

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of February 6, 2010
General Membership Meeting

- 562: The mandatory meeting of head coaches of the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association was held on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at noon at Bertona Hall, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington.

Board President: Vern Smith
Board Executive Secretary: Daniela Colter
Division I Rep: Brandon Fortier
Division II Rep: Kevin Martin
East Rep: Vern Smith
Metro Rep: Ryan Kelly
West Rep: Rob Hawley
North Rep: Peter White
At-Large: Ian O'Hearn

Division I – Bainbridge Island, Bellevue, Curtis, Eastlake, Eastside Catholic, Issaquah, King's Way, Lakeside, Lake Tapps, Mercer Island, Mukilteo, Northshore, Overlake, Puyallup, Seattle Prep, Skyline, Stadium, Tacoma, Tahoma, Vashon

Division II – Franklin, Garfield, Gig Harbor, Klahowya, Lake Washington, Liberty, Lynnwood, Mt Si, Nathan Hale, North County, North Kitsap, Overlake, North Olympic, Redmond, Roosevelt, Sammamish, San Juan, Selah, Silver Lake, Skagit Valley, Snohomish, South Kitsap, Stanwood, Three Rivers, Wenatchee, Whatcom, Woodinville. Absent: Highline.

- 563: Roll Call was taken and Vern introduced the new programs and head coaches. There are now 49 programs in the league. Gig Harbor – Mark Kemp; Lake Washington – Greg Butler; Liberty – Geo Tamblyn; Mt. Si – Woodroe Kiser; Providence Christian – Nate Morris; Silver Lake – Matthew Hastings; Woodinville – Gavin Molitor. Vern also introduced new Head Coaches of current programs and each coach gave a brief background of their lacrosse experience: Blanchet - Ryan Tyler (not present), Riley Gervais representing Blanchet; Eastlake – Chuck Lee; Lakeside – Jon Stenson; Nathan Hale - Chris Panos; Puyallup – Roger Morris; Seattle Prep – Ian Lee and Tom Gibbons; Skyline – Adam Kurtenbach; Stanwood – Steve Huot.
- 564: Each program was asked to turn in the 2010 Coach's Packet today.

- 565: Vern reminded the membership about the ground rules for speaking. Everyone can speak once on every topic, if someone wants to speak twice they must wait until everyone else has the opportunity to speak once. He mentioned that what can be said in one minute can be said in thirty seconds.
- 566: Vern put in a plug for the Stealth team. Please check out a game if you have not already attended. Let's keep this team in Washington.
- 567: A brief outline of the day's agenda and guest speakers were highlighted.

New Business:

- 568: Brandon explained that the Coach's Packet is due today, Feb 6, 2010. The packet should contain signed Acknowledgement Forms, Program Certification Form, and completed Program Information Sheet. The Registration Fee is also due today, (\$100 for varsity and \$75 for non varsity teams) please turn into the secretary today.
- 569: An example of what each team is required to have on file at each game was shown to the membership. The binder should have a copy of the following: Proof of Insurance, Lystedt compliance, WSP background checks, Players Code of Conduct, Head Coach's USL Membership Cards, Coach's CPR and First Aid Certificates.
- 570: Brandon reminded the membership to check the WHSBLA website and review the "2010 Season Need to Knows". The information for important dates are listed on the website. By March 15, 2010 the following are due: League dues, \$10 for regular members and \$5 for provisional members; Officials fees, \$130/varsity game and \$110/non-varsity game; Official program rosters for everyone in the program; and; Varsity Roster posted before the first game is played. Teams will be receiving their invoices at the end of February.
- 571: Important dates:
- March 1, 2010** – First day of practice for remaining teams
 - May 14, 2010** – League playoffs begins
 - May 16, 2010** – All-State League meeting
 - May 29, 2010** – Championship Day at Memorial Stadium
 - August 1, 2010** – Dead period begins
 - Oct 2, 2010** - Fall General Membership Meeting
- 572: Brandon highlighted changes to the WHSBLA Handbook, please read the handbook. Changes have been made to Rules 3, 5, and 10.

- 573: Regular season contests are limited to 20 games plus jamborees. Brandon reminded the membership that jamborees are defined as a maximum of 3 contests in one day with a maximum of two 20 minute running time periods. Extra Jamboree days count towards the 20 game maximum. No games will be scheduled to start after 8:00pm Monday through Thursday and the drop dead start time is 8:30pm.
- 572: The 10-practice rule explains what a practice is, please read it carefully. Practices on Sundays do not count, and if a player is involved in a winter sport and overlaps with lacrosse up to half of their practices will count toward the 10-practice rule.
- 573: The new NFHS rules regarding jersey specifications is in effect this season.
- 574: Home and away jersey's are now required for all DI varsity teams. Please check Sportability for game times and locations.
- 575: Ian O'Hearn distributed copies of an article from INSIDE LACROSSE to the membership titled "WEST ISLIP Meet New York's Newest High School Empire". Ian encouraged everyone to read it and try to simulate its philosophy. The program built a "powerhouse" program using three key components: Administrative support, Feeder system and Booster Club.
- 576: State Championship date was changed from May 22, 2010 to May 29, 2010 due to a scheduling conflict. Ian explained this is the same weekend as all other WIAA's state championship day. An Events Coordinator is required for that day so if you are interested or know someone who is please have him or her contact Ron Wright at rwright@rwaa.com. Many volunteers are also needed for the day, please contact Ron if you are able to help. WHSBLA will attempt to have a DI and DII All-Star team game before the final state championship game. If this is not feasible then Tahoma will host a DII All-Star game at the end of June. This will be part of the Tahoma Invitational Tournament. For more informational please contact Vern Smith.
- 577: All programs should now be in compliance with the Lystedt Law. The statue specifically requires signatures by all players and their parents who will be on school grounds. It can be an electronic signature, no check box, this is very important. Vern encouraged the coaches to check the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/tbi/TBI.htm> for more information. The statue does not reference the officials. This law has not fundamentally changed the coach's liability. The important item to remember is to keep the players safe.

- 578: Coaching Certification is now required. Each program is responsible for keeping track of hours. All coaches need to complete Level I before the season begins or have 30 hours of coaching training. Today's hours will count. US Lacrosse provides the training on their website.
- 579: Vern advised the membership that a petition has again been filed with the WIAA to have both boys and girls lacrosse become a sanctioned sport. The vote will likely take place in April. We need AD's to vote yes. Please help us get the word to the AD's that lacrosse is growing fast and it would be a good thing to have it sanctioned.
- 580: Kris Snider spoke regarding his role as a WA USL representative and a Coach's Committee Area Representative. Kris informed the membership that at the January USL Convention, members agreed to restructure the National Board. If you have any suggestions, please contact Kris at k_snider@msn.com. The next Hall of Fame nominees are due by February 28th. You can submit four nominees and the winners will be announced at the WHSBLA Championship Day, May 29, 2010. Check www.uslax-wa.org for details. As a Coach's area representative he reports about the roles of WHSBLA. The state is eligible for 3 All Americans. This is loosely based on fully funded programs. For every 5 fully funded programs, one all American spot is granted.
- 581: Mike McQuaid, the public relations representative described what his role is and what information he requires from each program. He distributed a survey and a copy of what is required to report accurate information. If there are any out of state games please contact him with results of the games and he will publish an article in the paper. A copy of the survey can be found on the WHSBLA website.
- 582: Griffen Bennett, a former Bellevue lacrosse player and a local reporter for Fox Sports News gave a presentation of his role in showcasing local high school sports. He would like to do the same for lacrosse. He showed a clip of high school football and said the same would be done lacrosse.
- 583: Aaron Koransky, president of WALOA spoke about WALOA's role in lacrosse. There are many opportunities for officials this season. There will be over 600 high school games and there are only 32 high school level II officials. There were 215 youth and adults at the first WALOA meeting. Several training opportunities have been organized so please consider being an official. You may check the website for further information at www.waloea.info.

- 584: Matthew Hastings, a Stealth representative spoke at the meeting. The team is doing very well and thanked everyone who has attended the games. Please e-mail Matthew if you have any suggestions or comments. The team would like as much exposure as possible.
- 585: Question: Can the Board clarify why there now is four 10-minute periods per game instead of 12 minutes. WALOA is in the process of restructuring regarding pay scales and has asked WHSBLA to cooperate. An e-mail was sent out to the membership and there was an overall agreement to keep stop clock and not a running clock. The contract is now signed, if you are interested in contract negotiations for next season please contact the Board.
- 586: Question: Is there any way the Board would consider reducing the number of blackout dates? No, WHSBLA attempts to follow all WIAA rules.
- 587: Question: How many programs require physicals? Several programs do require a physical. No actual count was taken.
- 588: Question: When are the officials being assigned to the games? This should be complete in the next couple of weeks.
- 589: Team Washington will meet immediately following this meeting, you are welcome to attend.
- 590: The fall meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2010. A representative from each program must attend.
- 591: The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Daniela Colter, Executive Secretary