**Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Commission**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**June 10, 2021**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

**ATTENDEES**

**Voting Executive**

**Chair Tim Frost**

**Vice-Chair Ryan Hyland**

**Secretary Krista Gregory**

**Treasurer Christine Mavin (absent)**

**Zone 6 Representative Doug Kampen**

**Web Master/Scheduler Liaison Dylan Taylor**

**Female Coordinator Stephanie Hopkins**

**VIMLC Executive**

**BCLOA Rep Tyler Boyer**

**Indigenous Development Bryan Baxter (absent)**

**BCLCA Rep Lorne Winship**

**Mini-tyke Phil DiBattista**

**Tyke Cam Miller (absent)**

**Novice Adam Gow (absent)**

**Pee Wee Kandace Dunning**

**Bantam Teri Zunti**

**U16 Allison Logan**

**Female Brande Terris**

**Association Representatives**

**Alberni Valley Kelly Fines**

**Campbell River Philip Kountouris**

**Comox Geoff Garbutt, Francis Laplante**

**Cowichan Valley Chris Claxton, Naomi Walser**

**Juan de Fuca Ryan Hyland, Gord Anderson**

**Nanaimo Brande Terris, Lonny Sullivan**

**Oceanside Jason O’Connell**

**Peninsula Phil DiBattista**

**Saanich Andy Stuart**

**Victoria-Esquimalt Mike Lavender**

**Observers Marni Isherwood, Dallas Lister**

**1. Call Meeting to Order: 7:05 pm**

**2. Adoption of Previous Minutes:**

**Motion** made by Teri Zunti, seconded by Dylan Taylor **Carried**

**Motion** to adopt additions & adoption of Agenda made by Teri Zunti, seconded by Dylan Taylor **Carried**

**3. Additions and Adoptions of Agenda:**

**4. Business arising from old minutes:** none

**5. Correspondence and Handouts:** none

**6. Financial Report:** no report

**7. Zone 6 Reports:**

**A. Chair, Tim Frost:** On June 5th I attended the Minor Directorate Meeting and the following is an update. Jeff Gombar BCLA Executive Director provided an update about return to sport.

In response to questions about Return to Sport and how Quickly BCLA responded Jeff provided a timeline;

1. PHO Announcement happened May 25 - BCLA was informed May 25 had meeting with viaSport May 25
2. No advanced info was provided to BCLA about the content of the announcement
3. May 31 - viaSport meeting - and draft guidelines were given at same time as meeting
4. June 1 - viaSport held webinar.
5. June 4 BCLA released plans
6. This all happened in 3.5 days between when info was available and when guidelines

were provided

Going forward Jeff provided the following guidance;

1. Things will change fast and changes will be somewhat murky with Government

backing off of giving strict direction to BCLA making judgement calls.

1. BCLA met with Recreation Facilities Association giving them ideas of what Lacrosse

wants. Many facilities are not certain how their rules and policies will change. Some

facilities will take longer than others to reduce restrictions.

1. Many facilities may have HR issues due to layoffs and be slow to return
2. The doc on June 4th will change in 2-3 weeks
3. NO SPECIFICS HAVE BEEN RELEASED for JUNE 15

i. Expect to see games indoors  
ii. Expect to see 50 max attendees

iii. Travel will be allowed (but unsure of how far)  
iv. Associations can make more stringent plans if they desire

v. Field of play considers benches - and thus masks not required on benches - same with masks UNLESS YOUR LOCAL FACILITY RULES CONTRADICT

vi. Timekeepers ARE NOT FIELD OF PLAY and must be masked and social distance vii. What is allowed in dressing rooms is based on local association/facility rules

viii. Indoor will be a half step to a step behind outdoor  
ix. June 16 is no guarantee - we have been advised not to schedule before June 21

x. Associations MUST GET CLARITY FROM FACILITY FOR LOCAL GUIDELINES xi. Payment - No planned relief from BCLA

xii. BCLA has not announced cancellation of provincials. xiii. Callups will be permitted for game play

1. BCLA MD will allow for associations to release teams/Players after travel restrictions. Possibly a free agent team if unable to release to other associations
2. BCLA will endorse our plans for an Island Tournament - ideally for all age groups. Need to allocate a request for what we need for costs etc. REFEREES May be a problem
   1. CALL IT A PROVINCIAL SPONSORED TOURNAMENT
   2. SUBMIT FOR BCLA funding
3. We will take late registrations / BCLA would need to open up.
4. We will allow changes to rosters to Corinne - details to come

Gerry Van Beek President BCLA discussed;

BCLA will be voting at CLA on the LTAD – I provided our perspective as discussed at last Island Meeting. Vote will be late August

BCLA is working on initiatives to drive enrollment next year  
BCLA is potentially revisiting funding model to provide some relief to minor box lacrosse

Gord McIntosh MD Chair discussed;

* •  Exhibition games, Must have Game Number, HOME team organizes referees and facilities. Both teams split cost for refs and floor times or agree to swap (ie 2 games each gets a home game) GAME SHEETS ARE CRITICAL FOR TRACING INFO and are Mandatory
* •  BE AWARE OF FACILITY RESTRICTIONS (Cleaning and how early you can arrive)
* •  Merging teams if teams are unviable we will allow teams to Merge

o Apply to Commission chair

* •  Late registration and registrar

o Let Commission Chair know if there are any. BCLA will allow but need to get them in consolidated all late registrants by June 15(Approx) will be a 1-2 day window where it will be available

* •  Scrimmage (in house competition) - allows for modified games, 3v3, 4v4, mix and match rosters. MUST KEEP CONTACT TRACING INFO. Game sheets strongly encouraged but not necessary to submit to commissioners. Does not count towards suspensions. Game sheets must be included if you have referees. Referees SHOULD be paid if you have them on the floor
* •  REFEREES – significantly fewer referees are registered this year - associations to encourage referees to register. NO REFS - NO GAMES

Wilson Louie

* •  Talked about clinics and that they will be online. They will not be 7 hours as schedule indicates
* •  Referee Registration is very low – many not registering because they don’t have games –

Associations need to double check outdoor nets prior to using for games. Nets CANNOT be anchored

Commissioners Meeting (Mandatory)will be scheduled for June 9 7PM and details sent out from Minor Directorate

**B. Minor Directorate Rep, Doug Kampen:** no report

**C. BCLCTSG Rep, Lorne Winship:** no report

**D. BCLOTSG Rep, Tyler Boyer:** no report

**E. Indigenous Development Coordinator, Bryan Baxter:** (absent, via email) I have let Dave Showers know that I am willing to conduct on floor sessions for coaches that require it to complete that portion of their CMD training. Hopefully there will be some outdoor box time available in Nanaimo to accommodate a couple of sessions.

**F. Female Rep, Stephanie Hopkins:** no report

**G. Webmaster, Dylan Taylor:** no report

**8. Commissioner Reports: No reports at this time**

**9. Association Reports:** Associations presented their preferences and facility availability for a possible season in 2021, dependant on Provincial Health Guidelines.

**10. New Business:**

1. Games and league play vs exhibitions vs in house

Motion: The Island Commission will schedule sanctioned league play Defeated

This season will be comprised of exhibition games rather than league games. These games must still have game sheets, game numbers and referees, and use official rosters as submitted to the BCLA (including call ups with proper documentation). This is consistent with the other zones within BC.

Roster changes and releases need to be submitted to Tim Frost by June 15. There will be a great deal of flexibility this season.

1. Scheduling Games: The division commissioner must be informed of the game at least 24 hours in advance. If commissioners are not informed of games ahead of time coaches are subject to suspension and disciplinary hearing. In house scrimmages are also allowed with contact tracing. Note: exhibition games will not be posted on the VIMLC website.
2. Referees and Arbiter: A lack of available referees may be an issue this season. It is not ok to have a coach fill in as a referee. We will not be using Arbiter this year as we only paid for a modified licence. Individual associations will need to schedule and book referees.
3. Serving Suspensions: For this season only, suspensions may be served in exhibition games (must be between associations, not within an association), They must still be documented on the game sheet.
4. Commissioners: Must be informed of games at least 24 hours in advance, and must receive completed game sheets after games.
5. End of year tournaments:

As an alternative to traditional Provincial tournaments, it has been suggested that floor time originally allocated for provincials be used for Island tournaments in each division.

Motion: There will not be year-end tournaments in MiniTyke, Tyke or Novice Carried

Motion: There will not be year-end tournaments for Female divisions due to a lack of teams Carried

Motion: To plan year end tournaments for PeeWee, Bantam and 16U Carried

This will require host associations to plan (floor time and referees), including covering costs and collecting registration fees. Tournaments will be open to all island teams who wish to participate. Spectators will not be allowed under current health guidelines. The BCLA is open to requests for funding using monies normally allocated to Provincials. Host associations should submit a request with a budget.

Interest was expressed by various associations and individuals to either host a tournament or help in planning and operating one.

1. Season Start and Season end dates by division: Outdoor games within an association are currently allowed under the PHO. If the restrictions are lifted June 15, then games between associations should be allowed.

Motion: MiniTyke season will end June 30 Carried

Motion: Tyke season will end June 30 Carried

Motion: Novice season will end June 30 Carried

Motion: PeeWee season will end July 30 Carried

Motion: Bantam Season will end July 30 Carried

Motion: U16 season will end July 30 Carried

Motion: Female team season will end at the same time as the co-ed teams in that age group Carried

1. Outdoor nets: Nets that are attached to the ground are illegal. The referee will have to stop a game that does not have proper nets.

**11. Next meeting: June 16, 7 pm**

**12. Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm** made by Dylan Taylor, seconded by Doug Kampen **Carried**