

**Lower Mainland meeting**  
**November 29 2022**  
**Port Coquitlam Community Centre @7pm**

**Call to order 7:04 pm**

**Attendance: -**

Sandra Margetson (chair)	- present	Langley	- present
Pam Mason (secretary)	- present	Mission	- present
Lynda Callard ( Treasurer)	- present	New Westminster	- present
Jeff MacAlley(zone 3)	- present	North Shore	- present
Mike O'Connor (zone 4)	- present	Port Coquitlam	- present
Michael Hagel (zone 5)	- present	Port Moody	- present
Rob Arden (Coaches)	- absent	Richmond	- present
Dough Wright (officials)	- absent	Ridge Meadows	- present
Abbotsford	- absent	Semiahmoo	- present
Burnaby	- present	Surrey	- present
Coquitlam	- present	Sunshine Coast	- absent
Chilliwack	- present	Vancouver	- present
Delta	- present		

**Approval of minutes from November 2021 AGM - Jeff Macauly, Michael Hagel**

**Any new LMMLC Accociation reps - please let Pam know as soon as possible**

**Motion to approve agenda – Lynda and Jeff**

**Executive Reports: -**

**Treasurer Report:**

**Motion to accept the proposed Budget:Allen and Michael O - Approved**

**Motion to have the team fees for the 2023 season at \$35 per team plus \$2 per player – Nicole and Allen**

**Proposed Changes:**

**Proposal #1**

**Proposed by Pam Mason – LMMLC executive**

Motioned by: Lynda

Second By Jeff

Carried: carried

**Change:**

To amend document to reflect all age categories as passed in the BCLA and Minor Directorate operating policy to mat with Lacrosse Canada  
Midget/U16 to U17  
Bantam to U15  
Pee Wee to U13  
Novice to U11  
Tyke to U9  
Mini Tyke to U7

*Rationale: Housekeeping to be in line with the other policies*

## **Proposal #2**

### **Proposed by LMMLC Executive**

Motioned by: Jeff

Second By Michael

Carried: passed

#### **Change:**

To change all references of he/she to player or coach depending on the reference in policy

*Rationale: Housekeeping to be in line with proper pronouns*

## **Proposal #3**

### **Proposed by LMMLC Executive**

Motioned by: Nicole

Second By - Garrett

Carried: - passed

#### **Current:**

#### **Section A - Game Sheets**

- A-1 Home teams shall ensure that approved game sheets are available to the timekeeper before the start of the game.
- A-2 The winning team shall be responsible for the original game sheets (white) to be faxed or scanned or e-mailed or electronically sent to the Commissioner within 24 hours and post-marked within 48 hours after the conclusion of the respective game. The goldenrod copy is for the losing team and the pink copy is for the winning team. All original game sheets are still to be mailed to Commissioners.
- A-3 It is imperative that Commissioners receive game sheets on time. Failure to do this will result in the game points not being recorded. Game sheets NOT in the hands of the Commissioners, within 7 days after the conclusion of the game WILL NOT COUNT. The team will lose the points and could be eliminated from Provincial play. A simple phone call will

assist in ensuring the Commissioner is aware the games have been played but in no way takes the place of the game sheets.

- A-4 The game sheet is to be clearly and completely filled out prior to the game. The referee shall check the game sheet prior to the start of each game.
- A-5 All players whose name appears on the game sheet shall be in uniform and present on the team bench, except in the case of a suspended player or coach. The suspended player or coach's name must appear in the game sheet notes clearly indicating that a suspension is being served (i.e. serving suspension game #1 of 3). Registered team players arriving late can be added to the game sheet on arrival and take their position with the team. Players known to be absent should not be shown on the game sheet. All call up players must be clearly entered onto the game sheet, name and level called up from.
- A-6 All call up players must be clearly entered onto the game sheet, at the bottom of the team roster. Players being called up must be written in the game notes. One game call up sheets must be used for all call up players. The one game call up sheets must be with the game sheet prior to the start of the game, and stay with the game sheet. The winning team is responsible to send in all call up sheets along with the game sheet, to their commissioners
- A-7 Team officials, bench officials, and referees shall print their name on the score sheet, as well as sign the score sheet.

**Change:**

**Section A - Game Sheets**

- A-1 Home teams shall ensure that approved game sheets(**or app for electronic game sheets**) are available to the timekeeper before the start of the game.
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- A-7 Team officials, bench officials, and referees shall print their name on the score sheet, as well as sign the score sheet.**(or sign off on the app)**

***Rationale:** To add the information and ability to use electronic game sheets for the games. To be inline with what we did last year and expect to do this year.*

## **Proposal #4**

### **Proposed by LMMLC Executive**

Motioned by: Jeff

Second By Garrett

Carried: passed

#### **Current:**

- D-11 (a) A player may play up one division or calibre higher than that in which he/she is registered on a game by game basis only with the approval of the coach or if unavailable, another team representative as defined by the Form 100, of the team the player is registered with.

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***Rationale:** To align with the Minor directorate policy that was passed*

## Proposal #5

### Proposed by LMMLC Executive

Motioned by: Garrett

Second By: Michael

Carried: passed

### New Policy

**D-11 (a) (ii)** Female Box only where an Association does not have a team in a higher division, any player may be granted an opportunity to play up a higher division with another Association with the permission of the coach and the corresponding commissioners. A player must stay within the accordance of 4.07 (c) (i) (ii) of the minor directorate operating policy

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## Proposal # 6

### Proposed by Pam Mason

Motioned by: Lynda

Second By Josh

Carried: passed

#### Current:

M-3 Should one team not appear for a scheduled game, that team will be responsible for the payment of the referees and floor rental charges. Should that team's Home Association not forward payment, upon being invoiced, that Association will cease to be a member in good standing, with their teams not receiving any points until payment is made. In the event of the issue is not resolved within 30 days, the Commissioner will be informed of the team not showing and will pass on this information to the LMMLC Chair and Treasurer, so that the LMMLC can invoice that team's Home Association and will be fined \$100, payable to the LMMLC.

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**Rationale:** *There needs to be a larger fine imposed for not showing for a game as there were too many game last year that teams just did not want to travel to an association and too many last minute can not make it games, putting strains on commisioners, officials and clubs*

## **Proposal # 7**

### **Proposed by Pam Mason**

Motioned by: Lynda

Second By: Chris

Carried: passed

#### **Current:**

M-4 Every effort must be made to play all league games as scheduled. In the event that a game must be rescheduled it is the responsibility of the home team to reschedule the game. The Commissioner must be notified of all rescheduled games. The Commissioner will determine if a reasonable effort was made to reschedule the game by the requesting team and the offending team will forfeit the game and points toward league play, the Commissioner will inform the LMMLC Chair with their report on this rescheduled game not being played. The LMMLC Chair will take this to the LMMLC Executive, and they will determine if the said team's Home Association will be fined \$50 for not playing a rescheduled game, payable to the LMMLC.

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- Election of officers
  1. Chair – 2 year term -nomination -Sandra Margetson
  2. Treasurer - 2 year term -nomination - Lynda Callard
  3. Zone 4 – 2 year term – nomination – Michael O'Connor
  4. Female Rep – 2 year term -nomination – Nicole Kokoska

No other nominations were presented.

Motion: Jeff Second Michael - secretary will cast one ballet and destroy the ballet

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Minor Directorate Updates – Michael and Jeff
- Recognize Rich catton into hall of fame
- Whistler AGM is back on October 20-21– one casualty is the hospitality suite

- **Updates from BCLA President – Gerry van Beek**

- *Executive Director search is on and the job posting is on the home page of the BCLA website if you wish to see what the ED does. Gerry is the Temporary Executive Director*
- *Currently the office has been updating modernizing the technology, banking methods, trying to go paperless eliminating some forms.*
- *Gerry recognizes the we have new collisions between the disciplines of lacrosse , new sports (sixes) with overlapping needs. Not just one aspect of lacrosse has to relent.*
- *Whistler AGM is back on and the Delta and Convention Centre booked. One casualty of re-imagining there will **Not** be the Friday night hospitality suite because of cost, over crowding in the room, and liquor issues. Probably will not have some of the frills like the table centre piece games and entertainment.*
- *There is planning for a Semi annual event around Field Special Session in April – Field Directorate is feeling isolated in that they do not participate in the Whistler AGM. In addition to the event there will be a Strategic Planning session for Lacrosse in BC.*
- *BCLA wants to revive the volunteer group to assist in the recruitment and retention of volunteers especially at club executive level.*
- *Lacrosse Canada is hosting a high performance camp for females in the July long weekend for world cup. They understand the inconvenient but it is only every 4 years*

- **High Performance program/Team BC – Darcy Rhodes**

- Collective feeling that the Team BC program has been stagnant but did not indicate the plans to revitalize the program.
- Significant 2023 Team BC Box dates:
  - December 8- Coaching applications open
  
  - January 20 - Coaching applications closed
  
  - January 27- Coaches named, player application available
  
  - April 19 - player application deadline
  
  - April 28 – Fraser Valley, Island, Interior district camps. maybe 2 camps for the Interior – PG & Kelowna
  
  - April 29- VAN district camp
  
  - May 13-14 – U15 Prov camp

May 20-21 - U13 prov camp

May 27-28 - U17 prov camp

June 3-4 – U15 and U17 female prov main camp

- August 14 – 20 Nationals in Saskatchewan.
- (the above can be sent out in an e-mail post AGM)
- TBC Field Lacrosse wants to take a boys U-18 team to a Delaware tournament June 10-11. And female team June 15-18<sup>th</sup>. The Minor Directorate's strong opposition to this tour was communicated to Darcy
- Tournaments will be out March 17<sup>th</sup> and available for registration starting April 1
- Applications will come out from BCLA shortly
- Playing Rules for 2023
  - U7, U9, U11 rules options for 2023
  - U7 – Option X rules, Option L only for game time (3 – 15-minute periods), Soft ball – 3 on 3. No Goalie
  - U9 - Option X rules, Option L for game time only (3 – 15 minute periods ), & with the exception to use Hard ball – 3 players + a designated goalie
  - U11 – Option X, with the exception of 3 - 20-minute periods, and no fall back rule. Hard Ball, Defensive players may place their stick on a ball-carrier and use equal pressure to prevent their movement. No contact off ball
  - MD will not enforce team size of 9 for U7 or 10 for U9 – we wish to see kids play
  - We have loosened the rules through the age groups to allow progression of play while following the spirit of Long-Term Athlete Development.
  - They are about skill development
  - Our newest referees are trained for 3 on 3 not trained to referee 5 on 5. The differing rules between clubs creates confusion for the referees
  - In recognizing the size and ability difference we recommend coaches put out the stronger players out against each other.
  - Teams will be in a league play in close proximity
  - Coaches need to understand very clearly that U7, U9 and U11 are about skill development, not intense competition. They need to put their egos away and forget how they played when they were growing up. Technology and science have certainly changed and so have many aspects of sport and the way we should teach and coach it. If you can't keep up to the change, then get the hell out of the way.
- Discussion – presentation by Nicole from Burnaby with 21 respondents of her survey
  - Listed reasons why not to have 3on3 – on that was listed was benches too large 7-8kids waiting to play, 5v5 would allow break out and transition on and off floor, no line changes, goalie development, individual play and poor defence.



- She stated that clubs would not travel to play 3 on 3 with other clubs
- Discussion from Josh Wahl with regards to benefits of 3 on 3
  - Allows players to get more touches on the ball
  - Learns how to play the game
  - Develops skills for more players
  - More engagement and retention of players
  - Have been doing for several years and the first group that started at 3 on 3 are now in Bantam. Their novice A1 team is one of the top teams in the league as they can pass and catch
- Many discussions around why clubs want or do not want to have 3 on 3 for the season
  - Some main points were hard to transition to the competitive U11
  - Most of the against comments were about competing
  - This helps promote players at all levels to improve their skills as they all learn to touch the ball and catch
  - Goalies have more shots as there are less loose balls floating around the arena
  - Smaller surface allows for players to actually play at their level
- Reminder commissioner names submitted by February 1
- Female Lacrosse
  - Island teams will be in league with the Immlc teams
  - Working group on the playing rules to mirror the coed game
  - Lots of discussion around place and push and cross checking and the wording is very similar
  - A final copy will be coming from the group
  - Education for parents and coaches at the U15 and U17 and U21
  - Will this be in-line for nationals for the U15
- Provincials 2022
  - Hosts are still needed at U13 and U15
  - Locations of Female and U17 will be announced shortly
  - Dates:
    - U13 and Female July 6-9
    - U15 July 20-23
    - U17 July 13-16
  - We are aware of the NAIG games and adjusted the females to be the first week of the tournaments as we are not certain of the exact dates of the Lacrosse put U17 at the beginning so that they could possibly attend both events once the actual dates came from the NAIG
  - There is no possibility to have female and U17 at the same time as they use the same limited referee pool for the age groups
- League Agreement for Female Lacrosse 2023

- Will be playing an interlocking schedule with the Island teams being scheduled into our league play and each team will be expected to travel to the island during the season. The island teams will be scheduled to play on the mainland no more than 2 times. Tournament games can be counted as league games for all teams.
- Arbiter – program for referee assignments – to be used by the province and facilitated by the officials group
  - We will be going with arbiter for all referee assigning going forward for all leagues and BCLA will be paying for costs for using the program
  - This was decided by the Officials groups that it would help streamline the training of the officials overall for province to allow the officials group to communicate with all officials in the province as currently there is no way for them to do so
  - Dallas will be working with all of the Allocators on how the program works as well as with our schedule.
- Lawn Sign promotion – BCLA program
  - Rough outline of program, and answers to questions at MD session.
  - Corplast sign – like Political Signs
  - Cost per sign is \$10 (incl aluminum “H” hangars)
  - BCLA matches Association purchases 1:1 up to 100 per association.
  - Association buys 100, BCLA will match and buy 100 more = 200 for association.
  - 200 signs cost association \$1,000.
  - BCLA will fund up to 2,000 signs (\$20,000)
  - Timing – TBD. Signs available 3-4 weeks after approval of artwork.
  - If needed before Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – then final artwork required by Dec 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Suggestion.... Final orders into BCLA by Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, signs to BCLA Office by Jan 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Update From Officials- Doug Wright
  - If it comes up you can let people know that, for the time being, I will be continuing to serve as the “acting” zone 3,4,5 minor coordinator for the officials group. We are looking for someone else to take on this role on a more permanent basis but for now I am happy to lend a hand. Our other LM coordinators remain unchanged (Zn. 3 - Connor Hollingshead and Zn. 5 - Jarrett Smith). The zone 4 position is essentially vacant with Daniel Lobelsohn helping out there as a caretaker.
  - I anticipate calling a LM head referee/allocator meeting, likely on zoom, sometime late in January or early February. The meeting will be called after the minor box clinic schedule has been published.
  - I have recently put forward for discussion a proposal to begin a 3-referee system for minor lax, hopefully the Minor Directorate was apprised of the idea at their

recent meeting. At this stage it has been put forward for discussion only, I have attached a copy of the proposal if anyone is interested. If there is time at the meeting I would appreciate your asking your members to consider the proposal.

- People can contact me via email if they have any questions.
  
- Meeting Dates
  - No scheduled meeting for December
  - January 17<sup>th</sup> – hybrid or zoom
  - February 14<sup>th</sup> – possible change date (hybrid)
  - March 14<sup>th</sup> – declaration meeting
  - April 22<sup>th</sup> – Virtual
  - May 9<sup>th</sup> – in person
  - June 6<sup>th</sup> – in person
  - No July meeting
  - August – TBA
  - September – TBA
  - October – Whistler October 20-21
  - November – AGM -November 28<sup>th</sup>

Motion to adjourn at the 9:10pm

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday January 17 2022 7pm– Via Zoom or hybrid