

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of August 25, 2022, Board Meeting

Members present via Conference call: C. Mitchell, B. Fortier, J. Carrell, R. Wilder, I. O'Hearn, D. Hush, H. Valentine, G. Hill, J. Bambrick and C. Larsen.

2340 Approval of minutes for July Board Minutes were distributed via email prior to the meeting.

July Board minutes were approved by a vote of 9-0.

2341 A. Hembree Transfer Review

Dejon will conduct an initial review of the transfer by A. Hembree from The Bear Creek School to Eastside Catholic and bring information back to the board for discussion.

2342 WALOA/WHSBLA Summit

WALOA presented the WHSBLA with a proposal to help grow the lacrosse referee pool. The items were reviewed, and amendments were suggested. These will be provided to WALOA and discussed at a joint WALOA/WHSBLA meeting that Ian, Jeff and Erik will schedule.

2343 Referee Training Schedule

WALOA is planning to hold ref trainings on multiple dates in multiple locations. As soon as they are set, they will be sent out to WHSBLA members and posted on our website.

2344 Handbook Updates

Brandon drafted several changes to the WHSBLA handbook. These were briefly discussed during the meeting. The board members are tasked with reviewing the changes and giving feedback before the updates are posted.

2345 Selah Issues

Concerns were brought to the attention of the board about the conduct of Selah players. This included 4 ejections, by seniors, in the final game. Multiple board members conducted research including reviewing game film and direct discussions with members from both Selah and the Kamiakin programs. The following recommendations were put forth:

1. Selah will begin the 2023 season with one "strike" and are automatically elevated to the second level in regards to ejections.

11.2.3 A second ejection during the same season will result in an automatic 3 game suspension whereas a third ejection will result in suspension from the rest of the season and may lead to further suspension into the following season.

This means that if a coach, player or fan is ejected in 2023, suspension will automatically be for a minimum of 3 games. A second ejection will result in suspension for the rest of the season.

2. To be certified for the 2023 season, all Selah coaches must take and provide results of the USL Officials Rules Test.
3. Additional misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior from any Selah associated players, coaches or fans during the 2023 season may result in further suspension or expulsion from WHSBLA.

**MOTION: It was moved by G.H. and seconded by H.V. to approve the recommendations to include the following:
(4) The Head Coach, at the time of the final game in 2022, must serve a one game suspension during the first league game of the 2023 season.**

In favor 9. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

2346 Rule 12.6 - Player Eligibility during WHSBLA Season

Addendum to Item 2338 Ian will contact coaches of offending players. Players will be given some leniency if they come forward on their own.

It was brought to the attention of the WHSBLA that several high school players participated in a non-WHSBLA event during the season. This will be further investigated to include contacting the head coaches of the players in question.

2347 Fall General Membership Meeting

The Fall General Membership meeting, held the first Saturday of October, requires one person from each team to attend. This meeting will be held virtually with each region hosting their own meeting with a uniform agenda.

Saturday, October 1

Region 1 – Greg and Henry, 9am

Region 2 – Brandon and Ian, TBD

Region 3 – Dejon and Catie, 10am

Region 4 – Rusty and Catie, 11am

Region 5 – Jeff and Jason, 11am

Region 6 – Chad and Catie, 9am

Catie started updating agenda. TBD will complete.

Catie will send out an email by September 1 about board positions up for election (Regions 2, 4, 6 and At-Large 2). Incumbents from Regions 2 and 6 as well as At-Large 2 have stated their willingness to run again. Region 4 will have an open position as there will be no incumbent.

2348 Next Meeting - Monday, September 26 at 7:00pm (online)

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Catie Larsen
Executive Secretary