



**BOYS YOUTH LACROSSE OF WASHINGTON**

Minutes of September 18, 2008  
Meeting of Executive Board

- 197: The meeting of the Boys Youth Lacrosse of Washington Executive Board was held on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Mercer Island Public Library, 4400 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mercer Island, WA.
- 198: In attendance: Tim Jones, Rick Jenness, Ron Wright, Bill Hanaford, Louis Lucchesi, Bob Hodge and Susie Petersen.
- 199: Minutes of both the Executive Board Meeting of July 8, 2008 and the Coaches Meeting of June 12, 2008 were reviewed. Motion was made by Ron Wright to approve the minutes as stated. Motion was carried by vote of 7-0.
- 200: Motion #32, approved at the July 8, 2008 Executive Board Meeting, was re-visited. Bob Hodge suggested adding a week to each end of the season calendar to allow some flexibility in scheduling for teams. The season would remain at 10 regular season weekends, but would begin on March 7, 2009, and end with regional jamborees on June 6, 2008. There will be no games on Memorial Day weekend. There will be no games on the Saturday of High School Championships (5/16/09); instead games will be scheduled for Thursday/Friday/Sunday of that week. Each team will have two bye weeks, of their choosing.
- 201: **MOTION #33: The first games of the 2009 BYLW season will take place on March 7th, with remaining regular-season games scheduled during the following 12 weeks, through May 30. No games will be scheduled on Saturday, May 16th, and regional jamborees will take place during the weekend of June 6, 2009. No games will be held Memorial Day Weekend, May 23rd. Each team will choose two bye weeks. Motion carried by vote of 7-0.**
- 202: The Board discussed funding a Positive Coaching Alliance request, as put forth by Ted Gray. Ron Wright said this issued was not discussed at the US Lacrosse-WA Chapter meeting on September 17, 2008. The Board will keep this matter under advisement until we hear back from US Lacrosse.
- 203: The matter of Scorers/Timekeepers training was discussed. This training is provided by WALOA, so we will be on the lookout for information from them regarding this issue.

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204: The Board reiterated the discussion replacing Motion #26, passed in the December 13, 2007 meeting, with an agreement to direct payment for scheduling services to Ron Wright instead of the regional schedulers. With no regional schedulers present, no motion was made and discussion was tabled until the interested parties can participate.

205: Rick Jenness provided an update on the Lightning Division committee meeting, which was held in July, 2008. An in-depth presentation was made, with the following recommendations:

- Name for the division would be 3/4
- Games will be played on standard sized field
- Teams will field 10 players
- Teams will abide by the basic Rules and Regulations as set forth by Boys Youth Lacrosse of Washington, with some modifications for stick size and penalties.
- Game duration will be two 20-minute halves – running clock
- One WALOA referee per game to assist in teaching players

The Board held discussions on various topics and will present these recommendations at the upcoming Directors/Coaches Meeting on October 16, 2008. The Board formally thanked the committee for the excellent job they did.

206: The Board also considered the recommendation of the Lightning Division Committee Meeting regarding a Six Slot Scheduling Matrix. This would allow larger organizations to hold six games in one day with the following format: 3/4 Games would have two 20-minute halves (running clock); 5/6 and 7/8 Games would have four 10-minute quarters (stop clock). This would allow for two games at each level on any given day.

The Board will present these recommendations at the upcoming Directors/Coaches Meeting on October 16, 2008.

207: The Board discussed the WALOA referee contract, which is still under negotiation. Items to be discussed are a reduction in fees for less experienced referees, as well as a reduction in fee for the 3/4 games, due to their shortened timeframe.

208: The Board reviewed budget details from prior years, as presented by Rick Jenness, Treasurer. Refunds have not yet been finalized. Items discussed included talking with US Lacrosse-WA Chapter

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regarding clinic funding and rule books for coaches. Rick will present a formal budget at the next Executive Board Meeting, to be held on October 9, 2008.

209: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Susie Petersen, Secretary