

Lower Mainland meeting
February 15th 2023
Langley Event Centre & Via Zoom

Call to order 7:04pm

Attendance: -

Sandra Margetson (Chair)	- present	Delta- Jason/Erin	- present
Josh Wahl (vice-chair)	- present	Langley-Alex	- present
Pam Mason (secretary)	- present	Mission- Jason	- present
Lynda Callard (Treasurer)	- absent	New Westminster-Mia	- present
Nicole Kokoska (female)	- present	North Shore -Shannon	- present
Mike O'Connor (zone 4)	- present	Port Coquitlam- Heidi/Josh	- present
Michael Hagel (zone 5)	- present	Port Moody -Dave	- present
Jeff MacAulay (Zone 3)	- present	Richmond	- present
Doug Wright (officials)	- present	Ridge Meadows-Dave/Tysen	- present
Rob Arden (coaches)	- absent	Semiahmoo -Mark/Pat	- present
Abbotsford-Becky	- present	Surrey-Jamie	- present
Burnaby -Susan/Nicole	- present	Sunshine Coast-Scott	- present
Coquitlam – Stuart/Garrett	- present	Vancouver -Michael	- present
Chilliwack -Chris	- present		

Approval of minutes January 2023 – Alex and Jeff

Update from Minor Directorate

Gerry from BCLA – land acknowledgement

- -lawn signs have been mixed up there was some of the art work responsibilities
- -they are coming if you still want them you should be getting an email
- -New executive director – Jill Krop will be starting March 1
- April 16th having a leaders conference prepare for a semi annual meeting
- Lacrosse Canada is having their semi annual meeting hosted in New Westminster
- Governance of lacrosse is the members collectively make the rules so that there is not someone telling everyone what to do. We have to respect the governance of the lacrosse
- Minor directorate is responsible for the governance of the lacrosse is BC for minor
- We have to respect others and remember that we all come from different lenses.
- We at BCLA are not their to make the rules but we are there to support
- If you don't like the policies then you have to take a step back and live with the different rules

Gord from the Minor directorate

- Met with everyone in December and how we came with the rules for the U9
 - When we left that meeting it was told that if you want to play 5 on 5 it would have to be in house and within your association only, no inter association play
 - We agreed that if there are tournaments later in June that it could be 5 on 5 for groups if that they want
 - What has been voted on was 3on3 for all sanctioned games
 - Two policies
 - All playing rules 4.01
 - U7, U9 and U11 rules will be in the commissioners' package and will be binding on play
 - Did contact the other commissions and they have been playing 3on3 and still support and are not considering any changes
 - Prepared clinic for officials have been prepared as 3on3 and that is how they will be
 - If club want to play outside of the rules then why even have the minor directorate
 - Need to decide what is best for the majority of the associations and may not make everyone happy
 - U9 3on3 rules was not close they all agreed from them
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- Question with regards to how we are going to get the officials trained and how are we going to get enough officials trained and used – will be an off line questions
 - Will make sure that we have enough clinics
 - Should make no difference for 5on5 need 2 officials and for 3on3 1 official
 - Anticipated last years entry level officials and planned a few additional
 - Has not been an issue in the past
 - Port Moody found that the 3on3 helps the referee situation.
 - Jeff spoke to Garret last year wanted to do the clinic in-house – one of the issues clinicians.
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- Referees belong to the BCLA they do not belong to the clubs
 - Tyson – frustration 3 biggest clubs were not consulted with the issue and ridge and they can survive in-house
 - Jurisdiction you are governed by the minor directorate not the Lmmlc
 - Lmmlc has to run the league in accordance with the md rules
 - When we do our own thing
 - There is a process to rule changes
 - Why can we not look at this from a different angle
 - The lower mainland agm is not where rules are picked
 - All of the rules are set by the minor directorate and there are 5 people that are there from the lower mainland.
 - Discussion based on how voting on MD policies

- Dave ridge – does not believe that large clubs should be able to bully their desire and needs to work with the whole province and what is the best avenue to get this.
- Second – the MD makes decisions that effect all of the leagues an and the commission operating policies can be tougher that the level up ie Immlc, to Minor Directorate, to the BCLA.
- Pre covid we voted to change to 3on3 at the Immlc to change to it and now people have seemed to forget
- Has everyone see the association hand book – it should be on line and it needs updating

Treasurer's Report: No report

Bank Balance: Not reported

Zone Reports:

- Not much ha been going on
- All of the Team BC camp dates will be on the website
- Approved all of the tournaments
 - Will be online March 17th for viewing live around April 1
- Goalkeeper exemptions have decreased since they were changed to a height
- Richmond has a GoFundMe page set up for Kaylee Paterson who has been hit by a car on February 9th – she plays in Richmond, New Westminster and referees
- Motion on the floor for \$250 from the Immlc to donate to Kaylee Paterson go fund me.
- By Dave from Ridge, second Michael. - carried

Female Report:

- Not much to report we were going to have a round table in January that did not happen
- Will be reaching out to everyone
- Issue having the equity for the female vs the mixed for the A and B, completely supportive of having the two divisions ability to have the same as equitable on the boys side, female should be allowed to play at the appropriate level
- Agree with the 12 team thing, the only issue that the majority of the clubs on have 4 or 5 players and we are not doing it fairly and tiering and it is based on policy.
- If we want to play at a high level will need to look at regional teams if clubs don't have enough for more than one team
- Not just focusing on the high level girls it also focuses on the lower level girls
- And to look at combined teams to have an A1 and like minded players

Coaches Report:

- -updated suspension list make sure that the coaches are
- Reminder that if you are suspended in minor you are suspended in senior
- If you are suspended as
- Clinics are coming out soon, and if you sign someone up for a clinic that does not show they will still be changed

Officials Report:

- On-floor training for associations – with an exhibition game with 6 officials with a
- Referee clinic schedule posted on the website, room to add to the schedule is necessary
 - Urge people to register now and flexibility reduces.
 - Have added 8 new clinicians this year
- Clinics are different this year class room has been shorted and added an on floor portion, partially because they do not hold the attention
- First part is empty floor about 90minutes and then second part 60 minutes of a game with U11 teams – level one officials to be cycled through with level 2 as shadows might take 8-10 officials to these games
- Present plan is Dallas is working with Pam to have three sessions all day around the lower mainland over a course of the training with three or four sessions in a day
- Will work with local head referee as well as the level 2 officials
- Planning a head referee meeting next week either Monday or Tuesday possibly on Thursday
- Moving to Arbitor province wide and will be done locally but all of the officials will be available online
 - It's a data base of officials and will need to rank the officials for the programs
 - Several zoom sessions for Arbitor and a in person session on March 11th
- Do any clubs not have a head referee, please make sure that you let Doug know.
- Asking about an online clinic and is two parts for returning officials
- Do a catch-up at the end of May
- Asked for a level 1 after the season starts
- Asked for floor times from association for the on floor sessions and will have games

New Business:

- Combined teams
 - Please discuss and see what you can come up with for the declaration meeting
- Declaration soft numbers please send them
- Players that are looking to be released will be done after March meeting
 - Players are not released based on calibre
 - Discussion on declaring at A and not A1 and A2
 - Players can practice with home association but can not practice with other associations

- Not for this season but ranks them
- Provincials
 - U13 Ridge meadows
 - U15 Saanich/Victoria
 - U17 Cowichan Valley
- League start date
 - April 10th
 - Female may start April 3rd weekend on the island
 - Teiring May 1-May 8th
 - End dates for U17
- Update contact info Pam and Sandra
- Carry over suspension list – ask Dee to send out what we have
- Call ups maximum 4 games 5th they stay up.

Motion to adjourn at: 8.59 Dave

NEXT MEETING – March 15th Port Coquitlam Rec Centre – in person