

**Lower Mainland meeting**  
**February 15 2022**  
**Via Zoom Meeting**

**Call to order 7:03pm**

Attendance: -

Sandra Margetson(Chair)	- present	Chilliwack	- present
Beth McLucas (Past-chair)	- absent	Delta	- present
Josh Wahl (vice-chair)	- present	Langley	- present
Pam Mason (secretary)	- present	Mission	- present
Lynda Callard ( Treasurer)	- absent	New Westminster	- present
Nicole Kokoska (female)	- present	North Shore	- present
Mike O'Connor (zone 4)	- present	Port Coquitlam	- present
Michael Hagel(zone 5)	- present	Port Moody	- present
Jeff MacAulay (Zone 3)	- Absent	Richmond	- present
Meagan Snow (officials)	- absent	Ridge Meadows	- present
Rob Arden (coaches)	- absent	Semiahmoo	- present
Abbotsford	- absent	Surrey	- present
Burnaby	- present	Sunshine Coast	- absent
Coquitlam	- present	Vancouver	- present

**Approval of minutes January 2022**

- **Jeff and Sean**

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

**Bank Balance:**

**Zone Reports:**

- Jeff, not a lot from his zone, looking forward to a real box season
- Minor directorate – meeting
- Host meeting postponed until February
- Jeff and Gerry – looking towards a regular season
- Field vs League – no mandatory obligations to box
- Applications for team BC, dates for camps are going to be similar to past camp dates and times will be released once the season gets closer
- New Hire Matt – doing a lot of social media, some coordination with schools
- This season all of the forms will be fillable
- E-transfers will be in place for invoicing

- For provincial declarations will need to be for one per associations
- All of the RIC's have been chosen for provincials
- Huge drop off expected for the referees and recruiting should be taking place
- Coaching the clinics had not been set up as of the meeting
- Went through the tournament applications there one only one issue with a pee wee tournament
- Concern on some of the tournament with private teams and Team BC being away during the box season
- Concern brought up over the team BC sending a team to the field tournament as sponsored by Team BC

### **Female Report:**

- Reached out and had some conversations and registration is down with female registration
- Hopefully things will pick-up once people realize
- Looking for the Junior female to have the same schedule for the junior boys
- Will reach out to John for more information

### **Coaches**

- Clinics will be posted at the end of the month and they will be in-person and not by zoom
- Will they have extra clinics with coaches not being able to move up, as of right now it is status quo, numbers will dictate if additional clinics will be offered
- If a clinic is showing full then contact office

### **Officials**

- Send clinic dates information to Deb at the office
- Start end of February in various locations
- Can only sign up for one clinic
- Referees are not allowed to move up

### **New Business:**

- Website Update - Franks services and new Provider
  - Ramp
  - Lacrosse Shift
  - Teamsnap
- Motion to accept Ramp as our web hosting and provider including game sheets app for this year of 2022 to review at the end of the season – Sean Reid second by Nicole Kokoska - Carried

- Game sheet update - Sports Ninja and other options
  - We have not had a lot of communication from them
  - Advertising was an issue
  
- Registration and Season Ideas - Sean Reid
  - Not sure how we are doing for registrations and think that we need to get on the same page for registration
  - Wanting to look at seeing if we can get the same have regular registration from December 1 to January 15, regular until February 28 and then late registration until the end of the season
  - Then we can advertise that registration is open and when dates change etc
  - One thing that people can think of is that some associations can start at different times during the process
  - Like the idea and commitments from arena for setting the schedule and many families are wanting to know the dates of games and practices prior to registering
  - Mission has noticed that a lot of families are waiting to the child tax credit
  - Ridge support standard and would possibly do a single tier
  - If we are on the radio and social media and have cut off dates that are consistent and may go along way and bring the numbers up
  - Not having arena time we don't necessarily have a times set
  - Although no cover box can do a gym for drop in etc
  - There may be a push for field that provincials occur before Christmas time
  - Would see a big opening for private clubs
  - It could then roll into lacrosse and then kids would be willing to do the preseason box lacrosse session
  - Lots of ideas around advertising
  - Hockey has early bird at the end of the season but we are not hockey so need to look at different options
  - Everyone has different costs and prices can be different for everyone
  - Have set fees at mini tyke and bring in the kids at the beginning
  - Shouldn't dictate the costs and may look at suggestions for a lower entry point if possible
  - All years have never had anyone say that price point is an issue with our sport and kids get more value to the players
  - Equipment for the sport is getting expensive for the players
  - Ridge runs a shooting stars program for 4 and 5 year olds runs for 6 weeks and is a lower cost point
    - How do you get insurance for the kids at that level
    - Agree they have to get interested in the sport at a young age and get them involved as many parents do not know the sport
  - Should start a media program to get them to join the program
    - How can we as a collective get more information about the
  - Fun lacrosse as an exposure and pre-covid going into schools

- Only need to have the waiver signed for them to participate
    - If go through the schools then it is covered through them
  - Look at how to get a group of people to do the LMMLC for all of the schools
  - Twitter link for peanuts program in Ontario
  - Add as on as ongoing discussion and get a committee together to bring so that we can be prepared once we get to the December opening registration
- Merging players/ teams
  - Any association wanting to merge teams with neighbouring associations and need to bring it to discussions
  - Trying to provide an A1 teams to combine association at a certain level
- Declaration Meeting - form will be provided
  - March 15<sup>th</sup> everyone can then fill in the numbers and send back
  - Do we want to have the declaration meeting as an in-person meeting
- Releases - email to Pam and cc Sandra use form provided
  - Forms will be sent to everyone to use as they are fillable forms now making it easier to read
  - Players can still participate in home association until the release has been processed and they register with the release
  - Will be dealt with after the March declaration meeting
- Update contact info on the Google spreadsheet or email Pam
- Carry over suspension list
  - Will forward to everyone once it has been updated remember to look at all divisions and associations as people may have moved
  - Any discrepancies please let Sandra and Pam know so that it can be followed up on with the shortened play last year we may not have everything updated correctly from commissioners – game sheet will need to be provided to show any suspension served
- Meetings going forward
  - Still continue with zoom, meet in person or do a hybrid
  - Would like to see a hybrid meeting
  - Burnaby is willing to help out and host
  - POCO or Langley as well
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Motion to adjourn at 8:31 – Sean and Jeff

NEXT MEETING – March 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 via Zoom unless otherwise communicated