

Lower Mainland Meeting
February 12 2025
Virtual via Zoom 7pm

Call to order 7:01pm

Attendance:

Sandra Margetson (Chair)	- present	Delta- jason/Garrett	- present
Josh Wahl (vice-chair)	- present	Langley-Alex/Geordie	- present
Pam Mason (secretary)	- present	Mission-Ryan S/Imat	- present
Nicole Kelly (Treasurer)	- present	New Westminster -Maya	- Present
Grant Morrison (female)	- present	North Shore - Kim/Ryan	-present
Mike O'Connor (zone 4)	- present	Port Coquitlam-John	- present
Michael Hagel (zone 5)	- present	Port Moody - Jessica	- present
Sean Reid (Zone 3)	- present	Richmond – Adam	- present
Angie Ried (officials)	- present	Ridge –Robb/Will	- present
Jeff - Coaches	- present	Semiahmoo - Pat	- present
Abbotsford-Victoria	- present	Surrey- Kevin/Bert	- Present
Burnaby -Susan	- present	Sunshine Coast- Scott	- present
Coquitlam – Ryan/Stuart	- Present	Vancouver -Michael	- present
Chilliwack -Zack	- present		

Approval of minutes January 2025 – Will and Ryan

Treasurer's Report:

- Don't have access yet –
- Meeting minutes to get access
- Some confusion of who has paid from last year or not
- No one will be in bad standings

Bank Balance:

Zone Reports:

- Minor directorate – Nothing to report
- Next meeting in in March
- Please contact the zone reps for presidents and cc Pam to keep the loop going

Female Report:

- Interior has female teams in each of the age categories from U13-U17
- They are looking to play in tournaments
- Also looking to do exhibition games against LMMLC and Island during the season

- Exciting to see this happening and growth of the game
- Need to have volunteers to play against – let Pam know by mid March if your association is willing to travel to interior and would then not be scheduled to the island as well
- Would be looking to see if games can be hosted in Abbotsford if they have floor space available
- Would ask them for central location as well

Coaches Report:

- Dave is busy trying to organize clinics
- If clubs have facilities let Dave know - let him know if you have a facility and he will get a facilitator
- Usually a
- Delta is hosting a combined box and field community development February 23
- If a coach signs up for a clinic and doesn't attend the club will be charged

Officials Report:

- Clinics are all scheduled
- All start with registration in Ramp and sign up and pay for their clinic
- Pre clinic which will be online – helps for the in-class portion
- In class and on floor portion at the same day in most cases
- In prep mode for the season
- All of the officials will need to register themselves and new officials to the allocator and the head referee to determine how many and get them registered

New Business:

- Contact Information to Pam –
- Combines teams – two associations or is three to many
 - First team out must be A1 team when combined and having more than one team
 - Make sure that you are set with who you would like to combine with
- Declaration forms -
- Tiering for U13-17 coed
- Game Schedule for U11 and Females
- Release and Age down forms – just finalizing
- Permission to Try out form
 - Looking trying to do a form to allow players that have already been released, and they do not have the age division and have been approved and ability to evaluate at one association
 - Not a guarantee that they will be released to that association
 - Receiving association will need to sign off that they are okay with the player coming to be evaluated by the club

- Would not be for a player that is wanting to try out for an A team, would not be for these players but would be for a player that has no team to practice with at all
- They would need to request to be evaluated at a certain club and if there is no room then
- Would be done on a case-by-case basis – and player must have been released already
- Not to release on calibre
- Gives the player a time to tryout and not sit and wait for 4 to 6 weeks
- This is not an idea to get “A” players a place to try out for other teams
- We will prepare a form and get it out for the clubs to review
- U13-U17
 - Would allow teams to self declare at this level as well
 - Would not need to follow section D
- U11 and Female
 - How many scheduled by league – 10 games would be more than enough to and with it being new would allow for the teams to be scheduled and some are new managers, and this will help and could be overwhelming for the teams
 - They can do as many more games as they wish
 - Motion to have the league schedule will have a 10-game scheduled by the league so that it is a minimum of 10 games – Alex and Kevin – passed
 - Garrett has not heard back from Ramp if they can automatically
 - Will have strong commissioners in the division
 - Will prepare a manual for a self scheduling
 - Female will declare A or B
 - You’re not aggregating the games based on scores and competition and strength of schedule is more impactful of the ranking
 - You don’t have to play the same number of games or have to play a balances schedule
 - Will put a bullet point of how everything will work for the season and how the ranking system will affect the female portion of the season and who is going to be in A or B for provincials
 - Delta players they stay in house and only played scrimmage.
 - Want clarification that why they are not playing against the competition and when the players go from U9 and U7 and then when they go to U11. This is there way of trying to build the numbers in Delta and keep them playing and staying in the sport – they are not playing against any other association only went into the Richmond tournament last year.
 - Something to work on with retention over the next couple years on how to keep the retention
- Policy for all games is the same – if a game is scheduled in ramp, it is a scheduled game and will follow the same rules for officials and floor fees should a team cancel, forfeit or no show for a game

- People registering with fake addresses the need to provide the documentation and the registers are doing their due diligence there is nothing that we can do to stop these people from lying to play in another association with different addresses
 - You would bring it to the chair and would need to ask the association to ask the player for the documentation to be sent to the chair and can work to get additional information from the player
 - A lot of this is happening at the U11 age group and many are with fusion that are looking at going to specific associations.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:50pm by Kevin

NEXT MEETING –

March 11th @7pm Port Coquitlam