

## WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of September 12, 2010 Board Meeting

1140: The Board meeting of the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association was held Sunday, September 12, at 10:00 am at Issaquah High School, 700 2nd Ave SE Issaquah, WA. Present were Vern Smith, Brandon Fortier, Rob Hawley, Kevin Martin, Ryan Kelly, Peter White and Gail Shelton. Ian O'Hearn joined the meeting at 1:00 pm.

1141: Gail presented the Treasurer's Report prepared by Daniela Colter.

1142: There was a discussion concerning a replacement for Daniela as secretary-treasurer. It may be necessary to split the position because the treasurer's job is becoming very time-consuming. Discussion concerning hiring an accounting firm was tabled until after the negotiations with WALOA were completed.

1143: After discussion concerning teams forfeiting a game the following motion was presented:

**MOTION: Article 12.9.1 of the WHSBLA Handbook will be amended to read:**

**Any coach unilaterally refusing to play will be suspended. The Board must find good cause for a team to forfeit. The length of suspension will be determined by the WHSBLA Board and may include playoff games. The game in questions will be ruled a forfeit. Motion passed 5-1.**

1144: Following a lengthy discussion regarding escalating problems with fans, coaches and officials, the matter will be addressed at the October 2 General Membership meeting. Coaches will also be reminded to act professionally and impartially when addressing WALOA officials.

**MOTION: The following language will be added to the WHSBLA Handbook:**

**The HOME team is required to provide an adult to serve as the designated "Sideline Manager" to assist with crowd control issues during the duration of the contest. This person must be introduced to the officials prior to the start of the contest. In order to remain mobile, this person may not be part of the table crew (scorekeeper, clock operator, penalty timer, horn operations, etc.). The visiting team is encouraged to designate a "Sideline Manager" of their own and if so, should be introduced to the officials as well. Motion approved 6-0.**

1145: Mitch Williams Petition #81 is moot as he has enrolled at Sammamish HS.

1146: Jon Beretta's petition states that he is homeschooled, a freshman and lives in the Everett School District. He has played with the Mukilteo Club

but with the formation of the Everett Club (formally Silver Lake) he would be required to play for them. Based on a travel hardship he would like to remain with the Mukilteo Club.

**MOTION: Beretta Petition #82 is denied 6-0 based on resident school.**

1147: There was a discussion regarding Lake Tapps request to include Orting HS in the Lake Tapps boundary.

**MOTION: The Board denies Lake Tapps petition to include Orting HS within their boundary and assigns Orting HS to Puyallup. Motion denied 5-0 with Kevin Martin recuzing himself from the vote.**

1148: **MOTION: The Board voted to expand regional representatives to include a representative from Eastern Washington (representing teams east of the Cascades) and a representative from the South (covering teams from Tacoma to Vancouver). The Board will present an amendment to the By-Laws at the February Membership meeting for the a vote. Motion passed 4-2.”**

1149: **MOTION: The following clubs will be removed from Provisional Membership and granted Regular Membership in WHSBLA: Gig Harbor, Mt. Si, Lake Washington, Everett (formally Silver Lake), Providence, Liberty and Woodinville. Motion passed 7-0.**

1150: A lengthy discussion followed concerning the assignment of private schools to a program. It is the Board's position that when a critical mass of players attend a private school and play for one program (not at their school) an attempt should be made to keep those players together in the hopes that they will be able to form their own team in the future.

**MOTION: A lacrosse player attending a private school and residing outside the city limits of Seattle, whose private school is assigned to a program, can choose to play at the assigned program or play at his resident public school. This designation must be made when the player enters lacrosse at the high school level and cannot be changed. Motion approved 7-0.**

1151: Vern will respond to Susie Peterson's request regarding private schools not currently assigned to a program.

1152: Brandon will investigate WIAA rule regarding adding players to a roster for playoff purposes and report back to the Board.

1153: The committee to negotiate the 2011 contract with WALOA will be – Brandon, Ian and Ryan. Vern will make an announcement at the October meeting inviting members to join the committee.

1154: The Board has been asked to select a date for the State Finals.

**MOTION: The Washington State Lacrosse Finals will be held May 28, 2011 at Memorial Stadium. Motion approved 7-0.**

Vern will communicate this information to Ron Wright at the Washington Chapter.

1155: Lake Washington requests to move to Division I.

**MOTION: The Board approves Lake Washington's request to move to Division I beginning with the 2011 season. Approved 7-0.**

1156: Lynnwood requests to remain in Division II.

**MOTION: The Board denies Lynnwood's request to remain in Division II. Request denied 7-0.**

1157: Nathan Hale requests to add Lake Forest Park/Shoreline to the Nathan Hale boundary.

**MOTION: The Board denies Nathan Hale's request to add Lake Forest Park/Shoreline to their boundary. Request denied 7-0.**

1158: A request was received to designate Archbishop Murphy HS as a member of the Everett boundary or the Snohomish boundary to keep AMHS players together. There are currently AMHS players at Mukilteo, Everett, Stanwood and Snohomish, but there is not a critical mass at any one of the programs.

**MOTION: The Board denies the request to assign AMHS to either the Everett or Snohomish boundary. AMHS players will continue to be assigned to teams based on their residence. Request denied 7-0**

1159: A request was received to move University Prep to Roosevelt. UP was assigned to Nathan Hale under the 2005 City of Seattle Lacrosse Boundary Document which remains in effect in 2011..

**MOTION: The Board denies the request to assign University Prep to Roosevelt. Request denied 7-0**

1160: A request was received to form a combined Roosevelt-Ballard team for 2011. A new team is forming at Ballard for the 2011 season; however, all Ballard seniors playing for Roosevelt have the option to play their final season at Roosevelt.

**MOTION: The Board denies the request to form a combined Roosevelt-Ballard team for 2011. Request denied 7-0**

1161: A request was received to admit Ballard High School as a Provisional Member of WHSBLA beginning with the 2011 season.

**MOTION: Ballard High School is admitted as a Provisional Member to WHSBLA beginning with the 2011 season. Request permitted 7-0.**

1162: There was a lengthy discussion concerning the League alignment for 2011. The majority of the programs voted for Option A requesting little or no change and providing continuity for at least another year or two.

**MOTION: In Division I each team will play in-conference teams once. Non-league cross conference games which will not count in standings, will be scheduled based on 3-tier groupings within each conference per 2010 standings. The top three, based on 2010 standings, will play cross conference. The middle 4 will play cross conference with the middle 4, and the bottom 4 will play cross conference with the bottom 4. Approved 7-0.**

1163: Vern reported that Items #4 and #6 of the sanctions against Overlake from the 2010 season had not been fulfilled to date. After a lengthy discussion, the Board asked Vern to contact Overlake (coach and AD) with the following:

**MOTION: The sanctions are upheld as modified in the letter to the coach on May 19, 2010. A letter of apology (signed by coach and AD) must be sent within one week. The payment to King's Way must be received by them no later than 30 days. Failure to meet the deadlines will result in Overlake being suspended from the Association until they are in compliance. Overlake will travel to King's Way in the 2011 season and Overlake will cover the costs of officials and fields/custodians for this game. Motion approved 7-0.**

1164: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Gail Shelton  
Interim Executive Secretary