

Lower Mainland meeting – May 7 2019 – Call to order 7:01 pm

Attendance: -

Beth McLucas (chair)	- present
Pam Mason (secretary)	- present
Lynda Callard (Treasurer)	- present
Gord Miller (zone 3)	- absent
Mike O'Connor (zone 4)	- present
Mary Clare (zone 5)	- present
Jeff MacAulay (Coaches)	- present
Doug Wright (officials)	- present
Abbotsford	- present
Burnaby	- present
Coquitlam	- present
Chilliwack	- present
Delta	- present
Langley	- absent
Mission	- present
New Westminster	- present
North Shore	- present
Port Coquitlam	- present
Port Moody	- present
Richmond	- present
Ridge Meadows	- present
Semiahmoo	- absent
Surrey	- present
Sunshine Coast	- absent
Vancouver	- present

Approval of minutes: Jeff and Chris

Treasurer's Report: Budget has been circulated – questions website fee is for 2 years

Bank Balance: \$22133

Zone Reports:

- Put in your graduating midget's for the scholarships, criteria is giving back to lacrosse in box.
- Field is not included in the calculation of winners
- Gord Miller will be stepping down as zone 3 rep as he is moving to Maine Island

Female Report:

- **Nothing to report**

Coaches –

- May 1 deadline has past – must have their numbers and if not can not be on the bench
- Nothing past May 10th currently – let Jeff know if there is enough interest they will be doing it
- If a team has a coach that doesn't have his number or nothing at all they will be suspended and the head coach as well
- So far only 12 game reports and only 4 in the lower mainland which is very good but it goes up after tiering
- Form 100's Dave Shower's will go through and then a copy goes to Beth and she will send all of the commissioner to see if there is any coach that hasn't taken the course the Head coach will be suspended
- Referees it is not their job to put the numbers on the form.
- **COACHES INSTEAD OF SENDING EMAILS BACK AND FORTH TO EVERYONE THE HEAD COACH SHOULD BE DOING A REFEREE EVALUATIONS** –they do get looked at and respond to the issues if there has been a number of concerns
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Officials –

- Every referee for pre-game should be discussing what is expected in the game
- You are going to have officials that do not necessarily know all of the rules and we are still short on referees
- When it comes to abuse of official we need to have zero tolerance
- Mike would like an email to go and observe the referees if they are worried about the referees then he will go watch or have a zone coordinator go and watch and evaluate
- Some of the things that have been happening is that the coaches are setting up the referees for later and from the time box that things have been said. If a player is saying derogatory comments – time box people need to be aware and be told by the associations that they have a voice
- Coaches coming up and asking to ask a questions and don't but start to tell them something rather than ask the question
- Pee Wee and below coaches are allowed to go and talk to the referees and in Bantam and Midgets they are not allowed to talk to the referees that is why they have C's and A's
- Need to think about what is being said the referees and how it is being said needs to be reflected on who they are talking to, considering that the referees are for the most part young men and woman.
- Mike asked if there is something to take back to the referees
 - o Make sure to read their rule book
- Email Mike or Zone rep if you think that your head referee or your referees need more guidance

New Business:

- Next schedule – by Sunday the commissions meet tomorrow night to discuss team placement

Team placement –

- If a team moves up or down and you have another team in that division then you must re-balance the teams
- Team placement if you are in a tournament and you have been moved up you can no longer be in the lower tournament. Ie moved from B to A2 can not go into the B tournament. Can always play higher but can not play lower.

Change to team game times – if there are any changes in game times for the whole season you need to let Beth know by Wednesday night

Female A players called up to B teams – younger A team can not call up to B or non tiered division. You can call up from your B team

Female Island Travel – if they don't go they would be fined and removed the league.

- Wants to follow up with another team that may have not gone to their game and are they not removed from the league
- There is a new scheduler on the island so things are different than last year. And harder to allocate teams to go to the island (Gord and Diane have been involved in the process because if it) Tournament weeks should be blocked off.
- The island is giving less slot for lower mainland to travel over for the lower ages and higher ages.

Catchment addresses - is concerned that the person lied about where they were living and how can they verify the proof of, It is as per policy 8 in the minor directorate.

- Goalie Exemptions – if a goalie has an exemption then it has to be at the score bench at all times and if it is not there they should not be playing or it should be at the bench.
- If the goalie doesn't have it, it is illegal equipment it is 5 and a fix, if you can't fix then can't play. Have to pick a certain items ie: the number of equipment
- We have clubs that are putting their kids in Cat 2 at novice and are cheating
- There are 14 in the province and 9 in the lower mainland and 7 in novice
- The biggest issue is in Novice – can not add any additional equipment under their equipment
- Want to discuss with the Coaches association to see about having coaches suspended for illegal equipment by a novice player
- If a coach knowingly has their player playing with illegal equipment extra items it is a hearing

Missions – 3 teams going forward

- When asked for the Novice team to be moved down and then went up and have lost 12 goals for and 135 for.
- One parent is proposing that we no longer have three teams in a division because when we have three teams the following year we only have two teams
- Players are quitting anyways - A1 should be an elite level and if there are only 4 teams
- A proposal going forward would be to allow oversized at B and C teams
- Went from having tiering at 6 games to 8 games, could go back to 6 at novice only
- Someone should look at a solutions for AGM

Motion to adjourn at 8:35pm

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday June 11 2019 7pm Copeland Arena