

Lower Mainland meeting
June 6 2023
Port Coquitlam Community Centre & Via Zoom

Call to order 7:02pm

Attendance: -

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

Approval of minutes May 2023 – Deferred

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance: \$20314.54

- Commissioners have all been paid for the 2022 season with the exception of one that she does not have an address for
- Wants to set up a new bank account as the current one is having issue with getting cheques and can not do e-transfer
- Looking at setting up with Envision Credit Union – needs to set up a meeting with Sandra and her
- Waiting on the final registration numbers from Corinne and then will invoice all associations for the LMMLC fees, please watch for the invoice.

Zone Reports:

- Season is on going and things to do with coaches will have Jeff address in coaches session

- Gaming grant application for 220,000 but do not get everything that they ask for
- Via sport grants for 169,000
- Looking to ensure that the financials are more transparent
- Wants to purchase laptop and printers for provincial as that seems to be an issue for some hosts
- Intern is working on social media and to increase our presence
- We want to have as many people as possible follow BCLA on social media as that is a way to increase our exposure and increase the ability for sponsors
- We will have banners at provincials to increase our presence along with a large banner with the provincial logo background to encourage posting on social media and tagging BCLA
- Is there grant money or a person available to recruit in the fall to be able to keep the intern on or hire another one
- Team BC 7 teams will be going to nationals only Us and the host and Ontario
- First time having a U13 female in nationals.
- Team BC camps the four weeks in May next year
- Semi annual May 11 and 12 Lacrosse Canada meeting happened
- Canada summer games in 2025 in Paradise NL males first week and females the second week August 8-24th
- Lacrosse is the only core sport in the summer games
- Terminology change referee in charge will now be official in charge
- In the long term, it seems we will be moving to one common rule set based on world lacrosse. Because of this, it is unlikely that the current rule book will make any changes to correct contradictions/consistencies.
- Discussions around the LTAD –from Sport Canada not Lacrosse Canada
- LTAD – still a divide against the science of the research
- Nationals will still occur vs regional championships -concerned private groups will fill the gaps
- There were 9 recommendations on contact, with 4 affecting minor lacrosse
 - Eliminate off-ball contact in minor lacrosse
 - Reduce open floor hits in all levels of lacrosse
 - Equal pressure for on-ball contact in U11 and below
 - Introduce on-ball crosscheck at U13
- These were all approved by the box sector and go before the member council for final approval
- Lacrosse is still not locked into the Olympics
- Review zone player of the year and will be announced at provincials
- Team Canada female tryout are July 1-3 in Port Coquitlam

Female Report:

- Regular season is coming to an end and provincials in Mission
- Females interlocking 80 games played between the island and the mainland

- From John's perception that it went well
- Get the schedule out earlier for the games next year
- Research travel costs for the teams
- Would like to get some good news stories from teams

Coaches Report:

- Dave showers will be emailing associations after he goes through the form 100's
- There are a few fines for associations that were late
- Abuse we are doing hearing for at least 5 and up
- Talk of fining associations for repeat offenders
- Caught managers on the bench, underage on the bench, benches with no NCCP numbers
- Officials are responsible for checking those numbers
- It is 4 on the bench only – it is policy
- Trainer are not allowed on the benches
- Coaches are getting tossed and officials are not writing game reports
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Officials Report:

- I will be holding one more L2 clinic via zoom on Wed June 7 at 630pm. This is only open to experienced L2 officials.
- Applications for provincials are still being accepted.
- I will be the RIC for the U13 Provincial, July 6 to 9 in Ridge Meadows
- Angie Reid is the RIC for the Female Provincial July 6 to 9 in Mission
- Due to a shortage of referees, we have taken the extraordinary measure of opening up this provincial to L1 referees, this has never been done before.
- At present I have fewer than 8 referees confirmed for this provincial. I anticipate needing up to 24, depending on the final schedule and the availability of the referees on the list.
- We are requesting all association head referees and allocators to please forward the names and contact information of referees they feel are qualified. We have set a minimum age at 15 (1st year U17). Lists of names and or questions can be sent to me at dwrightbcloua@gmail.com
- So far this season there have been over 30 incidents of referee abuse reported, I am hearing of several more that were not penalized or reported as per our guidelines.
- I am seeing effective and active measures taken by some associations to curb this abuse and or to hold their own members accountable. I applaud these efforts and urge everyone in the lacrosse community to do all we can to mitigate and reduce the incidence of referee abuse.
- Wants to monitor and watch the scheduling of the referees
- Have one system – arbiter or ramp not both, ramp makes more sense since we use for games and gamesheet
- Angie to follow up that the game sheets are checked by officials at the score bench
- More digital gamesheet training for the officials in their sessions
- Referees should be bench minor the coaches earlier in the game

New Business:

- No PTP challenges were submitted from any of the zones
 - A couple of placements questions were discussed but with no ptp there was not movement from what was declared
- For Female placement – remove the island games for seeding – make sure the seeding is correct.
- Provincials Declarations and playdowns
 - Total of 151 teams declared.
 - Female provincials 32 teams
 - Junior 5 teams -4 lmmlc (6 teams to 4)
 - U17 A – 4 teams (5 teams to 4)
 - U17B – 4 teams -3 lmmlc (3 teams to 3)
 - U15 A – 5 teams - (6 teams to 5)
 - U15 B – 5 teams – host -3 lmmlc (4 teams to 3)
 - U13 A 4 teams
 - U13 B 5 teams – host 4 Teams to 3
 - Tiering of the teams at u13 and u15 was a difficult meeting to go through the teams and looked at number and tried to make it as fair as possible
 - U13 provincials 30 teams
 - A1 – 6 teams – all go through
 - A2 – 8 teams – 4 teams, plus host
 - B – 8 teams 4 teams plus host
 - C – 8 teams - 4 teams plus host
 - U15 provincials 19 teams
 - A1 – 5 teams – 3 teams
 - A2 – 6 teams - 4 teams
 - B – 8 teams -3 teams
 - U17 provincials 19 teams
 - A1 – 5 teams – 4teams
 - A2 – 6 teams – 3 teams
 - B – 8 teams 3 teams plus wild card game
 - Wild card to be played in LMMLC – date tba
- Playdowns – finalizing formats tonight and will publish tomorrow
 - Do you want to have teams that do not need to play down be scheduled play off games – I can get the commissioners to send the email to confirm with the teams
 - U15 and U17 start on June 25th
 - U15 to be completed by July 10th
 - U17 to be completed by July 17th
 - Female and U13 start on June 12th
 - To be completed by June 26th

- Teams points and adjustments – teams that moved received the average possible points for the divisions which as either negative 6 or positive 6 depending on if they went up or down
- BCLA AGM and minor directorate special session October 21 and 22
 - Friday night will not be the open bar at the hotel, looking at some different event
 - AGM for BCLA may be on the Sunday morning
 - Agenda not determined yet
- Policy changes – please watch for email from Deb with the dates and deadlines for the changes to the BCLA and minor directorate operating policies that will be due in August
- What does Ontario do for tiering – we should look into it for next year Mylax ranking.com 10 teams and movement – top two teams do well there is movement
 - Doesn't matter, look at the whole schedule
 - Bring a proposal back for the Imlc to present at the minor directorate
- Referee – recruitment
 - See if we can get challenges for courses vs taking the course
 - Level 2 is the issue
 - Level 1 seems to have enough officials
 - What do associations do for the referees
 - Pay for the fees
 - Do we pay for the helmets, etc
 - Value in tracking how may referee we have
 - Have an allocator meeting – to see where the issues
 - Input -how to fix the system
 - Tournaments and playdowns at the same weekend.
- Need to do the feedback for the officials
- Cameras are they used by many and what is the feedback
 - People responded that they work well and good investment

Motion to adjourn at 8.35pm

NEXT MEETING – August 22nd Hybrid or visa zoom