

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of December 11, 2018 Board Meeting

Members present: J. Twining, B. Fortier, H. Valentine, C. Larsen, I. O'Hearn
Via video conference call: D. Wright, R. Hawley, V. Smith, B. O'Rourke

2027 Approval of November Minutes

The November minutes were distributed via email after the November meeting. **The November meeting minutes were approved by a vote of 8-0.**

2028 Peninsula Grievance Update

A player from Peninsula filed a grievance with the Board of the Peninsula lacrosse program and also sent it to the WHSBLA Board. The WHSBLA Board has followed up with the Peninsula program to confirm that they are handling the matter internally.

2029 Program Survey

71 teams responded to the Program Survey. A link to the results is posted on the current minutes page of the WHSBLA website. The WHSBLA Board recognizes a need to be clearer with the notion that every program could be a varsity sport at their school without lacrosse being WIAA sanctioned per Washington State Legislation

RCW [28A.600.200](#)

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=28A.600.200>

2030 Coaches and Background Checks

Currently, per WHSBLA policy, only Head Coaches are required to be members of US Lacrosse whereas all coaches are required to undergo a background check of a national scope.

Per changes within US Lacrosse, all members are now afforded a national background check with their membership for no additional charge. As such, to simplify policy, all WHSBLA coaches will be required to obtain membership with US Lacrosse which will include the National Background Check.

2031 It was clarified that any member of WHSBLA, including provisional members can propose changes to the handbook at any time. Proposals can be sent to the regional reps.

2032 It was clarified that during the off-season, coaches and players can play on the same team provided no coaching is taking place. This is clarified per Q&A #27 on page 92 of WIAA's Q&A section:

[http://wiaa.com/ConDocs/Con1629/Questions%20and%20Answers%20\(89-112\).pdf](http://wiaa.com/ConDocs/Con1629/Questions%20and%20Answers%20(89-112).pdf)

2033 Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting of the WHSBLA board will be January 10 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 8:15 pm.

After the December 11 board meeting, the following items were discussed and decided via email.

2034 Marc Kemp requested to be excused from the mandatory coach meeting due to a family obligation.

MOTION: Move to approve Marc Kemp's (Gig Harbor) request to be excused from the January 26 Mandatory Coach Meeting provided an assistant coach is present for Gig Harbor. In favor 8. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

2035 WALOA has taken over the administration of Arbiter. WHSBLA's role will continue to be a payor for WHSBLA officials.

Catie Larsen
Executive Secretary