

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of August 22, 2023, Board Meeting

Members present via Conference call: C. Mitchell, B. Fortier, N. Ortiz, G. Hill, J. Carrol, I. O'Hearn, H. Valentine and C. Larsen
V. Smith joined as guest.

2401 Approval of July Minutes

July minutes were distributed via email prior to the meeting.

July meeting minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0.

2402 Website Update

The new website is up and running.

- WHSBLA Handbook updates have been posted sans rule 7.3 in regards to Transfers. This will be updated no later than 9/26/23.
- Transfer Review Form is now a functioning Google form.
- Financial Assistance Form is now a functioning Google form.
- Membership Fees (including additional league fee) are now due on January 15 of each year to keep a consistent date each year and ensure programs have submitted PRIOR to the January Coaches Meeting.

2403 Championship Weekend

Discussion of suggestion to move Championship Weekend up a week, before Memorial Day weekend. It was decided that this simply wasn't feasible as most specifically this would condense the playoffs and lead to potentially too much long distance travel needed mid-week for playoff match-ups.

2404 January Mandatory General Membership Meeting

The January Mandatory meeting, on January 28, will be in person for 2024. The Coaching Clinic expenses, following the meeting, will be covered by the WHSBLA from the Championship weekend revenue.

2405 Camas JV Violation

It was brought to the attention of WHSBLA that Camas JV played in a tournament/jamboree during May of the WHSBLA season. The games were not reported and multiple games were played in a day.

MOTION: It was moved by H.V. and seconded by G.H. for the Head Coach of Camas to serve a one game suspension, the first league game of the 2024 season, for violating WHSBLA rules 8.1 and 12.5. In favor 8. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

2406 WHSBLA and IHSLL

The Idaho HS Lacrosse League was previously recognized by the WHSBLA as a state sanctioned league for Idaho, affording WHSBLA programs the right to schedule contests with their programs. However, WHSBLA no longer recognizes IHSLL as a state sanctioned league, as they are now housing teams from four different states, including two former WHSBLA programs from Washington, which is in fact a violation of their own IHSLL By-Laws. Since the WHSBLA no longer recognizes the IHSLL as a state sanctioned league, per rule 9.3, discussion was had in regards to supporting WHSBLA programs in Greater Spokane.

MOTION: It was moved by I.O. and seconded by C.M. to allow an exception to rule 9.3 allowing programs from Greater Spokane to play the following IHSLL teams: Couer d'Alene HS, Lake City HS, Immaculate Conception Academy. In favor 8. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

2407 Teams moving to IHSLL

It was brought to the Board's attention that not all athletes who are on the two teams moving to IHSLL want to play for the Idaho League. Discussion occurred as to how we can accommodate those players who want to stay with WHSBLA. More discussion will occur at a future meeting.

2408 Next Meeting

The next WHSBLA Board Meeting will be held online on September 25 at 7pm (online).

Catie Larsen
Executive Secretary