

Lower Mainland Minor Lacrosse Commission Meeting
February 11 2021
Via Zoom Meeting

Call to order 7:05pm returned at 7:50pm

Attendance: -

Beth McLucas (chair)	- present	Langley	- present
Pam Mason (secretary)	- present	Mission	- present
Lynda Callard (treasurer)	- present	New Westminster	- present
Nicole Kokoska (female)	- present	North Shore	- present
Mike O'Connor (zone 4)	- present	Port Coquitlam	- present
Mary Clare (zone 5)	- present	Port Moody	- present
Jeff MacAulay (coaches)	- present	Richmond	- present
No one (officials)	- absent	Ridge Meadows	- present
Abbotsford	- present	Semiahmoo	- present
Burnaby	- present	Surrey	- present
Coquitlam	- present	Sunshine Coast	- present
Chilliwack	- present	Vancouver	- present
Delta	- present		

Approval of minutes March 2020: Jeff and Michael

Treasurer's Report:

- Bank Balance: approximately \$13,000

Zone Reports:

- Most of the items that were discussed at minor directorate are on the agenda

Female Report:

- Nothing to report

Coaches:

- Planning on hosting zoom meetings for coaches - 15 coaches per meeting
- Finding that when field announced no tournament or provincials then coaches stopped showing up for clinics
- Down the road when appropriate they will secure the floor for level 2
- If coaches do not show up will still be charge for non attendance, there are a number of charges and are trying to limit them but there will still be a similar cost for the session

- If coaches decide they do not want to take clinics we still need to have someone qualifies to run practices for the sessions
- Must get our coaches certified and by taking it over zoom this will cover and you do not have to travel
- Looking at sending out the schedule for starting in March flowing into April
- Level 1 and 2 will both be by zoom, classroom will be one part for level 1 level 2 will need a floor to run the second part of session
- Coach that doesn't have floor training will be considered in training for level 2 certified until they attend second portion of session

Officials:

- Nothing to report – meetings will be on Zoom

New Business:

- At the minor directorate meeting in January there was a lot of discussion on tournaments and provincials
 - MD voted that there would be no tournaments for the year
 - MD also passed a motion not to host provincials this year due to not sure if we are going to play, not sure if we are going to be able to have outside play, etc
 - Wanted to go back to the grass roots having balanced teams
 - Now saying this the BCLA is going to have a discussion at the next meeting to vote on the provincials being cancelled or postponed
 - We have three clubs that are willing host but we still do not know if associations are going to get floor time
 - If we want provincials we are not going to be as flexible as a league
 - Gives us all a chance to be more flexible
 - BCLA just want to wait to announce the provincial status
- Would hate to rule out so early to have no tournaments
- One of the things that we could do as a commission is to have a jamboree or year-end tournament it is all up in the air
- Could turn out and that there are no parents and parents would have to travel
- Parents are just looking for kids to have something to do
- We have to take our instructions from Via sport and at this point there are no timelines and they are looking to have phase 2.5 where contact would be allowed, have cohorts and allow travel and would allow inter association for a team
- 2021 Season dates would depend on if we have provincials, the PHO, and what your city will allow
 - Do we go this year with just A, B and C
 - For mission would be looking to a B and C
 - And the A teams would need to be balanced
 - Ridge meadows would want to go with A1 and A2 going from standings last year

- From a smaller club perspective agree with the A1 and A2 division, the B division would very large
- If you are playing in house who would your A1 team play against where as if you were balanced then would be able to play against each other if have two or more teams
- If we are in house then we should be balanced and then once we come outside of the association
- How are expecting that we would change from in house to declaring teams, would we delay the March declaration
 - We would need to declare somewhat what the number of teams that we have
 - Haven't looked at when we would declare if we do not declare in march
- We should prepare for a season and have a declaration meeting it would be different from what is normally done and we are at the mercy of the city, the government and it would prepare for if they open us up
- There are going to be a lot of kids that are going to be coming back in once we have a chance of a season, will need to see more kids coming back. Will need to have it tiered so that teams are not blowing out other teams
- Many clubs are offering a two tiered registration for skills and drills and then if we are able to then a second tier
- Would need to look at some sort of ramp up
- Wondering how you can tier when there is no contact and cannot have proper tryouts – that would be a club question on how clubs are doing it
- The majority want to go A1 A2 B and C – even though that would be hard to accomplish for tiering
- The time that we have from skills and drills and could we not use that time for games, if we get the okay for games can we not do that within a week
- We do need to do some sort of soft declaration in March roughly what you think you are going to have and then it would be a week by week and day by day decision on how we are going to do, would be too much work of a quick turn around
- What about be the size of the cohorts and how big the rosters would be
 - Via sport is still working it out.
 - Would probably be the same if not similar to what was happening in the first phase
 - All of us need to follow what the city sets forth of what they require
 - Currently in the box we are allowed to have 16 players for the skills and drills
- We have an issue with Releases based on not knowing the number of players
 - You all want to keep your own players but you all want more players and we don't know what your rough numbers are
- We need to wait to determine this after the end of the month
- But we have to start thinking about these things because if they come back at the end of February and say that we can have competitions
- We should say no releases right now – and relook at it based on the PHO

- Female is going to be a big issue as not all teams are going to have players for teams
- Aged down players will be okay for skills and drills but can not just age down when game play comes into effect
- Mini tyke and tyke will all be in-house should not happen and should not have any travel this year

Fees: - we didn't charge last year

- Are we going to charge team fees
- Are we going to charge player fees
- Are we going to charge a reduced fee or no fee
- BCLA will be expecting us to charge something and they need to for insurance etc.
- Everyone will be struggling for a bit and we did build the bank a little based on our numbers we need to support the lower mainland, a team fee was traditional could be a way to cover the costs for the Immlc, we could look at depending on the expenses
- Could look at putting it off until March having a team fee and not just both fees
- If we have teams, we will not use all of the commissioners right away, will need to have one per division and if need be, we would add commissioners
- One thing that we looked at was not charging team fees and having player fees only
- We need to look at paying for zoom and it was about \$200 and was unlimited and we wouldn't be getting kicked off
- Our webmaster is not going to charge us for some of the items he is rolling this over for a year. We are covered until the end of the year.
- We should get a Immlc zoom account – does anyone have any objection
- Motion to purchase a zoom account for the meetings – motioned by Jeff, second by Dave, no objections passed
- Letter was send from BCLA for the fees, we do not expect that we would get a reduction, even when we get billed we should hold off, they agreed to new charge of a 25% reductions, it is still going to cost even if we have no season, and that covers insurance and office fees, and even for skills and drills we still need to have it
- Everyone should have received the LTAD information please forward and complete form, players coaches and parents complete the survey

Will send out emails from BCLA as we get information and are looking at getting kids to play.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30pm

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday March 9th 7pm via Zoom – link to be sent out