

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of June 3, 2024, Board Meeting

Members present via Conference call: B. Fortier, N. Ortiz, D. Hush, I. O'Hearn, J. Bambrick, J. Carroll, C. Mitchell, R. Jensen and C. Larsen

2447 Approval of February Minutes

February minutes were distributed and voted on via email prior to the meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by B. F. and seconded by C.M. to approve the February meeting minutes. In favor 7. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

2448 Follow up to item 2440. Head Coach from East Valley was, in fact, at the Mandatory Coaches Meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by C.M. and seconded by I.O. to overturn 1 game suspension for Coach Atkins. In favor 7. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

2449 Follow up to item 2441. Curtis and Mt. Spokane were both approved for Head Coach being absent from the Mandatory Coaches Meeting.

2450 Bothell Out of Compliance

MOTION: It was moved by C.M. and seconded by R.J. to suspend the Bothell Head Coach for the first league game for being out of compliance and participating in practice prior to being eligible. In favor 7. Opposed 0. Abstain 1. Motion carried.

2451 Reporting Ejections Procedure

MOTION: It was moved by B. F. and seconded by R.J. to change the WHSBLA Handbook concerning Reporting Ejections, moving from emailing the WHSBLA Board to filling out the WHSBLA Ejection Report (link on website). In favor 7. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

2452 Selah Player Ejection Appeal

A Selah player was ejected in a game. After reviewing film and ref reports, it was moved by J.B. and seconded by B.F. to uphold the one-game suspension for the ejected player. In Favor 6. Opposed 0. Abstain 1. Motion carried.

2453 Peninsula Coach Ejection Appeal

A Peninsula Coach was ejected in a game. After reviewing film and ref reports, **it was moved by J.B. and seconded by H.V. to overturn the one-game suspension for the ejected coach. In Favor 7. Opposed 0. Motion carried.**

2454 Gauvin Appeal

The Board discussed the findings of Rustin Wilder, the WHSBLA Hearing Officer, concerning the Gauvin Eligibility Appeal Hearing. It is the Board's duty to accept or reject Mr. Wilder's decision. The recommendation put forth by Mr. Wilder's was to amend the WHSBLA Board's decision and grant Gauvin eligibility for varsity play in non-league contests only

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by J.B. to accept the findings and recommendation of the Hearing Officer. Gauvin is eligible for varsity competition in non-league games only, for the Spring 2024 season. In favor 7. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

2455 Koch Appeal

The Board discussed the findings of Charles Rosenberry, the WHSBLA Hearing Officer, concerning the Koch Eligibility Appeal Hearing. It is the Board's duty to accept or reject Mr. Rosenberry's decision. The recommendation put forth by Mr. Rosenberry was to uphold the WHSBLA Board's decision which granted Koch eligibility for Sub-Varsity competition.

MOTION: It was moved by I.O. and seconded by D.H. to accept the findings and recommendation of the Hearing Officer. Koch is eligible for Sub-Varsity competition at Bellarmine Prep for the Spring 2024 season. In favor 6. Opposed 0. Recused 1. Motion carried.

2456 Championship Debrief

Championship Day went smoothly, especially considering Starfire removed a field last minute. Take-aways:

- Teams were going on the field early and rushing the previous game's winner from their celebration and pictures. On deck teams must wait until designated time to take the field.
- Photo Booth only used by one team.
- 7/8 and HS Championship games overlapped with teams from same program. Would be great to find way to avoid this if possible.

2457 Credit Card Payments for Program Fees

For those paying fees with a credit card, a service charge will now be added to cover the WHSBLA fee for using such service.

2458 Update on Koch Appeal

Documentation has all been submitted. Waiting for court date to be issued.

2459 Washington State Booster Club

Revisiting this organization and discussing how to make this assessable to teams that need their skills.

2460 Skyview Issues

- Skyview on probation for missing October meeting
- Skyview listed multiple players on program document as attending Columbia River HS and altering home address. It was determined these players in fact attended Columbia HS, not Columbia River and lived in towns different than listed. Players were to be playing for Union HS program, not Skyview.
- Skyview had a female participating in their program while simultaneously playing with a girl's program in the WSLA. This is a clear violation of Rule 7.2.1 in the WHBSLA Handbook.

MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by D.H. to impose a 4-game suspension on the Skyview Head Coach, to be served during the first four league games of the 2025 season. In favor 7. Opposed 0. Abstain 1. Motion carried.

2461 WIAA Re-Classification for 2025

It was noted the WIAA is now on a new classification cycle. The new classification of multiple schools will likewise affect their classification for WHSBLA purposes for the 2025 season and beyond.

2462 Ejections

- Less coach ejections, more player ejections,
- Despite progressive discipline, rules also leading to immediate ejections (targeting, etc)
- JB will ask WALOA to bring back the Team Sportsmanship Award

2463 Stanwood Conglomerate Proposal

IO and RJ will draft an email inviting membership to a Zoom roundtable to discuss Stanwood Proposal. Board members will take suggestions and then Board will discuss whether a modified version would be fair for everyone.

2464 Extending the Season

Discussion regarding extending the season was brought up again. Board is working to add more allowable dates for Non-League games to be played in May. Multiple factors the Board must consider:

- Ref shortage – refs are understaffed and over worked. They need a break too and refs must be fresh and available for playoff games
- Condensing the playoff schedule creates travel issues. Need to limit number of midweek games where teams are having to travel 2+ hours due to geographical distance.

2465 Next Meeting

The next WHSBLA Board Meeting will be held on July 9 at 8:15 pm (online).

Catie Larsen
Executive Secretary