

Lower Mainland meeting
September 19 2023
Via Zoom

Call to order 7:02pm

Attendance: -

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

Approval of minutes June 2023 -Nicole and Chris

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance: \$ 23000 approximate

- Team fees owed , Abbotsford, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Langley, North Shore, Port Moody, Semiahmoo and Sunshine coast – anticipate fee around \$7000
- Got some cheques from TD but it is still difficult to manage with them as there is not e-transfer in or out
- looks like Prospera does two tier e-transfers, very handy and would like to switch to them
- Can e-transfer to Lynda and she will deposit
 - Please contact her to make arrangement and she will keep a proper documentation
- Motions for the treasurer to allow the bank account to be changed to a location of her choosing to allow e-transfers (Michael O'Connor and Dave) – passed
- She will set it up and contact Sandra, Pam and Josh to get together for signing authority
- All fees need to be paid prior to Whistler or the club is not in good standing and can not vote at the sessions.

Zone Reports:

- Nothing to report
- everything that was discussed at the last meeting was around policy changes

Female Report:

- Hoping that the numbers in field are not reflected in box next year

Coaches Report:

- Special session this last weekend – no coaches rep present -information from attendanees
- Changing the certification for U7 coaches – they do not need to take level 1 any longer
- Just need to do an online course for \$15
- Coaches association deemed them not good coaches – need to be 16 to be on the bench and need to challenge the coaches association – this did not pass was still at 14 to be on the bench
- Need to discuss how to grow young coaches under 18 have to wear helmet on the bench
- Changed the wording to equitable play instead of equal play

Officials Report:

- No rep present information from attendees and discussion on how to grow officials
- Doug now the chair of the officials group
- Referees can now do four games per day instead of three
- If over 30 degrees outside – officials can now wear shorts – black shorts
- Was there any discussion of how to avoid referee shortage happening in box next year
- An idea – free for all referees to complete their course – gained a lot of referees
 - Maybe all of the fees paid for referee by the clubs
 - Advertise that it is covered by the clubs
- Target level 2 to get adults to take the course – maybe other sports
- Talked to Doug a video production about referee abuse
 - Should ask the MD to talk to the officials group and BCLA about putting one together so that parents have to watch – may reduce some of the abuse

New Business:

- BCLA AGM and minor directorate special session October 20 and 21
 - Friday night session for MD still happening and then voting on Saturday morning session
 - Female session will follow after MD session on Saturday
 - Jill at BCLA can help with booking rooms if you have not booked
 - No theme this year – should we look at having a theme for the AGM

- Let Michael Hagel know if you want a theme and he will get some ideas for associations to do
 - Everyone must have their delegates, there is a fine if anyone is missing - registration September 28th
 - Policy changes
 - Policy 4.10 – would an exhibition game be allowed once the season start if teams are played in house – similar to what team BC does with games against clubs why would associations not be allowed to also do it at u7 and 9 but they can at all other age groups
 - Definition of exhibition what is the difference between that and the league game vs it not being a sanction game
 - Question on the policy – how to we ensure that our voice is heard -Can direct your zone reps and the chair of the Immlc to bring forward of the choices of the minor directorate and then your rep would vote based on how our clubs feel
 - Would be good if we had one voice – too much time was spend on this last year needs to be resolved earlier
 - Policy 8.01 – is there a penalty for the association if they register a player that is not properly registered. It is up to the registrar. Then it does fall onto the player
 - This policy allows for more due diligence of the clubs
 - Puts an onus on the families to prove if needed where they actually live
 - We can Look into it further to help the associations that are losing them and the ones that are receiving them – through Immlc policy
 - Is hurting the smaller clubs when players “move” but actually have not
 - Policy 8.05 – question regarding grandfathering – not a big fans especially for the smaller clubs they wouldn’t be able to have teams and then the bigger clubs would have all of the players living in other associations and no room for their own players
 - Regulation 12: - if anyone needs any additional clarification let me know or has another idea
 - Policy 14.08 – ask Gord to change the wording on what would be a good way – lets get the wording correct for the teams and reference the select team policy
 - LMMLC positions – November 21st nominations must come to Sandra and Pam. There are no nominations from the floor
 - All positions are 2 year terms
 - Vice Chair
 - Secretary
 - Zone 3
 - Zone 5
 - LMMLC AGM dates
 - November 28th at Langley Event Centre 7pm registration starts at 630pm
 - Deadline for policy changes to Pam are Oct 28th - for policy changes that anyone wants to make to the Immlc. Will be distributed by November 7th
 - Do we want to Banner for league winners

- Let your zone reps know
 - Pam and Michael to check the cost of Banners at a few places
- Female league agreement – send suggestions to zone reps and bring to AGM as well for discussion with John
 - what changes we would like to see and how we can improve – island interlocking league
 - How can we fix it
 - We know there are issue and need to work on solutions
- Female provincials – discuss with club and bring to AGM with John do you want female only events or intermingled with the co-ed by age group.
- Provincial applications – Due October 16th – please apply applications are on the BCLA website
- **LMMLC executive direction:**
 - have zone reps to reach out and get a yes or no to the version of the rules that they wish and if they choose to respond they have had their voices heard.
 - Will reach out prior to each Minor Directorate meeting to get feedback from clubs of what they wish.
 - Would be nice to have one voice for LMMLC

Motion to adjourn at 8:49 pm by Lynda and Nicole

NEXT MEETING – AGM November 28th Langley Event Centre in person