move to Metro conference.

MOTION: It was moved by H.V. and seconded by G.H. to approve Kennedy Catholic's request to move conference to Metro D2. In favor 0. Opposed 8. Abstain 1 (D.W.). Motion denied. B.F. to notify.

1824 Franklin – Garfield merger

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by H.V. to approve the merger of Franklin and Garfield designating them a CP3 conglomerate, ineligible for the 2018 playoffs. In favor 8. Opposed 0. Abstain 1 (D.W.). Motion carried. D.W. to notify.

1825 T. Kohler transfer request

MOTION: It was moved by H.V. and seconded by G.H. to deny Talon Kohler request for Varsity eligibility at Bellarmine Prep HS after transferring from Rogers HS without an address change. In favor 8. Opposed 0. Abstain 1 (J.T.) Motion carried. G.H. to notify.

1826 A. Porter transfer request

MOTION: It was moved by H.V. and seconded by G.H. to deny Avery Buote-Porter request for Varsity eligibility at O'Dea HS after transferring from Bainbridge HS without an address change. In favor 8. Opposed 0. Abstain 1 (J.T.) Motion carried. G.H. to notify.

1827 Miscellaneous items

- Board members were tasked with finding ways to spend the WHSBLA profit including, but not limited to, teams who could use financial help.
- Extra game fee being raised from \$156 to \$177 to cover WALOA admin fees. Clubs will get a refund of this fee if they provide one brand new ref who works at least 5 games in the 2018 season.
- Starfire has been booked for the 2018 Championships. Parking passes and designated parking spots will be requested for staff.
- Bellevue HS will replace lost 4A championship trophy as well as pay a \$50 admin fee.
- Lincoln HS will be opening the fall of 2018 or 2019.

1828 Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting of the WHSBLA board will be November 21, at 6:30, at Issaquah High School.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

Catie Larsen
Executive Secretary