

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of November 14, 2018 Board Meeting

Members present: J. Twining, B. Fortier, H. Valentine, C. Larsen

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

2012 Approval of October Minutes

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

The October meeting minutes were approved by a vote of 8-0.

2013 Tax Update

Vern meeting with a potential CPA to help with the tax issue from 2011/2012 as well as make WHSBLA a non-profit in the eyes of the IRS.

2014 League Schedulers for 2019

Region 1	Chris Cote - Wesco Burlington – Edison - NW
Region 2	Brandon Fortier
Region 3	Drew Wright
Region 4	Marc Kemp – Olympic Tim Goodspeed – GSH
Region 5	Jimmy Twining – D1 Lou Lucchesi – D2
Region 6	Amy Donaldson – Central Nathanial Duncan – Spokane

The Greater St Helen scheduler will receive a \$150 credit and the rest will receive \$300.

2015 Season dates and Home Playoff Teams

- March 8 is the first playable date for games, but first league scheduled conference games should not be scheduled until March 12.
- Last regular season game date for majority is May 4. In 3A, Squalicum and Mt. Spokane must be done with their regular season no later than May 2. In 1A/2A, Selah, West Valley, Overlake, Cedarcrest, Columbia River must be done no later than May 2. These are to account for Play-In games already scheduled for 5/4.
- Since LaxPower is no more, in cases where seed #'s are the same, the team listed on top of the bracketed game is the host. For Play-In games, the host is predetermined and listed in the bracket. Attempts were made to have those that traveled in same situations last year, host this year and vice versa.

2016 Field not meeting specifications (including Unified fields) are not allowable for hosting playoff games. Any field set to host a playoff game must be:

- 110 yards long
- 53-60 yards wide
- Box dimensions of 35 x 40 yards such that there are 15 yards from GLE to the end line and 20 yards from GLE to the top of the restraining box.

2017 General Membership meeting absences

Lakeside, O'Dea, Curtis and Orting all missed the October 6, 2018 general membership meeting and will be put on probation for 1 year.

2018 Mountain View request of early practice.

MOTION: It was moved by R.H. and seconded by B.F. to grant Mountain View their request to start practice 1 week early. In favor 8. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Compliance File must be submitted prior to any practice occurring.

2019 Cedarcrest request of early practice.

MOTION: It was moved by G.H. and seconded by H.V. to grant Cedarcrest their request to start practice 1 week early. In favor 3. Opposed 5. Motion failed.

2020 Petition for exemption to boundary rules

MOTION: It was moved by R.H. and seconded by H.V. to deny a private school player's petition for an exemption to the boundaries as he is requesting to play for a different public school. In favor 8. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

2021 AA Selection Process

The WHSBLA board will create guidelines to allocate the number of AA athletes recognized from each region based on number of semi-final teams from each region.

2022 Handbook policy 12.11.5

12.11.5 states that playoff teams will be responsible to split the costs for referees until the Semi-finals, at which point the WHSBA will cover the cost of officials.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by H.V. to remove that stipulation from the handbook. Away teams have the added cost of

traveling to the game, therefore, the hosting team will pay for the referees. In favor 8. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

2023 Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting of the WHSBLA board will be December 11 at 6:30pm at Issaquah High School. All other business will be conducted through email until then.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

After the November 14 board meeting, the following items were discussed and decided via email.

2024 IRS and Tax Issues (Update of Item 2013)

Vern talked to Megan Ryan of Clark Nuber and she is willing to work with the WHSBLA to gain non-profit status for the IRS. She will also deal with the outstanding penalty that appears to be from the late filing of 1099s in 2011 and 2012.

Motion: It was moved by V.S. and seconded by B.F. for Jimmy Twining, as board president, to sign a Power of Attorney for Clark Nuber, and to approve up to \$1700 in attorney fees to handle both situations. In favor 8. Opposed 0. Motion Carried.

2025 Handbook Revisions

It was discussed and proposed to make the following changes to the WHSBLA Handbook. **The vote was as follows: In favor 8. Opposed 0. Changes will be made.**

6.4.2 presently states:

When a team divides and a new varsity team is formed, only returning seniors will be grandfathered to the old team. Juniors, sophomores, freshmen and new players (including new seniors), must play with the new team. [This is confusing - the rule only refers to seniors in the new team's boundary and also makes the grandfather "option" a requirement - not our original intent when the rule was adopted.]

Suggested revision:

6.4.2 When an existing program divides and a new varsity team is formed, players attending schools within that new team's designated boundary must play for that new team, except for returning seniors who may elect to play for their old team for their final season. New senior players within the new team's boundary must play for the new team.

Suggested revision (underline words added):

8.3.0 During the WHSBLA season only contests scheduled against WHSBLA sanctioned teams or out-of-state teams sanctioned by their state's lacrosse sanctioning body are permissible.

2026 Eric Schuette requested he be excused from the mandatory coach meeting as he has been selected to be a presenter at an annual WIAA football coaches clinic/convention.

MOTION: Move to approve Eric Schuette's (Central Kitsap) request to be excused from the January 26 Mandatory Coach Meeting provided an assistant coach is present for Central Kitsap. In favor 6. Opposed 1. Motion carried.

Catie Larsen
Executive Secretary