

**Lower Mainland AGM 2023
November 26 2023
Langley Event Centre**

Call to order at 7:03 pm

Attendance – voting members in attendance

Sandra Margetson(chair)	-present	Mission- Imat/Ryan	-present
Josh Wahl (vice chair)	-present	New Westminster Rich	-present
Pam Mason (Secretary)	-present	North Shore -Kim/Ryan	-present
Lynda Callard(Treasurer)	-present	Port Coquitlam John/Sean	-present
Sean Reid(zone3)	-present	Port Moody Dave	-present
Michael O'Connor(zone4)	-present	Richmond Adam/Dean	-present
Michael Hagel(zone5)	-present	Ridge Meadows Dennis/Tyson	-present
Grant Morrison (female)	-present	Semiahmoo Mark	-present
Rob Arden(coaches)	-present	Surrey -Tim/Bert	-present
Angie Ried(officials)	-present	Sunshine Coast -Scott	-present
Abbotsford-Victoria/Frank	-present	Vancouver- Michael	-present
Burnaby- Susan/Nicole	-present		
Coquitlam-Stuart/Ryan	-present		
Chilliwack-Zack	-present		
Delta-Jason/Nick	-present		
Langley -Kara/Alex	-present		
Observers: Wendy			

Approval of Minutes from 2023 AGM – November 2023 – Josh and Alex

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

AGM Items

- Executive reports – Circulated from the BCLA AGM special session
- Treasurer report
 - Motion to accept budget as circulated for the 2024 Season – Tyson & Rich -Carried
 - Motion to have the proposed fees for the 2025 playing season at \$30 per team and \$2 per player – Lynda and Michael O - Carried

Proposed Changes

Change #1

Motioned by: Tim

Second Stuart

Carried

To change all reference of the referee to officials throughout the document

Rationale: Align with BCLA and officials documents

Change #2

Motioned By: Scott

Second: Susan

Carried

(a) Elected Positions

(i) CHAIRPERSON (or "Chair")

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Rationale: The chair shall be a neutral member as they oversee the operations of the league and needs to be independent

Change #3

Motioned By: Ryan (mission)

Second: Kim

Carried

(iv) TREASURER

The Treasurer will keep records of all financial matters pertaining to the commission. They will present financial statements at the AGM.

Proposed Change

(iv) TREASURER

The Treasurer will keep records of all financial matters, process **invoices and make payments in a timely matter** pertaining to the commission. **They will present financial statements at the AGM. Will prepare and present an annual budget and financial statements at the LMMLC AGM. Will report at monthly meetings the bank balance. Will provide monthly bank statements to the chair and secretary for official record keeping 5 days prior to the monthly meeting**

Rationale: Although we do not deal with a lot of funds transparency of the financial statements need to be of utmost importance to all non-profit organizations

Change #4

Motioned By: Victoria

Second: Ryan(Coquitlam)

Carried

(d) Zone Representatives

As they have a vote at the Minor Directorate and attend their meetings. If they cannot attend any Minor Directorate meeting, they must contact the LMMLC Chair for They to find a replacement to attend the meeting, four (4) days prior to the meeting.

If they do not do this and do not show for two (2) Minor Directorate meetings or LMMLC meetings, the LMMLC Executive can release them of their position.

VI – Travel expenses

Proposed Change

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(xvii) If they do not do inform the chair of their absence and do not show for two (2) Minor Directorate meetings or LMMLC meetings, the LMMLC Executive can release them of their position.

~~VI – Travel expenses~~

Rationale: To fix the number of the policy as there is no separate D needed and no VI

Change #5

Motioned By: Victoria

Second: Mark

Carried

New policy

(d) ~~Appointed positions (as needed) (1 year term)~~

~~(i) head commissioner – to oversee and mentor new commissioners during the season to advise the executive on commissioner placement, and to send evaluations and feedback of the commissioners to the executive~~

~~(ii) Administrative Assistant – to aid in general duties with the chair and secretary throughout the season as deemed necessary.~~

Rationale: Add new appointed positions to be appointed as needed for a one-year term

Change #6

Motioned By: Stuart

Second: Nicole

Carried

- VI-2 Executive members that are required to attend regular minor directorate meetings
Throughout the year, an annual stipend of \$50 shall be paid to offset travel costs.

Proposed Change

- VI-2 Executive members that are required to attend regular minor directorate meetings
Throughout the year, an annual stipend of ~~\$50~~ \$200 shall be paid to offset travel costs.

Rationale: *With the cost of gas this reflects the actual costs incurred and is equivalent to what a commissioner gets*

Change #7

Motioned By: Frank

Second: Nicole

Carried

- A-4 The game sheet is to be clearly and completely filled out prior to the game. The referee shall check the game sheet prior to the start of each game.(Referee to receive game code prior to game for roster check is using electronic)

Proposed Change

- A-4 The game sheet is to be clearly and completely filled out prior to the game. The referee shall check the game sheet prior to the start of each game.(Referee to receive game code prior to game for roster check is using electronic) ~~Score keeper/Manager must ensure that all officials names are uploaded in the app(including score, time and shot) and that the on the floor official signs off the completed electronic game sheet prior to leaving the score bench and that the game is marked completed~~

Rationale: *There are too many game sheets that do not have the officials sign off and the scorekeeper leaves before they have a chance to do so*

Change #8

Motioned By: Frank

Second: Nicole

Carried

- B-2 The home team's Head Referee and/or Referee Allocator shall appoint two properly carded referees for regular league play. As well as a certified ref for the 30 second clock:
- a) For divisions U9 and above (including U9 and up in the Female divisions) the game cannot be played unless a second referee can be appointed and both teams must be in agreement. The game sheet must be signed by the coach of each of the teams clearly indicating that they are in full agreement. If either team is not in agreement or a second referee cannot be found then the game should be rescheduled by the home team.
 - b) A second official is not required for the U7 division but may be used at the Home Associations' discretion.

Proposed Change

- B-2 The home team's Head Referee and/or Referee Allocator shall appoint two properly ~~carded referees~~ Certified officials for regular league play. As well as a-certified ~~ref~~ official (may use a parent or fan if no certified official is available)for the 30 second clock:
- a) For divisions ~~U9-U11~~ and above (~~including U9 when played 5v5-and up in the Female divisions~~) the game cannot be played unless a second ~~referee~~ certified official can be appointed and both teams must be in agreement. The game sheet must be signed by the coach of each of the teams clearly indicating that they are in full agreement. If either team is not in agreement or a second referee cannot be found then the game should be rescheduled by the home team.
 - b) A second official is not required for the U7 ~~or 3v3~~ U9 division but may be used at the Home Associations' discretion.

***Rationale:** To align with the officials policy changes that pass at BCLA specials sessions*

Change #9

Motioned By: Nicole

Second: Tyson

Carried

- B-3 If after fifteen (15) minutes from the appointed game time, neither team has appeared on the floor, the referee shall declare the game "no contest" and forward a report to the Head Referee and/or Referee Allocator, who will inform their president who should the appropriate Commissioner and league chair. Should one team appear on the floor within fifteen (15) minutes with a minimum number of players and the other team does not, then the team present shall be awarded the game, (upon Commissioners investigation the points will be awarded). No individual player points will be awarded.

Proposed Change

- B-3 If after fifteen (15) minutes from the appointed game time, ~~If one or both officials does not shows and no substitution is found~~ or neither team has appeared on the floor, ~~the referee~~ or Extenuating circumstances occur the game shall declare ~~the game~~ "no contest" ~~and forward~~ a report to the Head Referee and/or Referee Allocator, who will inform their president who should ~~inform~~ the appropriate Commissioner and league chair. Should one team appear on the floor within fifteen (15) minutes with a minimum number of players and the other team does not, then the team present shall be awarded the game, (upon Commissioners investigation the points will be awarded). No individual player points will be awarded. ~~the game should be "no contest" if the game can not be rescheduled in a timely manner, the commissioner and chair will rule on the outcome~~

Rationale: To add when official do not show as there is no policy that explains what is to happen

Change #10

D-4 In Minor(Mixed) divisions U17, U15, U13 and U11, teams in each Association must be tiered. In (mixed) U15, U13 and U11 teams will be established in A1, A2, B or C as per policy. In (mixed) U17 teams will be established in A1, A2, or B and may have a C level after tiering

Participation at each level will be based on an Association's numbers.

<u>Number of teams</u>	<u>Team Declarations</u>
1 team	1-A1 or 1-A2 or 1-B
2 teams	1-A1 or 1-A2 and 1-B 1-A1 or 1-A2 and 1-C 1-A1 and 1-A2
3 teams	1-A1 and 1-A2 and 1-B 1-A1 and 1-A2 and 1-C 1-A1 and 2-B 1-A1 and 1-B and 1-C
4 teams	1-A1 and 1-A2 and 2-B 1-A1 and 1-A2 and 1-B and 1-C 2-A1 and 1-A2 and 1-B 2-A1 and 1-B and 1-C 1-A1 and 2-A2 and 1-B 1-A1 and 2-B and 1-C
5 teams	1-A1 and 1-A2 and 2-B and 1-C 1-A1 and 2-A2 and 2-B 2-A1 and 1-A2 and 2-B 2-A1 and 1-A2 and 1-B and 1-C 2-A1 and 2-A2 and 1-B 2-A1 and 2-A2 and 1-C 1-A1 and 1-A2 and 2-B and 1-C 1-A1 and 2-B and 2-C

6 teams	2-A1 and 1-A2 and 2-B and 1-C
	2-A1 and 1-A2 and 1-B and 2-C
	2-A1 and 2-B and 2-C
	3-A1 and 1-A2 and 1-B and 1-C
	3-A1 and 2-B and 1-C
7 teams	2-A1 and 2-A2 and 2-B and 1-C
	2-A1 and 2-A2 and 1-B and 2-C
	2-A1 and 1-A2 and 2-B and 2-C
	3-A1 and 1-A2 and 2-B and 1-C
	3-A1 and 1-A2 and 1-B and 2-C
8 teams	3-A1 and 2-A2 and 2-B and 1-C
	3-A1 and 2-A2 and 1-B and 2-C
	3-A1 and 1-A2 and 2-B and 2-C
	2-A1 and 3-A2 and 2-B and 1-C
	2-A1 and 2-A2 and 2-B and 2-C
	2-A1 and 2-A2 and 3-B and 1-C
9 teams	3-A1 and 2-A2 and 2-B and 2-C
	3-A1 and 1-A2 and 3-B and 2-C
	2-A1 and 3-A2 and 2-B and 2-C
	2-A1 and 3-A2 and 3-B and 1-C
	2-A1 and 2-A2 and 3-B and 2-C
	2-A1 and 2-A2 and 2-B and 3-C
10 teams	3-A1 and 3-A2 and 2-B and 2-C
	3-A1 and 2-A2 and 3-B and 2-C
	3-A1 and 2-A2 and 2-B and 3-C
	2-A1 and 3-A2 and 3-B and 2-C
	2-A1 and 3-A2 and 2-B and 3-C
	2-A1 and 2-A2 and 3-B and 2-C
	2-A1 and 2-A2 and 3-B and 2-C

Exceptions for U11 declared with three teams, an association may declare an A1 or A2 and two balanced C teams with rationale all other exceptions to the above must be ruled on by the Commission prior to any teams being formed. U9 and U7 must not be tiered.

For female U13, U15 and U17 only; a vote by the members at the declaration meeting will determine if there are

enough teams to declare and 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 place

Teams and numbers of players in each division are declared as per above. Player numbers must not include any expected released players in total. A correct declaration is not to win the division but to play competitively and to have an enjoyable season. Declarations should be sent to The Secretary and Chair 5 days prior to declaration meeting so all declarations can be prepared and sent to all club reps prior to the declaration meeting in March. Failure to send declaration teams and number of players by the set date will result in clubs being fined \$100 every day they are late

Any Association declaring two (2) or more A1 teams in U17, U15 or U13 must advise at the declaration meeting if all teams are balanced or unbalanced. U11 must be balanced.

The start of league play is to be determined at the AGM meeting.

Each team should play a minimum total of sixteen games in U13 and higher levels and ten games minimum in the U11 and lower levels. This may vary depending on when provincials are and when our season may start

The first half season league play should finish by mid May. The exact date is to be determined at the Declaration meeting. U7 and U9 teams would be exempt from this season split. Each team from U11 and above (including Female) will play a minimum of six scheduled league games by this date. There will be no rescheduling of any of these games into the second half of season play. All first half season games must be played within the time lines allowed.

Commissioners and the LMMLC Executive will meet (date, time, and location to be determined at the declaration meeting) to discuss any team movement. All score sheets and league standings must be on hand for the evaluation. The Commissioner will not have the final decision on any team movement. The decision to move any team will be made by a majority vote of all those in attendance. If for any reason a team wishes to move to a higher or lower level of league play, the request will be present at this meeting. If for any reason anyone in attendance has a vested interest in the outcome of any team movement, that person in conflict must leave the room until after the vote has been taken.

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.)

There will be no further movement of any team after May 31st of each playing year.

Proposed Change 10.1

Add numbering to the section to make it easier to understand for members reading

Motioned By: Alex
Second: Angie
Carried

Proposed Change 10.2 - Table

Motioned By: Alex
Second: Angie
Carried

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Rationale: *To remove the A1 and A2 overall divisions and have an A divisions similar to other zones in the province*

Proposed Change 10.3

Motioned By: Ryan
Second: Jason
Carried

For female U11, U13, U15 and U17 only; ~~a vote by the members at the declaration meeting will determine if there are enough teams to declare and A and B division.~~ When declaring the following must be followed

Rationale: *With the growth of the female division we do not need to vote on a and b*

Proposed Change 10.4 - Tabled

For all divisions Interlocking ~~may~~ shall happen for A divisions until May 28th when teams will be determined as A1 or A2 for provincial declaration, team may declare as A, A1 or A2 for league play a team that declares as A1 will remain at the A1 level for final declaration ~~am 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 place~~ In Mixed B and C, and female interlocking may happen if deemed necessary based on the number of teams declared until May 28th

Rationale: *To address interlocking with the removal of set A1 and A2 until declarations*

Proposed Change 10.5

Motioned By: Alex
Second: Imet
Carried

Commissioners ~~and~~ the LMMLC Executive ~~and one rep per association~~ will meet (date, time, and location to be determined at the declaration meeting) to discuss any team movement. All score sheets and league standings must be on hand for the

evaluation. The Commissioner will not have the final decision on any team movement. The decision to move any team will be made by a majority vote of all those in attendance. If for any reason a team wishes to move to a higher or lower level of league play, the request will be present at this meeting. If for any reason anyone in attendance has a vested interest in the outcome of any team movement, that person in conflict must leave the room until after the vote has been taken.

***Rationale:** To add a rep from the association to the commissioner meeting to discuss placements at the tiering break*

Proposed Change 10.6 -Tabled

Motioned By:

Second:

Carried

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. **Will receive an average of the number of points available to the team at the tiering break which will place them at the average of the teams that they are joining for moving up and average plus 2 if moving down. Points system will be determined at the declaration meeting for the team movements at tiering**

***Rationale:** Bring forward for discussion and decision on how to do points as removing the tiering points was not the best solution for the league*

Change #11

Motioned By: Mark

Second: Michael O

Ammendment Tyson. Jason

Carried

D-11

- (c) A player registered to an A team shall only be allowed to play on a A team of the division higher
- (d) A player registered to a B team will be allowed to play up on a A, B or C team in the division higher. (Example a U13 B player may play on a U15 C team) Teams will not be allowed more than two (2) of these players.
- (e) 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 an A players from the division below to be called up prior to the game, the team can only have 2 "A" players max(with the exception of goalie), only applies to league play.

Proposed Change

- c) ~~A player registered to an A1 team shall only be allowed to play on a A (A1 or A2) team of the division higher~~
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- (e) ~~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 an A players from the division below to be called up prior to the game, the team can only have 2 A(A1 or A2) players max(with the exception of goalie), only applies to league play.~~
In the case of players playing up 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 (this does not include the position of goalie). Exceptions can be made on single team divisions with associations for A1 call up

Rationale: To address call up procedure to align more with the province and other zones, but still keep A1 players not playing up to a B or C team

Change #12 – New proposal

Motioned By: Nicole

Second: Michael O

Carried

D-18 Combined teams – where registration dictates and for the betterment of the league associations may combine to form teams where otherwise they would need to release players. The purpose of combined teams is to create an additional team within the league where one would not be viable for a single club.

- (a) Associations must have a minimum of 6 players registered to consider combining with another club
- (b) Two Associations wishing to combine rosters to form competitive teams may do so as long as
 - a. Situation 1 forming an additional team with the first team out must be an A1(female A) team – example: Association 1 has 27 players and Association 2 has 19 players
 - b. Situation 2 forming two teams to create an A1 (female A) team and second level team – example: Association 1 has 18 player and Association 2 has 18 players

Two Associations wishing to combine may do so with a majority vote at the Declaration meeting in March.

(C) With permission of a proposal at the February meeting multiple associations (more than 2) may bring forward rational as to why a multiple association combination would be beneficial to the league. To be allowed to pursue a multiple combination an approval must occur allowing the clubs to combine - additional teams must be created out of the combinations (so three clubs must create a minimum of 4 teams with the first team being an A1 declared team)

Rationale: To create parameter around the combined teams

Change #13

Motioned By: Tim

Second: Sean

Carried

- E-7 All playing rules shall be as stated in the CLA Rule Book and as modified from time to time by the Minor Directorate.
Proposal to minor directorate for LMMMLC playing rules: For U11 boys lacrosse: eliminate cross checking all together , going to “place and push”

Proposed Change

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~~Proposal to minor directorate for LMMMLC playing rules: For U11 boys lacrosse: eliminate cross checking all together , going to “place and push”~~

Rationale: Housekeeping as we are already following these rules

Change #14

Motioned By: Jason

Second: Nicole

Carried

- N-1 Changes to the Operating Policy of the Commission can be made by motion at the Annual General Meeting or Special Meetings of the Commission. Notice of motion shall be in writing to the Secretary thirty-five (35) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting and shall be distributed to members’ twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting.

Proposed Change

- N-1 Changes to the Operating Policy of the Commission can be made by motion at the Annual General Meeting, ~~or~~ Special Meetings **or Monthly Meetings** of the Commission. Notice of motion shall be in writing to the Secretary thirty-five (35) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting and **7 days for any regularly scheduled monthly meeting** and shall be distributed to members’ twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting and **5 days for the regular scheduled monthly meeting**

Rationale: Rational giving membership more opportunity to bring any changes to the league that will benefit the overall commission

➤ Election of Officers

- Chair – Nominations
 - Sandra Margetson – Will let name Stand
- Sec cast
- Zone 4 – Nominations
 - Micheal O’Connor
- Sec Cast one vote
- Female – Nominations

- **Grant Morrison**
- Secretary will cast one vote – elected
- Treasurer- Nominations
 - Nicole Kelly – Will let name stand
 - Lynda Callard - will not stand
- The secretary will cast one vote -elected
- Motion to destroy Ballets – Ryan/Scott

New Business

- **Minor Directorate Updates**
 - Meeting this Saturday to go through rules and policies
- **Provincials 2025**
 - Hasn't been officially announced
- **Update from Officials**
 - Process of a better way to do registration of officials
 - Returning officials through own registration
 - New officials through association
 - Process of working with Garret for entry level video
 - Can we look at doing a second on-floor training for new officials
 - Looking at putting out a video for parents and coaches to reduce anxiety
 - Send out information for the videos for posting on LMMLC website and cascade to associations
- **Update from Coaches**
 - Nothing to report
- **Female Interlocking agreement**
 - **Motion to accept the agreement for the 2025/26 playing season**
 - U11 must be tiered at female
 - **Scott and Sean - passed**
- **2024 LMMLC Meeting Dates**
 - January 21th – in person
 - February 12th – virtual (Wednesday)
 - March 11th – in person – declarations
 - April 8th – virtual
 - May 6th – in person
 - June 10th – in person
 - July – No Meeting – provincials
 - August – 26th – virtual
 - September 23- in person (changes meeting)
 - October – no meeting AGM BLCA
 - November 25th – LMMLC AGM
- **2024 Playing Season**

- Season start date April 7th
- Tiering Break (April 28-May 3)
 - No tiering break for U7, U9 or U22
- Season End dates
 - U15 – June 22
 - U13 – June 15
 - Female divisions above U13 – June 22
 - U17 June 29
 - U11 and below – June 22 or 29

Motion to Adjourn - @9:51