

Lower Mainland meeting
May 17 2022
Via Zoon

Call to order 7:04pm

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)	- absent	Port Moody	- present
Jeff MacAulay (Zone 3)	- present	Richmond	- present
Doug Wright (officials)	- absent	Ridge Meadows	- present
Rob Arden (coaches)	- absent	Semiahmoo	- present
Abbotsford	- absent	Surrey	- present
Burnaby	- present	Sunshine Coast	- present
Coquitlam	- present	Vancouver	- present

Approval of minutes April 12 2022 – Jeff and Michael O

Treasurer's Report: No report

Bank Balance:

Zone Reports:

- Havent met recently next meeting is June 4th
- Only other thing is changes to the CLA meeting
- Busy getting zone teams for the summer games
 - Very difficult with Field and the Canada games
 - BC summer games is usually being used as the Team BC feeder pool
 - Private clubs are also causing an issue with players attending the summer games

Female Report:

- Games have started on the island there has been a couple glibs but the dust has settled and moving on going over to the island.
- Looking at doing something with the interior

Coaches

- Form 100's some associations have not been handed in
- Tempers are starting at the coaches level
 - Reminder they are not allowed on the bench until they hear from the commissioner the suspension is doubled
 - And if an assistant or player that comes back the coach gets 2 games automatically
 - Starting at the novice age group that the coaches are abusing the younger referees
 - Tell the coaches to lay off we are low on numbers

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Officials

- Officials have been a number of abuse reports that have come in
- Also hearing of some that are not being reported by the officials
- Number of games cancelled or rescheduled due to no referees
- People need to stop yelling at the referees and if there is an issue with the official let us know so that we can deal with the situation
- Scoresheets – at the game level we are encountering a few problems
 - Had a scorekeeper not familiar with the app
 - All of the clubs should have a scratch pad to write the penalties down
 - Referees are reluctant to bring their devices to the bench
- Deadline for referees to apply for provincials was last Friday which is a soft deadline so if you encounter referees please tell them to apply. There are 41 that have applied and will need at least 20 additional to apply.
- We have one final clinic coming up for those that could anticipate in the zoom clinic, send contact information to Andy or Doug
- Game reports – what is the process for presidents to get access to game reports especially when being asked to add additional suspension to a game
 - Part of it is a privacy concern
 - Officials have to be able to report it as they see it without worrying about repercussion from coaches or presidents
 - Jeff has given coles notes of what the referee is saying
 - Scott asked if a suspension is for more than 2 games should possibly go to the presidents – would need to bring it to the minor directorate for discussion
- Need to speak to the hearing with 5 games should be a hearing automatically
- Asking for the information of the report – not the contact information of the officials
- Have seen clubs interfere with referees and head referees on what they should call
- Referee association – Doug is adamantly opposed to have the reports public and we need to keep the presidents and commissioners at an arms length with this process
- Contact information can be redacted – not seeing what is on the scoresheet flowing through to the game report – on the scoresheet the offence is written down

- Hearings are very transparent – coaches, player, president, independent panel to discuss and make a decision based on the information that is from the hearing
- Presidents are receiving all of the suspensions from the commissioners
- Abuse is terrible this year and a referee was at a game and she was attacked at another game a week and a half later – these are level three referee that are having these issues
- Referee will not travel without getting the abuse
- Need to get a letter for being more tolerated as parents
- Doug is worried about the next five years, people are going to have to lay off of the officials or we will be in trouble within the next few years
- We need to protect our referees and have a concern for the future of the game

New Business:

- Forfeiting and late rescheduling
 - Giant problem this year lack of players and late rescheduling
 - Minimum is that they play for the floor time and the referees
 - TBR is always a good option
 - A few with no referees – can ask other associations
 - Hard when they are traveling to the game
 - We want the kids to play
 - There are different ways to go about it, call up players get the kids to play
 - Number of coaches and managers that are new and need to be informed to play the games
 - Need to take back to the coaches and managers
- 16U players of the year to BCLA please get it into the BCLA as there is a scholarship attached to this for each zone
- Declarations –
 - Due by June 1st to the BCLA office
 - Information on how teams are moved if there is a need by May 31st and will then have until June 4th meeting to withdraw from the provincials
 - After the declarations of June 1st any team pulling out could be fined \$1000 once the declarations are discussed at the June 4th meeting
 - If there is automatic berths into the provincials due to the number of teams that declare and if a team withdraws there could be a \$3000 fine for not attending the provincials
 - Player registration and marketing to grow the game
 - Changes to the rules for the CLA meeting End of May a lot of proposals that are being proposed
 - Changes to go with the u13, u15, u17 etc as part of the LTAD
 - Would like to go to penalty for too many men either for offence or defence
 - Changes crease play from 5 seconds to 4 seconds- too fast for the minor goalies
 - No trapping or clamping
 - Want the 10 second rule to change to 8 second – too fast for minor teams
 - Calling penalties would not be on a penalties

- Michael can sent around and if you have any issue please send to your zone rep
- Discussion regarding tiering schedule
 - Make sure that teams are playing at least 5 or 6 teams during the tiering
 - Personal preference is having 6 games
 - When mixed have all of the a2 teams play all of the a1 teams
 - Look at ensuring that everyone plays each team no more than once during tiering
 - Thoughtful of who is being scheduled, specific example would not have A1 teams play their own A2 teams and for who should be tiered up
 - Has a couple where we played the same team that is supposed to be balanced
 - Noticed that teams did not play the same number of games – ne
- Are we every going to be able to properly recognize Beth for all of her years of service to the lower mainland and the minor directorate?
 - Proposal to recognize Beth with spending up to \$500 in a gift for her dedications – Jeff and Scott – passed
- Will be sending out a google document to get feedback on the game sheet app good and needs improvement items not a bitching about if you like it or not
- Sean general question – had a referee that was refereeing used to be a player and moved and registered in the other association – clubs are not obliged to have an official and it depends on the reasons why you do not want to have an official and there is no actual policy in place on the official's side

Motion to adjourn at 8:27pm Jeff and Josh

NEXT MEETING – June 7th 2022 location will be communicated