



### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Pat McCarthy, President (District 2), Greg Whitmore, Vice President (District 7), Tim Thomsen (District 3), Scott Chamberlain (District 4), Rich Rouleau (District 5), Lori Wyborney, (District 8), Eric McCurdy (Region A), John Cerna (Region C), and John Wallwork (At Large).

### **WIAA STAFF PRESENT**

Mike Colbrese, Executive Director; and Cindy Adsit, Andy Barnes, John Miller and Brian Smith, Assistant Executive Directors.

Pat McCarthy called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

### **EIGHTH GRADERS PLAYING HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**

Mike Colbrese reported that two notifications have been sent this week about eighth graders participating at the high school level in football. There was confusion about the wording and intent of newly adopted rules in WIAA handbook rule 18.20. The second notification clarified that eighth graders could continue to play in high schools with enrollment of 104 and below, but not in schools with enrollment of 105 and above.

### **INSURANCE FOR LEAGUES**

Mike Colbrese shared that he is closer to a definitive answer on which groups have what types of insurance, what is still needed, how it might be provided, by whom, and at what cost. An update will be provided during the September meeting.

WIAA Executive Board: general liability, and Directors and Officers (D & O) coverage

WIAA District boards: general liability only

Leagues: Although believed to be covered by local Risk Management, none of the leagues currently have either type. Due to the independent nature of leagues (schools form the leagues, no WIAA Board members or WIAA staff members are on league boards, leagues set their own rules, etc), the WIAA insurance does not apply.

### **MINIMUM PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Mike Colbrese reported that while most school teams have been forced to practice indoors due to poor air quality, they will be able to meet the minimum practice requirements in each sport. With better air quality projected for this upcoming weekend, the North Puget Sound League has asked for consideration of a waiver of WIAA handbook rule 17.12.7 which currently limits teams to practice and/or games during any six (6) days of the week. Local school board approval is required and waiving 17.12.7 would allow teams to practice all seven (7) days of the week, with the potential for more days outside. John Wallwork requested that the provision also be available for slowpitch softball, which has a later start date in the fall than the other fall sports, since there is no projected end of poor air quality due to the number of wildfires still burning.

- **Thomsen/Rouleau** moved to waive 17.12.7 which would allow high school teams, contingent upon local school board approval, to hold practice seven (7) days of the week during the first two (2) weeks of the 2018 fall season for each sport. MOTION APPROVED.

**NOTE:** WIAA handbook rule 17.12.7 will continue to be in effect for middle level teams and they will be able to have practice and/or games during any six (6) days of the week.

Pat McCarthy thanked the Board for their time and efforts in discussing the issue presented and adjourned the meeting at 3:37 PM.