

Lower Mainland AGM 2023
November 28 2023
Langley Event Centre

Call to order at 7:03 pm

Attendance – voting members in attendance

Sandra Margetson(chair)	-present	Mission- Imat/Kyle	-present
Josh Wahl (vice chair)	-present	New Westminster Rich/Jodie	-present
Pam Mason (Secretary)	-present	North Shore -Kim/Dylan	-present
Lynda Callard(Treasurer)	-present	Port Coquitlam Heidi/Stacy	-present
Jeff MacAulay(zone3)	-absent	Port Moody Allen/Michael	- present
Michael O’Connor(zone4)	-absent	Richmond Lauri/Shannon	-present
Michael Hagel(zone5)	-present	Ridge Meadows Wiil/Robb	-present
Nicole Kokoska(female)	-absent	Semiahmoo Mark	-present
Rob Arden(coaches)	-present	Surrey -Jamie	-present
Doug Wright(officials)	-present	Sunshine Coast -Scott	-present
Abbotsford-Victora/Becky	-present	Vancouver- Michael	-present
Burnaby- Susan/Nicole	-present		
Coquitlam-Garrett	-present		
Chilliwack-Chris	-present		
Delta-Jason/Nick	-present		
Langley -Geordie/Alex	-present		

Observers: Tom Kellet, Sean Reid, Wendy Thompson Virtually: Erin, Tyson, Stuart

Approval of Minutes from 2022 AGM – November 2022 Allen second Lauri

Please let us know any changes to the association reps by emailing Sandra and Pam

AGM Items

- Executive reports – Burnaby was not included in zone 5 (Michael to correct)
- Treasurer report
 - Motion to accept budget as circulated for the 2024 Season
 - Motioned by - Lynda
 - Second by - Lauri
 - Carried
 - Motion to have the proposed fees for the 2024 playing season at \$25 per team
 - Motioned by - Lynda
 - Second by - Scott
 - Carried

Proposed Changes

Change #1

Motioned by -Sandra

Second by Lynda

Carried

Proposed by Sandra Margetson – Chair

Currently reads

A second official is not required for the U 17 division but may be used at the Home Associations' discretion

Proposed Amendment

A second official is not required for the U7 division but may be used at the Home Associations' discretion

Rationale: housekeeping , correcting division

Change #2

Motioned by Sandra

Second by Susan

Amendment Motioned – Josh and Garrent

Carried

Motion – Nicole / Allen - carried

Proposed by Sandra Margetson - Chair

Currently Reads

In extreme circumstances where an association may not have a B or C team to call from either within the same divisions or the division below the team may ask permission **from the (2) league commissioners for an A** players from the division below to be called up prior to the game, **both commissioners must discuss and be in agreement. If approved the** team can only have 2 “A “ players max. **only applies to league play** The league chair must be notified from the commissioner of the team who requested the A player whether approved or denied and with a rationale /

Proposed Amendment

~~In the case of players up in a division, if an “A” player is going to play up to a “B” or “C” team, only a maximum of two (2) players per game playing up to a higher division is allowed. (with the exception of goalie)~~

Amended Motion:

where an association may not have a B or C team to call from either within the same divisions or the division below the team may ask an A players from the division below to be called up prior to the game, team can only have 2 “A “ players max(with the exception of goalie). only applies to league play

Rationale: Removes extreme circumstances & the commissioner discussion and approval or denied process and Chair to be notified , to come into alignment of Minor directorate policy 4:07 Part 1 playing up . proper call up procedures still apply .

Change #3

Motioned by -Lynda

Second by - Allen

Carried

Proposed by Sandra Margetson - Chair

Currently Reads

No player may play down in other than his own division of calibre. In exceptional circumstances, written application may be made to the LMMLC Chair to have a player play in other than his own category. The request must include that the Association and the player's parent or guardian understand that the player may not be eligible to participate in a Provincial tournament when playing down in a lower division.

Proposed Amendment

- a. A player may play down one division than their appropriate age group when a player size and /or ability dictate necessary as determined by a coach and approved by an Association President. If approved by the local association, LMMLC must approve in writing and forward to their local Commission for Approval
- b. Players granted an opportunity to play down will have their players' statistics reviewed during the season of play (for penalties ,scoring etc). The MD will communicate the names of players playing down to the league Commissioners, who will need to keep statistics and report to the LMMLC and MD any anomalies seen during review of game sheets, or at a game. Upon review by the LMMLC and MD, a previously approved application to play down from Minor to Minor can be reversed at any time during the season of play. An over age player MAY be eligible for playdowns, playoffs, Zone /Commission Championships or for Provincial Championships play. The MD determination will include at least the following: penalties review, scoring, participation.

Rationale: to expand the correct wording to align with Minor Directorate policy 4:07 part II - (a) & (b) playing down .

Change #4

Motioned by Michael O

Second by Lauri

Carried

Proposed by Pam Mason – Secretary

Currently Reads

I-2 Members of the Commission shall consist of the following:

- (a) Executive as elected under Bylaw No. V.
- (b) Minor Lacrosse Associations who are members of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association, who are geographically situated in the area generally referred to as the Lower Mainland, and who have teams entered in the Commission competition.
- (c) League Commissioners as appointed by the Executive.
- (d) Female Director

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~~(d) Female Director~~

Rationale: housekeeping already covered in (a) as a elected under bylaw No. V

Change #5

Motioned by - Rich Catton

Second by Michael Hagel

Carried

Proposed by Pam Mason – Secretary

Currently Reads

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Proposed Change

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Rationale: housekeeping had the wrong numbering

Change #6

Motioned by Nicole

Second by Garrett

Carried

Amendment – Michael & Lynda remove highlighted and crossed off wording

Carried

Proposed by Pam Mason – Secretary

New policy – addition to D-1 residency

7. a. Any player that is found not following the residency rules outlined in the Minor Directorate policy will be deemed ineligible to play ~~further for the current season and may be~~ subject to a hearing with the commission to determine if further disciplinary action should be taken
- b. Any association that is found not following the residency rules outlined in the Minor Directorate policy will be fined \$1000 for each player and may be deemed not in good standing with the league upon a vote of the commission members

Rationale: to have some enforcement at the league level for players and associations that are not following the residency rules. Players choosing to play in another association without obtaining proper permission are hurting all of the clubs growth, planning and development of the game, based on members discussions in September

Change #7

Motioned by Michale

Second by Lauri

Carried

Proposed by Pam Mason – Secretary

Change all junior female references to U22 to be inline with BCLA and the minor directorate

Change #8

Motioned by Garrett

Second by Robb

Carried

Proposed by Pam Mason – Secretary

Currently Reads

For female U13, U15 and U17 only; 12 teams need to be declared before tiering can take place.

Declare as follows

- 1 team 1-tier 1 or 1-teir 2
- 2 team 1-tier 1 or 1-teir 2
- 3 team 1-tier 1 or 2-teir 2
- 2-tier 1 or 1-teir 2
- 4 team 2-tier 1 or 2-teir 2

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Proposed Amendment

For female U13, U15 and U17 only; ~~12 teams need to be declared before tiering can take place.~~ A vote by the members at the declaration meeting will determine if there are enough teams to declare an A and B division. When declaring the following must be followed

Declare as follows

- 1 team 1-A or 1-B
- 2 team 1-A and 1-B
- 2 balanced B
- 3 team 1-A and 2-B (balanced)
- 2-A and 1-B
- 4 team 2-A and 2-B

Interlocking may happen and teams would be placed after tiering break. . If an association declares two teams as one A and one B they will not need to rebalance should tiering not take place after the tiering break

Rationale: to align the divisions as A and B like we already have and to take away the arbitrary number of teams to have the two divisions bringing the policy in-line with what the membership asked for last year

Change #9

- Withdrawn

Proposed by Pam Mason Secretary

Currently reads

Any team which is moved to a different level of league play will receive an accumulative number of points equal to the average of the balance of the teams playing at that level. Teams who move within the same caliber and division which has been split into 2 levels will keep their points and not receive accumulative. (for example if U15 B is split into Blue and Green and a team moves from Blue to Green they keep their points awarded when in blue.)

Proposed Amendment

Any team which is moved to a different level of league play will receive an accumulative number of points equal to the average of the ~~balance of~~ the teams playing at that level. **(in the case of interlocking play they will keep the number of points earned if staying within one of the two divisions that was involved in the interlocking)** Teams who move within the same caliber and division which has been split into 2 levels will keep their points and not receive accumulative. (for example if U15 B is split into Blue and Green and a team moves from Blue to Green they keep their points awarded when in blue.)

Rationale: when teams are moved up and down the balance of teams can sway the average points, with interlocking the team could have earned more points than if they received the average and have played teams in that division already leaving them at a disadvantage

Change #10

Motioned by Josh

Second by Michael

Carried

Proposed by Pam Mason – Secretary

Currently reads

In U17, U15, U13 and U11 where “C” leagues are formed, no Association may declare a “C” calibre team with more average years playing experience per player than two years for U11 and U13, three years for U15, four years for U17, times the number of registered players on that team. This rule does not apply to teams that are moved down to the “C” division by their Commission. (Example: U13 15 players on a team – total number of years of experience is 24 years – $(15-3) \times 2 = 24$).

Proposed change

In U17, U15, U13 and U11 where “C” leagues are formed, no Association may declare a “C” calibre team with more average years playing experience per player **than outlined in the current minor directorate operating policy on declared “C” teams**

Rationale: the minor directorate policy has all of the details that were not listed correctly above and best to refer to another policy than duplicate and have an error

➤ Election of Officers

- Vice Chair – Nominations
 - Tom Kellet – Will let name Stand
 - Jaime Yerbury - Withdrawn
 - Josh Wahl – will let name stand
 - Elected -**Josh Wahl**
 - Zone 3 – Nominations
 - Tyson Craiggs – Will let name sand
 - Sean Reid – will let name stand
 - Jeff MacAulay – will let your stand
 - Elected -**Sean Reid**
 - Zone 5 – Nominations
 - **Michael Hagel** – will let name stand
 - Secretary will cast one vote – elected
 - Secretary - Nominations
 - Nicole Kelly – Will let name stand
 - Wendy Thompson – will let name stand
 - Pam Mason – will let name stand
 - Elected – **Pam Mason**
- Motion to destroy Ballets – Michael Hagel and Lauri Kerr

New Business

➤ Minor Directorate Updates

- Jill updates
 - BCLA is getting less money from gaming although more money for provincials
 - Year end is still not completed
 - Not any progress on the hearing issue that Wuilbert brought up
 - Sixes lacrosse – Island was asked to block out a weekend to hold a tournament during the box season
 - How to incorporate the sixes into the season is being worked on
- Coaching applications for the Team BC get them in as they are looking
- Camps are published on the website shortly – similar dates to last year
- BC Summer games will be used to determine the U17 team BC
- Tournament administration is still Shane Mellish
- Tournaments: will review how to handle late roster changed and expand the tournament administration, will have to get game sheets to the
- Rules must be submitted prior to the tournament approval
- Club tournament deadlines – apply January 13th
- Bench officials under review – wants to add an allocator and head referee handbook
- COP system will be abandoned
- Lacrosse Canada is tabling the previous non checking to 2025 for U15 and below

- Minor directorate voted on U9 – and will stay as it was last year and there were not enough votes to overturn it (only 5 wanted 5v5) – allow all of June to be 5v5 in tournaments

➤ **Provincials 2023**

- U13 – July 11th -14th – North Okanagan
- U15 – July 4th-7th - Comox Valley
- U13-U22 Female July 11th -14th Port Coquitlam
- U17 – July 25th -28th – Langley
- Summer Games July 18th -21st – Ridge Meadows

➤ **Update from Officials**

- Will stay on as LMMLC coordinator
- Zone reps are being looked
- In discussions right now for using Ramp as opposed to Arbiter
- They are not set up as exactly as they want
- Clinic starting most likely in March
- Head referee meeting at least two weeks prior to the clinics
- Far too many referees in the box system
- On floor training was very good and looking at on-floor again this year
- For level 1 and level 2 returning looking for some on floor training
- Some discussion about the 3 referees – do not have enough referees to support
- Need floor donated by the club – have a working plan earlier in January and February

➤ **Update from Coaches**

- Need clinicians – talk to Dave Showers for the requisites, will train them

➤ **Female interlocking Schedule**

- Getting some emails from the island and John Hamilton
- Will send out the information so that everyone can review
- Some items from last year are not favourable of continuing but the island wants to work with us to continue the program and ensure that there is a true female program in the province
- Table the vote until January
- Title to grow female lacrosse for grant applications
- Work on the whole province
- Look into grants – maybe BCLA can get them

➤ **Support form BCLA**

- Scott spoke to it about needing support for the smaller club like his where he does not have any support from others in his association to grow the board

➤ **2024 LMMLC Meeting Dates**

- January 16th – in person
- February 13th – virtual
- March 13th – in person – declarations
- April 9th – virtual

- May 7th – in person
- June 4th or 11th – in person
- July – No Meeting – provincials
- August – 20th – virtual
- September 24- in person (changes meeting)
- October – no meeting (Whistler AGM)
- November 26th – LMMLC AGM

➤ **2024 Playing Season**

- Season start date April 8th
- Tiering Break (April 29-May 5th)
 - No tiering break for U7, U9 or U22
- Season End dates
 - June 9th U15 – playdowns complete June 23 (16games)
 - June 16th U13 and all Female divisions above U13 -playdowns complete by June30(18)
 - June 23rd or 30th – playdowns complete by July 17 (20 or 22)
 - June 23rd – U11 and below

Motion to Adjourn - @9:40 by Everyone