**Lower Mainland meeting**

**June 7 2022**

**Via Zoon**

**Call to order 7:04pm**

Attendance: -

Sandra Margetson(Chair) - present

Beth McLucas (Past-chair) - absent

Josh Wahl (vice-chair) - present

Pam Mason (secretary) - present

Lynda Callard ( Treasurer) - present

Nicole Kokoska (female) - present

Mike O’Connor (zone 4) - present

Michael Hagel(zone 5) - present

Jeff MacAulay (Zone 3) - present

Doug Wright (officials) - present

Rob Arden (coaches) - absent

Abbotsford - present

Burnaby - present

Coquitlam - present

Chilliwack - present

Delta - present

Langley - present

Mission - present

New Westminster - present

North Shore - absent

Port Coquitlam - present

Port Moody - present

Richmond - present

Ridge Meadows - absent

Semiahmoo - present

Surrey - present

Sunshine Coast - present

Vancouver - present

**Approval of minutes April 12 2022 – Jeff and Nicole**

**Adjust minutes to reflect Doug and Abbotsford present**

**Treasurer’s Report**: No report

**Bank Balance:** paid the referees for the short notice game cancelled so will invoice Burnaby

**Zone Reports:**

* This year is a unique situation for summer games all of the zone teams will go in with short rosters, 9 players withdrew from zone 4. Those that have joined will have a competitive tournament
* Zone 4 had to go outside of the zone for the coaches
* Updates us on Lacrosse Canada the new name for CLA
* A lot of the attendees at the meeting are more focused on the senior
* There has been a lot of turnover at the CLA office and seems to be more focused
* 5 second and 10 second rule is staying as is for minor
* Too many men will be a penalty
* Divisions will be changing to U17, U15,U13 etc
* Alberta, Nova Scotia and Ontario still play
* Alberta survey that players left after novice due to checking and can foresee checking will
* LTAD recommending no national tournament at the pee wee level, concern out east that private clubs would jump in
* 2022 nations – no 16U teams this year
* Smaller provinces have no issues playing the stronger clubs to see where they are
* In minor there are no applications yet for 2023 nationals
* Goalie exemption will be strictly on height
* Tournaments – there have been late withdrawals and division cancellation
  + This has been more of an issue on the island and causing financial hardship
  + Teams pulling out effect other associations
* Field impact on the box season and team BC impact on their requirements
* Looking where to place the lacrosse 6’s so may have to look at how to address in the future

F**emale Report:**

* Teams are still traveling to the island
* Teams that are going to the island are having a great time
* Teams need to be forced to go to the island for next year
* Seen some absolutely horrid behaviour at the games, games have had to be stopped due to the parents and the parents fighting
* The parents think that the referees are making a bad call
* An association can suspend a parent from the arena and can sent parents to the respect in sport
* John Hamilton said that it is challenging issue with the new people
* Found in the female game there is non calls on the back checking and would like it called at a 5 min rather than a 2 or a 4 minute
* Conflicts were team BC practices and the tournaments
* There needs to be the quid pro quo of going to the island
* Next year look at how to incorporate the interior

**Coaches**

* Fining clubs for coaches getting suspended is something that should be coming
  + Coaches association has no control over the coaches and will look at adding this for the associations
* We are getting repeat offenders and the current system is not working
* Loosing officials because of the way that coaches are not treating them properly
* Older officials know that it ramps up during provincials and the coaches take advantage of it
* Do we have something in policy one, two three strikes your our
  + Can be bumped up at the coaches association for the level of suspension
* Discussion on getting fines
* Coaches clinic – struggling with coaches clinics and facilitators
  + Courses are being cancelled due to no facilitators
  + For provincials we are top of if coaches have not been able to attend a clinic and is already
* Is there any teaching for the presidents – to bring to the leader of the association
  + New presidents need to network with veteran presidents on learning the issues and how to deal with the parents and coaches etc

**Officials**

* Fines and clubs being more reactive would need to be at the minor directorate or the coaches sessions
  + All of the club have to have volunteers, and all clubs should have head referees and head coaches in the associations, people have to have know that these people should not be on the bench and needs to have clubs be more proactive in monitoring their teams. Clubs should have volunteers at the games to watch and teach the coaches, the players etc.
* Sent out a message to all of the clubs on Sunday night
  + Have a final level 2 clinic will be run on June 13th at 6pm details are in the email, email Andy to register
  + Need to have 8 officials for the summer games
  + Can apply before they are certified for the games – but need to go to the clinic
  + Still working on the list for minor provincials and minor nationals
    - Link is still open to apply , Doug has been assessing officials for the last couple of weeks or can arrange for someone to assess
  + Checking from behind – referees should be calling it tighter than they have been calling it – some options are that if a major is the only option the penalty is changed as the officials are less likely to call a major if only option
* Ramp score sheet – most of the games that attended that in games when there is multiple penalties – most clubs are not using scratch pad and the game is waiting for the games when they are trying to enter everything
  + Should make it necessary that they have them
  + Trying to keep a live score on a game is not working
  + Pam to send out that it is mandatory to have either a game sheet or a scratch pad for the game – they do not need to be live
* Abuse of officials – we have lost three this year they are not doing it anymore, we have senior officials that are not willing to do minor, we have clubs that are not willing to lend referees to other associations
  + Referees need to be mentored, clubs need to have supervisors
  + Coaches need to have more supervision
  + Parents need to be have more supervisor by the association and are directing their anger to the officials
* Important that associations have head referees and RIC’s

**New Business**:

* Playoff Declarations
  + Pee Wee and 16U need to be completed by June 30 (June 27th)
  + Bantam and Female need to be completed by July 7th (July 3rd)
* Female Junior Wild game on the island
* Summer games officials
  + Officials at the summer games do not get paid
  + Do we as an association to offer to give money to pay the fees for the summer games
  + They have been always volunteers at the games and have usually been able to get people to give back to the sport
  + Prince George may be the issue for the games to recruit them
  + Officials are going up with a van and getting hotels and per diem
  + Michael O second Jeff – motion: For the LMMLC pays up to $1600 towards officials for the BC Summer game for the box portion of the games based on $45 per game refereed. – Passed
* Novice Rules –
  + Three 20-minute periods
  + Place and push at all levels and no cross-checking
  + Getting more pushback from associations when we are trying to curb the game
    - Coaches are just saying that they are just going to so what they want
    - In Alberta it is 78% leaving due to contact
    - Some of the disconnect is the two years
  + Always getting the information getting down to the coaches and the coaches say they won’t be prepared and the referees have to help enforce the game
  + Heard the argument forever that the contact and how are they going to prepare for the next level – it is going to come from the Lacrosse Canada – there is a big disconnect and some coaches are teaching it, not a black and white rule and the referees need to educate
  + Kids are leaving to play sports that don’t take as much energy – football had a bad reputation in contact – flag football has taken off, start thinking about a lacrosse that goes hand in hand – no pads no hitting can play together and kids that want to play contact can continue to do it. Need to focus on the fun of the game
  + Place and push is a minor directorate rule the CLA has three rule options
  + Kids at the novice division do not have a lot of motor control, kids are not physically developed and place and push is good for this age group
  + Place and push teaches much better defense if we don’t teach kids how to protect themselves on the floor and they do understand if they are allowed full contact and put a bodycheck into the game
* Social Media
  + There was an incident in a game that apparently one player did something and the other family’s family put stuff on social media and the player was scared to go to school felt intimidated
  + We at the league and association level needs to educate the teams and players of the need to be respectful and not post on social media
  + Social media is hurting our game rather than promoting it
  + Jeff is working with the harassment officer
* Results will be by win percentage rather than points if needed
  + Will look through results to ensure that teams are placed accordingly
* Ramp feedback
  + Pam waiting for meeting with the support teams

Motion to adjourn at 8:59pm Jeff and John

NEXT MEETING – August 23th 2022 location will be communicated