

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of November 15, 2010 Board Meeting

1168: The Board meeting of the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association was held Monday, November 15, at 7:00 PM at Mercer Island High School, 9100 SE 42nd St. Mercer Island, WA. Present were Rob Hawley, Brandon Fortier, Ian O’Hearn, Ron Wright, Henry Valentine, Gail Shelton and Kathi Lucchesi. Kevin Martin and Peter White were present via web conference.

1169: Minutes of the October 2, 2010 General Membership Meeting were distributed via email prior to the meeting.

MOTION: The Board approves the October 2, 2010 General Membership Meeting minutes. Motion approved 7-0.

1170: Kathi will contact Daniela Colter to obtain a current budget and present to the Board at the December Board meeting.

1171: A lengthy discussion followed concerning Motion 1148 from the September 12, 2010 Board meeting. Specifically discussed was how and when to add a new representative to the Board to represent teams in regions East of the Cascades and in Southern Washington.

MOTION: The Board will seek to expand the WHSBLA Board by creating a representative to support the region east of the mountains and/or the region south of Tacoma extending to the greater Vancouver area when said region has reached a critical mass of five programs within said region. This motion amends Motion 1148. Motion approved 7-0.

1172: A request was received to move the Marysville School District from Snohomish boundary to Everett. After discussion, it was determined that Peter White will meet with both clubs for further clarification.

MOTION: The Everett request to include Marysville will be tabled until further details are obtained from both the Everett and Snohomish clubs. Motion approved 7-0.

1173: Requests were received from both Vashon and Overlake to move to Division II. Both of the petitions came in after the alignment was created. Henry Valentine was available to present highlights detailing the specific concerns of the Overlake petition. Henry then removed himself from the meeting to allow for further discussion. Discussion followed

including the possibility of modifying the existing schedule to address concerns presented by Overlake.

MOTION: The Board denies both Vashon and Overlake requests to move to Division II beginning with the 2011 season. Motion passed 4-2 with Henry Valentine recusing himself from the vote.

MOTION: The Board denies the suggestion to make modifications to the DI schedule to address concerns presented by Overlake. Motion passed 5-1 with Henry Valentine recusing himself from the vote.

1174: The Board discussed Division II playoff format after the suggestion that the Eastern conference should be granted a second spot. Brandon Fortier presented three possible options to the board and other ideas were sought. Option #1 was deemed the best given the current number of teams in each conference.

MOTION: The Division II playoffs for the 2011 season will consist of a 16 team format with the following playoff spot allocations per conference: Metro, Olympic, Evergreen and Cascade – 3 spots each; Skagit and Eastern – 2 spots each. Motion approved 6-1.

1175: Brandon Fortier, representing the negotiations committee, gave a summary of the meeting with WALOA. WALOA has a concern regarding liability in that referees might be considered 'employees' because they are both paid and trained through them. Much discussion followed about whether or not WALOA will ask WHSBLA to pay referees directly and the impact of such a decision. Discussion included travel and admin fees should a separate entity such as WOA take over payment and scheduling of referees.

The idea of a "Bounty Contest" to recruit new referees was presented. It was suggested that a monetary prize be awarded to programs that meet specified requirements and a grand prize awarded to the top program.

1176: There was a discussion regarding the possibility of a new Southwest Lacrosse Association (SWLA) in the Vancouver area where there may be interest to set up one to two new teams. Brandon will seek to gather more information including the declaration of the home school for King's Way.

1177: When asked by an outside organization to forward on emails regarding their activities (tournaments, camps, etc.), it is the position of the Board to direct them to the WHSBLA website for contact information.

1178: Chas Stringfellow Petition #85 has not yet been formally received. No action is needed at this time.

1179: Jackson Lanning Petition #86 requests that he be eligible to play varsity lacrosse at Garfield as a transfer student to Seattle Academy. WIAA has already ruled him eligible for varsity cross country at Seattle Academy.

MOTION: Lanning Petition #86 is approved 7-0.

1180: Notification was received by the Board that the Shoreline Lacrosse Club plans to field a JV team for the 2011 season. Ron will follow up with Shoreline to explain the process of becoming a provisional member.

1181: A request was received from Ben Kelley concerning his transfer to Aviation School which is part of the Highline School District. A formal petition has not yet been received. He will be instructed to submit a petition explaining his request as is Board policy. No action is necessary until a petition is received.

1182: **MOTION: The Board shall deem the business closed regarding the issue of the 9th grader attending day one of Vern's camp. Motion approved 7-0.**

1183: Henry asked for guidance as to what steps are necessary to create a formal alliance with Bear Creek to help with Overlake's current situation. Ian noted that because the Athletic Directors have agreed to this alliance, it is a non-issue.

1184: The December Board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, December 13 at 7:00 PM at Mercer Island High School.

1185: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM.

Kathi Lucchesi
Executive Secretary