

# WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of October 24, 2022, Board Meeting

Members present via Conference call: C. Mitchell, B. Fortier, J. Carrell, N. Ortiz, I. O'Hearn, D. Hush, H. Valentine, G. Hill and C. Larsen, J. Bambrick (late)

2357 Nick Ortiz was welcomed to the board as the new Region 4 Rep.

2358 Programs absent from the Mandatory General Meeting.

The following programs were absent, with no prior approval, from the mandatory General Meeting and are now on probation for one year:

Arlington

Union

Gonzaga Prep

South Kitsap

2359 Ref/Coach Summit

Members of WALOA and WHSBLA met to discuss ongoing friction between coaches and referees. Ian will send out a summary of the meeting. One main point of discussion was the recruitment of new refs. One thought is to try and recruit basketball refs and college kids.

2360 Handbook changes to 12.9 Officials

12.9.1 used to include all Varsity games and now states:

12.9.1 If no officials are assigned to or fail to show for a WHSBLA League Scheduled Varsity game (playoff counting), the game must be postponed and rescheduled.

12.9.2 used to include only Sub-Varsity games and now states:

12.9.2 If no officials are assigned to or fail to show for any Sub-Varsity game or any Non-League Varsity game, at the discretion of the coaches the contest may continue as a scrimmage. As a scrimmage, no official score or statistics will be posted.

**MOTION: It was moved by G.H. and seconded by B.F. to approve these changes. In favor 8. Opposed 0. Abstain 1. Motion carried.**

2361 Rule 12.6 - Player Eligibility during WHSBLA Season

Addendum to Item 2338 and 2346

Six current WHSBLA players (one was a senior) attended a practice on May 22, 2022 for a non-WHSBLA team. Four of the players were still in the playoffs.

**MOTION: It was moved by G.H. and seconded by J.B. to levy sanctions to those whom participated in the following manner:**

- **Player from program that self-reported will be suspended for the first league game of 2023.**
- **Players from programs whose game seasons had ended will be suspended for the first two league games of the 2023 season.**
- **Players from programs still alive in the playoffs will be suspended for the first three league games of the 2023 season.**

**In favor 9. Opposed 0. Motion carried.**

2362 Central Valley team for 2023 season

Central Valley will remain a conglomerate program to include Ridgeline and West Valley.

For the 2023 season Central Valley proposes the addition of ONE player from East Valley HS with the following stipulations:

1. All programs in the Greater Spokane conference must agree
2. Program and athlete's parents will acknowledge, in writing, that this is for one year only.

**MOTION: It was moved by C.M. and seconded by G.H. to accept the proposal with the added stipulations. In favor 7. Opposed 2. Motion carried.**

2363 Washington State Booster Club Association

Steve Beden is working on Community Based Lacrosse Expansion program in Tri-Cities. Chad will circulate a powerpoint showing WSBCA proposal for all WHSBLA teams.

2364 Transfer Reviews

The following transfer reviews have been received and are pending:

Tropea – Moved from Philadelphia to O'Dea

Bruininks – transferred from O'Dea to Roosevelt

Horiuchi - transferred from O'Dea to Bellarmine Prep

2365 Scheduling in Regions 4 and Regions 5

A request was made from teams in the Olympic Conference to explore combining conference within Regions 4 and 5 to create a larger competitive schedule across the classifications in these regions.

- Prior to meeting, J.B. polled the teams in the Olympic and Puget Pierce conferences, finding majority in favor
- Post meeting, J.B, B.F and N.O. met to determine layout as well as Regional Rep responsibilities

- 4A teams will compete together as South Sound conference
- 3A teams will compete together as Puget-Pierce conference
- 1A/2A teams will compete together as Oly-Puget conference

2366 WHSBLA President Election

**MOTION: It was moved by B.F. and seconded by I.O. to nominate Chad Mitchell the WHSBLA President for the 2022-2023 season. In favor 8. Opposed 0. Motion carried.**

Chad agreed to accept nomination and continue as the WHSBLA President.

2367 Next Meeting - Monday, November 21 at 7:00pm (online)

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm.

Catie Larsen  
Executive Secretary