

**Lower Mainland meeting**  
**September 28 2021**  
**Via Zoom Meeting**

**Call to order 7:0pm**

Attendance: -

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

**Approval of minutes June 2021**

- **Deferred as went into meeting with only 40 minutes but got extended**

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

**Bank Balance:**

**Zone Reports:**

- Nothing to report

**Female Report:**

- Nothing to report

**Coaches**

- Coaches association is looking at fining island associations for teams for breaking some of the rules for the season, ie: playing overage player, suspended players, etc there were over 8 infractions.

- More abusive coaches that are getting away with and some officials are not writing a report and some are writing a report and coaches are still getting away with it as politics are getting involved in it

## **Officials**

- Officials discussed having 3 officials and will not have enough officials to do a three man system and was not enough of a season to do it at the minors as we need to keep building the officials up
- Can associations opt in to run three officials for development
  - Would need to ask Wilson if we are able to do it or possibly do it for a tournament
  - There are not enough officials to do the training
  - Can only enhance officiating moving forward
  - Will bring up with Wilson

## **New Business:**

- Our AGM is November 23<sup>rd</sup> so the changes will need to be in by October 25<sup>th</sup>
- Communication will be sent out with request for changes and also the deadlines for the AGM
- The positions up for elections are
  - Chair 1 year of remaining term
  - Vice Chair 2 year term
  - Secretary 2 year term
  - Zone 3 and Zone 5 2 year term
- BCLA changes
  - Changes to by-law number XI (b) and adding C
  - Changes to the XI policies
  - Mostly housekeeping changes
- Operating policy
  - Fee change for field
  - In hearing that they would allow video evidence and to have a process for being on the same page for the hearings
- Minor Directorate Changes
  - Added a new commission chair duty for making the final decision for player placement
  - 8.05 with the moves adds to the chair duty changes – we have always done this on the LMMLC it was more of an issue with the academies on the island
  - 10.01 – team sizes will be changing it back to 22 as there were so many requests for oversized teams
  - Also would be including provincials regulation
  - New Regulations by Sean to allow 25 players being brought to the provincials for the C teams and only dress 20 players
    - To allow players to play part-time was a question

- An association would be speaking against as it would cause the players to be scratched if everyone showed up and not be good for a c level team retention
- Teams would sit the weaker players and then only play the stronger players – this is a provincial policy not just a LMMLC policy so even if there was an agreement at our level can not control the province
  - It has happening in the past especially at the provincials
- You can ask for an oversized team and the majority of the time it is allowed especially at the C division
- With a C team having to coach this large of a team it would be difficult to coach a group of this size
- Most C teams do not necessarily have the best coaching and a stretch to get all of the players to show at a practice
- Regulation 4
  - Allow for females to play at both the female only and the co-ed teams
  - Rationale to allow the females to experience both the non-contact and contact games but unwilling to commit to the entire season
  - This would be to allow the girls the opportunity to play in both leagues as well as give them the ability to use their skills
  - Field is a completely different game where as female box is the same game
  - The female box game and the co-ed game is the exact same game on the officials side
  - Potentially be out of order as it has very different levels of the policy, for not addressing the other impacts of the teams
  - A girl playing on the bantam A1 team and then go play girls and then could be a very dominate player in female and then could be an extreme impact and she wouldn't be allowed to play at the female team unless it was a tiered and there was an A team in her association
  - She could take away the spot for another player and being double dipped in the leagues
  - There are some against this being a good item for the league, takes away for the equity of the game and the league
  - Maybe add for next year that she could try it for the first few games, not sure if it could be changed for this policy change.
  - May get a female that would like to try the co-ed game and then choose between the game
  - Would then be eligibility for the provincials and even if this passes would need to pick a team to play in provincials with
  - The issue is that it is not just one girl and now it is five girls and now we are folding a team five games in or throughout the season
  - We feel that there should be more thought and ask Sean to withdraw it
    - Further discussion between female team reps should take place and this is a start and does start the conversation

Positions up at the minor directorate are Vice Chair and Female Director  
Positions at the BCLA are Vice Chair Operations and Vice Chair Performance , Secretary  
and Director at Large

We will see everyone on Saturday at the BCLA meeting and even if it is on zoom all of  
your delegates have to be there and there is fines involved if not all of the delegates are  
at the meeting. Hopefully everyone has them all registered and there.

Motion to adjourn at 7:55pm

NEXT MEETING – November 23<sup>rd</sup> AGM via Zoom