

**Lower Mainland Meeting**  
**January 13 2026**  
**Langley event Centre and virtual**

**Call to order 7:0pm**

**Attendance:**

Sandra Margetson (Chair)	- present	Langley-Kara/Alex	- present
Josh Wahl (vice-chair)	- present	Mission-Ryan/Imat	- present
Pam Mason (secretary)	- present	New Westminster -Rich	- present
Sean Reid (Treasurer)	- present	North Shore -Kim/Ryan	- present
Grant Morrison (female)	- present	Port Coquitlam-Stacy	- present
Mike O'Connor (zone 4)	- present	Port Moody - Jessica/John	- present
Michael Ortuary (zone 5)	- present	Richmond – Pam/Adam	- present
Sean Reid (Zone 3)	- present	Ridge –Will/Derrick	- present
Angie Ried (officials)	- Absent	Semiahmoo – Mark	- present
Jeff - Coaches	- present(v)	Surrey- Kevin	- Present
Abbotsford-Barb/Calvin	- present	Sunshine Coast- Scott	- present
Burnaby -Susan/Michelle	- present	Vancouver -Amanda	- present
Coquitlam –	- Absent	Dennis Windsor	- present
Chilliwack -Mike	- present	Wendy Thompson	- present
Delta- Nick/Garrett/Jason	- present		

**Approval of minutes September 2025 – Mike and Mike**

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Out of 17 clubs 13 have paid – 2 the cheque is in the mail and 2 need to reach out
- Room rental fees for Poco has been paid
- Langley gave the space for free for the meetings – thank you
- Asked for information from Lynda for past seasons – will be getting shortly
- **Bank Balance: 32885.02**

**Zone Reports:**

- Zone 3
  - Nothing to report
- Zone 4
  - Nothing to report
- Zone 5
  - Nothing to report
- Minor Directorate
  - Provincial location have been announced and are on the website

- Book your hotel rooms –as the BCLA is not in the hotel business and will not be offering any room booking or blocks
- Team BC camps have been announced or in the process of confirming the location

#### **Female Report:**

- Nothing to report

#### **Coaches Report:**

- Had their special session and it was last years meeting that did not happen
- Opening for secretary for the group
- Travis has an ambitious agenda for coaches to run their organization
  - Not a centralized list of coaches or presidents that he could easily reach out to
- Talk of getting more facilitators signed and associations being about to hold their own clinics and certainly want more clinicians to get them completed
- 12 hearing last year from coaches fighting on the floor, 3 abuses of officials and 3 or 4 coaches that wouldn't leave when asked to
- Working on some things and hopefully clubs will abide by it

#### **Officials Report:**

- A few things coming down from lacrosse Canada
- Be prepared for a few changes for the season

#### **New Business:**

- Commissioner names due by February 1<sup>st</sup> – we do not want to fine you – please email Pam your person names
- Send two per club of representatives names and contact information to Pam so that we ensure that the correct people get the information
  - Only want two names as if there are more those that are in need of information may not get it
  - Please cascade information down to your board after meetings
- **U13-U17 A teams**
  - Suggestion to have all teams in A play in interlocking for the whole season and then based on what the group decides will split into A1 and A2 for the provincial declaration
  - Association with more than one team can declare and A1 and an A2 or just two A teams would not need to be balanced

- Have everyone play each other at least once to have a more balanced schedule and not have to worry about not playing the top or bottom team as you would play one team each – having competitive games and some games that are not competitive across the whole division
- Questions last year it was thrown out the window of the A1 and A2 as we tried to put it forward at the AGM a better way of getting the season
- Susan feels that an A2 team playing at A1 there is more injuries
- No one spoke to go with the suggestion
- Will declare based on policy and must come with any requests to go out of policy with a clear and decisive explanation and will be voted on by the members
- Associations need to declare as in policy
- Spreadsheet will be sent out prior to the February meeting for associations to fill in their numbers for the soft declaration

➤ **Merging and combined teams parameters**

- Have to be careful about why we are merging and how we are merging
- Last year it helped to have teams merge as needed
- No one is a fan of three teams joining – tempering where the players belong vs making a super team – not a zone team
- Need to have the merges done prior to the declaration meeting – they will not be entertained at the March meeting
  - Need to come with the reason for the merge and the rationale of why you want to merge
- Trying to make a league where the girls play at the level that is needed was part of why merges happen
- Trying to ensure that players played with their association to bring down the number of releases
- Learnings from last year to ensure that there are more A teams and trying to put our own product out.
- Merges need more discretion – people agree to them as they want to have them in their own club so vote yes when they may vote no if they were not worried that their merge would be voted down
- Grant suggests have a committee to get fair merges for the female teams based on the numbers
- Sandra explained how the system works
- Silent vote – and all get voted prior to announcing
  - Everyone will get a listing of the merges based on the declaration and will vote and return back after all merges have been discussed and result will then be shared – each club is entitled to 2 votes and must be present to vote (no virtual vote is allowed)
- Playing Times – please look at last year to see if you can move your times – this will be added to the spreadsheet so that club can look and see if they can adjust so that there are less conflicts for the age and divisions making it easier to schedule and avoid conflicts and reschedules.

- More Discussion in February
- **U11 MyLax proposal for this year brought by Delta – proposal sent out via email prior to the meeting**
  - Mylax can allow you to have one big division can have unbalanced number of teams and games and don't know what tier you are in
  - Everyone would play similar teams or not with this system
  - All of the A1 teams took it well and ran with it last season where it did not work was with the B and C teams and would still be an issue with inexperienced managers and coaches
  - Scheduling side – Garrett recommend that Wendy does the scheduling as she understands the mylax ranking system
  - "Wendy" to create a schedule approximately 10 games
  - Wendy will not commit to being the scheduler as it would be a lot of work and probably more than one person would need to do it
  - There has been more conversations about the festival style and there should be some sort of change to provincials etc. – you should be expecting to attend which is a side topic not based on this suggestion
  - Self declares and then after 6 games would have the rankings set
  - Wendy indicated that mylax was difficult to work with last season and others indicated that the same is happening in the field side as well as they are hard to deal with and do not update as fast as they indicated
  - Suggest that tournaments are not included into mylax ranking for the U11 as it is not fair if someone does not get into a tournament
    - Was pointed out that it should not matter in a ranking system as it is based on who you play not the number of games that you play
  - In Ontario it is critical for the system and the more tournaments you have and if the algorithm is done properly, it will work the system out
  - Scheduling can also be able to add a game above what has been scheduled for the season
  - Would not be self scheduling but would be league scheduled based on the ranking
  - Sandra said that this needs to be taken back to discuss and bring more between the clubs and bring information back to us
  - Would take more time to be successful
  - Would want to have a person to do the schedule -and Wendy will be part of it as well but will not commit to being the person she is here for what the Immlc needs her for
  - Suggestions can be sent to Garrett for the proposal
  - Garrett is to bring at least 7 days prior to the next meeting a motion of approximately 3-4 sentences that can be brought forward for discussion and to be voted on at the February meeting
- U9 after June 1 teams are allowed to have 5v5 exhibition games as single games vs just in tournaments.

- Games after June 1 can be scheduled through the commissioner as a 5v5 or 3v3 along with tournaments
- The group tried to get it to be mid May but June 1 was agreed upon by the minor directorate
- Jill's email that was sent to the minor directorate is that there will be – semi annual meeting that they are having April 11-12<sup>th</sup> in New Westminster, it will start in the morning with the field directorate session and then a semi annual meeting – more information to come
- November 21<sup>st</sup> as the tentative of AGM although this is holiday party season they will need to work on ensuring the date works
- Presidents received an email about the play book from Jill about releasing the new rule book for 2026
- Need to ensure that you are trickling it down and make sure that what is discussed at meeting or emails needs to be sent down to your board and then to your managers and clubs
  - Managers and other board members get their information from you
- Sean -Proposes to the for recruiting and all of the clubs should agree on early bird, regular and late on the same dates and then can advertise the dates on mass to work together and plan for next season.
- Tournament applications are due on Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> by 430pm

Motion to adjourn @ 8:33 pm

NEXT MEETING February 10<sup>th</sup> @7pm In Zoom