

Washington St. Coaches Association
ISA Fall meeting

Minutes

The Poodle Dog Restaurant, Fife

Sunday, March 16, 2025

9:30 am

I. Call to order – President Olson 9:33am

In Attendance: Ciara Ashworth (ATC,) Brian Jackson (Baseball), Nalin Sood (Basketball-Boys), Emily McKenzie-SUB (Basketball-girls), Kevin Ryan-NEW (Cross Country), Lori Stevens & Arianna Schultz-NEW (Dance/Drill), Mark Keel (Football), Ryan Fleisher (Gymnastics), Jens Jensen (Soccer), Corey Davis (Softball), Kevin Eager (Track & Field), Harrison Lee (Tennis), Suzanne Marble (Volleyball), Brett Lucas (Wrestling), Tawnya Brewer, Rick Giampietri, Rob Friese, Darrell Olsen, Mike Schick, Pat Fritter, Andy Barnes (WIAA)

Absent:

II. Welcome: Introduction of ISA Reps, Executive Board, and Guests

III. **Guest Speaker: Andy Barnes, Assistant Executive Director, WIAA**

-Exec mtg 4/23

-Rep voting 4/9-4/19 amendments hot topics...legal implications of amendments, working through all that, bottom line WIAA will follow state law, these type of thing may become the norm

- Exec board-definition of league (variety of size), representation of seeding committees. Now each league gets 1 rep but may be 1 rep 4 when other leagues have many more teams...proposal for 2 reps for each dist? Leagues chose the rep. some chose coaches, some want Ads/admin. Can WIAA provide criteria, don't want to dictate since all sports are different, may ask for insight from ISA/coaches. Some meet weekly, some spreadsheets. They want to ask what they are doing not tell what to do. Basketball looking less at RPI for seeding, how teams doing later in season and how they are doing post season. Looking for feedback. Can't worry about the optics. Nalin-WIAA doesn't want to put parameters on it? Any discussion on having those with teams in the meeting remove themselves when it comes to final voting? Corey- softball is talking about this. They had coaches with teams in avoiding certain teams. Andy-yes WIAA wants give space for each sport, not direction given but Cindy looking into it. Trying to get consistency. As for recusing themselves that may be hard, some groups have asked them to remove for discussion, hard when you don't know who will be in the running until the end, a lot to ask of people to give so much then not voting. Replace with someone new is hard at the end. Jens- can WIAA dictate to districts there must be transparency in selecting reps? Some are chosen by ADs Andy- meeting with district Ads and will talk

about it. Suzanne- Ads with no idea are on committee and no one speaks up since they don't know. Important to know how committees are selected. Needs to be people/coaches who know about sport. Rob- heard committee had replacements that didn't know anything. Jens- AD turn over is too much so wants to push Andy- if you see people not attending, not reping league or not participating let WIAA know. They can have them make a switch. Mike-a summary about how teams are doing instead of RPI would be great. Andy-if WIAA knows the criteria the committees are using would help them explain it to anyone. Tawnya- if each meeting did a follow up email after meetings sent to WIAA Nalin- do we ask our larger group Andy- WIAA would like more info on who, metrics, criteria, standards... Meet with league presidents in June and can start that conversation then on choosing. Corey- hard to seed areas far away that you may never have seen. Can go to AD and tell them team needs to travel to see some teams they may have not seen. Andy-seeding committees have done a good job and it has turned out for the most part correctly. Perfect?...no but good NFHS went through brackets in basketball looks like most seeding was good in the end, seed vs final finish Pat -seeding looked good vs final standing in basketball Corey- trying to avoid seeding to eliminate good teams in first round. Andy-good feedback will take back to Cindy

- Allocations-done with 2 week, will have them out soon to get feedback, any missed. Exec board approve next Sunday will be up next Monday. More tournaments at 1A/1B may be separate from 2A/B
- allocation committee led to allocation committee to look at how allocations are figured and entire allocation process. Reviewing what other states do. Expansion of tournaments is a choice but has to balance with finances. Committee looking at post season. Jens on committee and will bring feedback from this group. 1 rep from every league. Going well

- Basketball and other sports-protesting procedures...regular season and post season ...each work differently. Want to help coaches understand. Regular season misapplication of rule not opinion on play or call. Wrong procedure used. Misapplication of rule. Schools have 24hrs to protest to WIAA then Assistant reviews. Did it happen, then turned back to league to decide what to do. Up to league what to do, WIAA just review protest. Post season must be protested immediately, contest must stop immediately to incorrect action or application, need to reach out to games committee right then, decision made by games committee then game resumes. Once games resume protest no longer matters. Jens – need a signal to do that, it is hard to do. Andy-WIAA needs to review with AD and during rules committee. Game should not start until game manager says game may resume once games committee has made decision. Will make sure it is in the rules. Nalin- is that in the rules clinic? Regular season protest vs post season

protests Rob- WIAA member on rules committee? Andy rather not since they interpret rules but happens. WIAA wants to be available to games committee but doesn't need to be on it.

-update from Justin transfer committee, amendment looks to pass, working with final forms to have tracking, they have started to work on that. Seem positive. Mark- will it go through middle school Andy- yes Mark- middle school all star games Andy- coaches for All Star middle school could impact transfers, working with middle schools is hard. WIAA has struggles with middle schools as they don't always follow rules. Tracking all student eligible for high school sports will be tracked. They will have a number for each student so they can easily track and see history. Lori- can that be in Final forms for parents to see. Andy – we can look into that Mark- currently only consequence is to the student not the coach? Andy- coach and school are not invitation but if school/ coach recruits there can be penalties to school/coach Cierra- how often does league committee say no and WIAA says yes Andy- not sure but not high percentage, Justin or Jene can answer

-Mark- transfer...will there be implication for McKinney Vinto Andy- ask Cindy or Justin, Understanding McKinney/Vinto doesn't guarantee sports eligibility. Mick, Justin have met with OSPI and know how that impacts eligibility

-Emily- girls basketball-major violence issue, rule unclear but old rule very clear. Why fighting rule went away? Ended up with 1 game suspension for girls who caused violence (hospitalization/concussion) and these who left the bench. How do we hold accountable. Why did fighting rule go away. Andy- original rule was over used, then 20% rule was added. Thought it was deterred but it didn't. Decided to leave it up to schools. Schools/leagues have different standards and consequences. WIAA can't force more although they wish they could, they don't have the authority.

IV. Approval of Oct. 2024 meeting minutes.

Motion- Lori second- Corey discussion- no approved-yes

V. Financial Report – Rob

a. Membership Update raised rate last year going well

- Groups: 2990
- Individuals: 1573
- Total WSCA members:4563
- About 140 less than that as districts don't pay
- 77 active groups

NOCAd as surprised

Balance

\$253119

ISA (\$17 per coach) reimbursements still owing

Clock hours still owing to be paid today \$7,700

b. 2024-'25 Budget update

c. Encumbered funds

- Burnett – Ennis Scholarships (\$20,000)
- ISA Reimbursement payouts (TBD in May) \$73,00/\$67,966 actual
- WA Coach Magazine (Spring Issue)
- Web Services (Mike Young)
- District payouts (\$5,000)
- Web upgrade (~ \$15,000) budgeting \$20,00 in next years budget
- March meeting expenses \$5,000
- Mini-grants (if any....) Volleyball has used, its there if anyone asks \$5000 total budgeted
- Insurance

ISA balances posted on screen

d. Annual WSCA ISA Reimbursement form - **SHOW ON SCREEN** - Mike

- This is required to be completed and turned into Rob Friese before ISA's receive their individual sport reimbursement.
- **DUE May 30, 2025**

Darrell-Loomis-LaPan best insurance, great rates, year 3 so great, NOCAD conference got to meet them. So much money being paid out in lawsuits but they win more than they lose.

[Review of ISA reimbursement form](#)

VI. ISA's – Your Job..... - Darrell

- Have your own Tax ID# for your individual sport group.
- Get your own 'Non-Profit' status for your group, if so desired.
- Must have your own ISA checking account
- Be a good financial steward of your individual sport group's financials
- Be the spokesperson and 'the face' for your sport group
- Communicate to your coaches, information from the WIAA and/or your national sport's association.
- Provide feedback to the WIAA regarding any issues related to your sport that may need immediate or long-term solutions.
- Provide networking opportunities for your sport group
- Provide educational clock hour opportunities for your coaches
- Are the coaches in your sport group staying in compliance with coaching education requirements? (this is a WIAA concern)

[WSCA is a 501c-6 not tax write off, Boys Basketball is 501c-3 but it is quite a process, Nalin happy help.](#)

VII. WSCA new fiscal year begins June 1, 2025 - Rob

- ISA's will register for membership after June 1, using their special code from the WSCA?
- If ISA will have their school district pay their membership dues, please let Rob or Darrell know.
- If you WILL NOT be an ISA next school year, please let Rob or Darrell know asap.
- Program Administrators – what is their role in the registration process.

VIII. WIAA Amendments - Mike

Please see attached: [File](#)

[Jens states that private schools are flooding the Royal cities of the world.](#)

[should Coaches be reaching out to your legislators](#)

[Soccer having more dates: Jens, the proposal was brought about by non member schools](#)

There are too many clubs and refs, more games = more travel and money.

What's best for WIBCA

What's best for our sport.

We will reach out to our ISAs for amendments that might have an impact on your sport.

IX. Clock Hour applications submitted – Pat

- Use of 24/7
- Explain procedures
- Does the WSCA still need to be a clock hour provider ?

Dr. Fitterer. - you will get your check today

Its on the form, please fill out completely. send it in a text document.

X. WSCA Presidents Cup - Jens Jensen

- Present the idea and discussion
- Present and discuss the desire for a 'merit based' system vs a 'regional equitable entry' system for the state tournaments.

Putting together a detailed list of how schools are getting a list of schools that are power house across the board. For a prize across the board. Highlight schools that are good at sports across the board.

An all sports awards in leagues are given in some leagues. There is an award for an all sports trophy awards.

How would this differ from the scholastic cup at the state placing level in academic achievement or athletics.

Encourage more kids to go out for more sports.

I would rather put time and effort into recognizing schools for sportsmanship, or whatever! What are the percentage of your students involved in sports. Improvement award.

Item number two:

Allocations Committee

discriminate against

How you get into state, how many get into state, We would lean more to a merit based vs equity based. Like week 10 in football. Can we have a discussion vs representative equity system.

Golf at the bottom of the food chain, the east side is much better than the west side. Pace of play and lack of quality.

Track - what are we doing at the state meet. When 15 doesn't get into state, but a kid that took 8th with a better time from somewhere else didn't qualify.

What do we want the state champion to mean,

Brian Smith, State means: its the best and all regions of the state.

Tennis, District 2 have the top tier teams,

Oregon they pick the top ranked teams.

Gymnastics is a subjective sport.

Certain individual sports. Merit based doesn't work.

XI.. WA COACH report – Mike

- *Hearing Their Final Whistle* column
- Hard copy mailing list – update
- WACOACH magazine deadlines for next year

XII. Scholarship Committee report – Rick, Tawnya, Brett

- Burnett / Ennis Scholarships – offering 20 - \$1,000 scholarships
- Jerry Parrish Student-Teacher Scholarship
- Scholarship deadline ?

XIII. Lifetime Achievement Award – Ryan **what is it and the process for nomination**

- XIV. Career Recognition Award – Brett **what is it and the process for recognition**
- XV. ISA Reports
- **ISA's please have your report completed online. NO HARD COPIES NEEDED.**
 - **ISA oral report**
- XVI. Jerry Parrish Student-Teacher Scholarship
- Scholarship deadline ?
- XVII. Fall 2025 Meeting Date: TBD - you will hear from me around when school starts back up.
- XVIII. Go 'round.....
- XVIII. Thank you to ALL for your flexibility with the change of venue. Thank you Brett Lucas.
- XIX. Drive careful & have a great spring sports season.

1:45 meeting WILL BE adjourned