

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of December 12, 2017 Board Meeting

Members present: B. Fortier, I. O’Hearn, H. Valentine, V. Smith, C. Larsen
Via conference call: R. Hawley, D. Wright, J. Twining and G. Hill
Excused: B. O’Rourke

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM.

1842 Approval of November Minutes

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

MOTION: It was moved by H.V. and seconded by I.O. to approve the November minutes. In favor 8. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

1843 Discussion occurred over the possibility that Blanchett will not be able to have a team this year. The athletes would not be eligible to play with another team so the board is encouraging them to find a few more players to be able to play.

1842 Rob was contacted by an athlete at North Mason/Belfair who has 19 kids ready to play! Rob will assist them with the details of forming a team.

1843 Reminders

Catie will send email reminders about the January 27 Mandatory Coach meeting with the coaches’ clinic following.

1844 Emerald Ridge LAX Club

Norm Dillon, president of Emerald Rogers Lacrosse Club, joined the board meeting and spoke about ER being scheduled with a ‘D1’ schedule in the Puget Sound Conference. ER finished atop those given a ‘D2’ schedule in 2017, thus the ‘D1’ schedule this season. Dillon explained that they will have a ‘young’ team this year, mostly freshmen and sophomores, which is why they are opposed to the shift. After further board discussion, the schedule will stand. Many clubs have ‘young years’ when large numbers of seniors graduate.

1845 General Meeting locations

Still looking to find a permanent location for our October and January meetings as SPU is no longer available for both. Brandon will check with

Issaquah HS, Ian is waiting to hear from Bellevue College and Catie will see about reserving Mercer Island CC for October meeting 'just in case'.

1846 Drew put together a roadmap for when programs need to split. Ian will review and then send to rest of the board.

1847 Arbiter Update

PITA pay has been paid as well as ferries/tolls. There was still a mileage payment that needed to be paid. This would have put the amount for WALOA to cover to be well over the \$10,000 cap agreed to. The mileage payment is usually done before PITA pay and is taken into consideration when making PITA payments. Erik Smith looked over mileage/pita payments and was able to reduce the mileage amount because refs already were repaid with pita pay. The final amount due from WALOA is back to the agreed upon \$10,000. All 2017 ref payments should now have been paid.

1848 Tax Update

No updates on taxes.

1849 Use of funds to promote high school lacrosse

Vern will put together an announcement about using funds to promote high school lacrosse. The board approved

1850 Request for funds for Spokane Officials Clinic

The board is willing to help pay for new refs at the high school level. Additional input is needed by Brian, so the discussion was tabled until next meeting.

1851 Damon Sanders of Lewis and Clark request to miss January Coach meeting.

Damon Sanders requested to miss Mandatory Coach meeting in January due to a family vacation. He will send someone in his place. His wife's vacation days are scheduled 12-18 months in advance and awarded by a lottery system, so they need to take vacation when they get it.

MOTION: It was moved by R.H. and seconded by G.H. to excuse Damon Sanders from the January 27 meeting. In favor 5. Opposed 3. Motion carried.

1852 Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting of the WHSBLA board will be January 9, at 6:30, at Issaquah High School.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Catie Larsen
Executive Secretary