

Lower Mainland meeting
November 23 2021
Via Zoom @7pm

Call to order 7:06 pm

Attendance: -

Beth McLucas (chair)	- present	Langley	- present
Pam Mason (secretary)	- present	Mission	- present
Lynda Callard (Treasurer)	- present	New Westminster	- present
Jeff MacAlley(zone 3)	- absent	North Shore	- present
Mike O'Connor (zone 4)	- present	Port Coquitlam	- present
Mary Clare (zone 5)	- present	Port Moody	- present
Rob Arden (Coaches)	- present	Richmond	- present
Megan Snow (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 from November 2020 AGM - Garrett and Nicole

Any new LMMLC Accociation reps - please let Pam know as soon as possible

Motion to approve agenda – Rita and Garrett

Executive reports – Zone report

- Jeff Gombar hope to highway will not affect the spring training and clinics in the interior
 - Hoping the proof vaccine will be resolved by the spring, the onus is on the association to enforce vaccination proof, BCLA is not intending on managing the proof of vaccination, currently referee are not exempt indoors
 - Trying to get back to normal intial team bc camps will be in Easter weekend in April 16 and 17th
 - May 6-8 14U Bantam
 - May 13-15 12U Pee Wee
 - May 28-29 16U
 - May 28-29 Female
 - Team BC for Canada games have 42 female and 52 male trying out for a roster of 16 plus 2 goalies and are practicing towards the final teams
 - 50% Fees will be invoiced in February for fees anyone who has a cheque can submit anytime

- Tournament applications will be due in January, they will come out by March 18th and can book starting April 1 the usual preview and then can start booking
 - Gord Miller will do the tournament review
- Female chair has lots of ideas and is excited and has a big agenda
 - will be reaching out to reps
 - Looking at interlocking
 - Junior moving to senior, start date different provincials different
- Note from Dee Commissioner's please send reports into her even if you didn't have any let her know
- **Coaches Rob Arden**
 - Working hard to get coaches clinics early
 - Working toward normal and everything is going pretty good
- **Officials**
 - No Report

Proposed Changes:

Proposal #1

Proposed by Sean Reid – Surrey Lacrosse

Motion: Jeff MacAully Second Tom Kellett - Defeated

Change Article III – LMMLC Annual General Meetings

From: III-7 Anyone wishing to nominate someone for a position on the LMMLC executive as set out under Article V – The Executive, must send nominee's name to the chair and secretary of the LMMLC thirty- five (35) days prior to Annual General Meeting, so it can be added to the distribution of the annual General Meeting to all members. No nominations from the floor will be allowed.

TO:

III-7 Anyone wishing to nominate someone for a position on the LMMLC executive as set out under Article V **may nominate any person from the floor at the Annual General Meeting as they feel may be suited for the position.**

Rationale:

This will allow more thought and processing of obligations so that people may consider the positions available. Nominations from the floor is possible as with the busy field season, many executives need time to process the idea of taking on a different or additional role within the LMMLC executive. The BCCLA still allows nominations from the floor so why shouldn't our organization.

Proposal #2

Proposed by Sean Reid – Surrey Lacrosse Association

Motion: Nicole Kokoska, Second Sandra Margetson - Passed

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TO:

III-7 Anyone wishing to nominate someone for a position on the LMMLC executive as set out under Article V – The Executive, must send nominee’s name to the chair and secretary of the LMMLC **seven (7) days prior to the scheduled Annual General Meeting**, so it can be added to the distribution of the annual General Meeting to all members. No nominations from the floor will be allowed.

Rationale:

This is in case my previous change for nominations from the floor is declined. I feel thirty-five (35) days is excessive and seven (7) days will allow more thought and processing of obligations of expected duties from the membership so that people may more thoroughly consider the position(s) available. Seven (7) days is enough time to vet people if that is desired.

Proposal #3

Proposed by Sean Reid- Surrey Lacrosse Association

Motion: Michael O’Connor, second Mike Ortutay - Passed

Change D-2

From: All teams with the exception of female Jr shall be composed of players as per Rule 14(A) of the CLA Rule Book. For LMMLC league and play-off games, the minimum number of players comprising a team shall be six (6), and the maximum number shall be twenty (20). Female Jr can sign and carry twenty-five(25). Only 20 players (18 runners and 2 goalies) will be permitted to be listed on a game sheet for league and tournament play.

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Rationale:

To coincide with the recent rule change in BCLA Housekeeping

Proposal #4

Proposed by Pam Mason – Secretary LMMLC

Motion Jeff MacAulay, Second Pam Mason

Amendment to remove “and Pee Wee” – Jeff MacAulay and Sandra Margetson

- **Amendment passed**

- Amended motion passed

D4

From

Exceptions to this must be ruled on by the Commission prior to any teams being formed. Tyke and Mini-Tyke must not be tiered.

To:

Exceptions for Novice and Pee Wee 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 to this must be ruled on by the Commission prior to any teams being formed. Tyke and Mini-Tyke must not be tiered.

Rationale:

Every season there are a number of associations that want to declare based on their skill level outside the requirements. In the spirit of growing the game and getting more players to join and stay with lacrosse at these younger ages allowing this with rationale without having to vote each time will make the process of recruiting a lot easier for associations

Proposal #5

Proposed by Pam Mason – Secretary LMMLC

Motion Sean Reid second Dave Samson - Passed

D4

From:

Declarations should be sent to 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

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Rationale:

For consistency on where correspondence should go for all items in policy

Proposal #6

Proposed by Sean Reid- Surrey Lacrosse Association

Motion: Mike Hagel and Jeff MacAulay - Defeated

Change E-2

From:

In cases where spectators interfere with players or officials so as to delay the process of, or affect the result of the game, the referee shall declare the game “no contest” and report immediately to his Head Referee and/or Referee Allocator who will report immediately to their President, for further investigation who will report the issue to the league chair and commissioner,

To:

In cases where spectator(s) **verbally or physically** interfere with players, officials, **other fans, and/or coaches** so as to delay the process of, or affect the **result of the** game, the referee may declare the game “no contest” **if nothing is done to remove the offending person or persons. The referee(s)** report immediately to his Head Referee and/or Referee Allocator who will report immediately to their President, for further investigation who will report the issue to the league chair and commissioner,

Rationale:

To give the referee the ability to stop a game if offences are happening that is removing the sanctity of sportsmanship and safety for the game

Proposal #7

Proposed by Pam Mason- Secretary LMMLC

Motion: Nicole Kokoska and Pat LaRoue - passed

E-7**From:**

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Rationale:

Housekeeping to be in line with minor directorate policy

Proposal #8

Proposed by Sean Reid- Surrey Lacrosse Association

Motion: Jason Hughlett and Becky Topnik –Ruled Out of Order

- **Would need to be changed at the Minor Directorate AGM next year or made a rule by the MD at their November meeting in 2022**

New Rule

E-8

For the 2022 box lacrosse season, Peewee "C" division teams shall play with a substantially reduced contact game. Applying the Novice CLA Appendix F Option X - contact rules for Peewee C and strictly having referees apply those in all C level games. All off ball contact is penalized to focus on strategic gameplay with reduced physicality.

Rationale:

As C division is historically referred to as development, having the players learn the game without contact will be significantly better for the players understanding of the game and allow experience without the fear of having one's head taken off when going for the ball. This will also allow for kids to remain in the game if the contact is not something the parents and/or player is fearful of. Future plans are to transition Bantam C as well to ensure that kids will not drop out of the game and continue to keep registrants playing lacrosse

Proposal #9

Proposed by Sean Reid- Surrey Lacrosse Association

Motion Sean Reid second Chris Charlton

Motion Withdrawn by Sean

New Rule

E-9

For the 2022 box lacrosse season all Novice and Peewee "C" teams will have a 3 goal per player per game maximum. Additional goals scored by any player past 3 goals will not be counted towards the score of the game

Rationale:

As C division is historically referred to as development, having the players learn the game while creating equality in play. 3 goals per player per game is to reduce higher level players from "Playing down" so they may dominate the game. If this division truly is development, than restricting the goals to ensure more players get more touches will improve overall development for everybody involved. Future plans are to transition Bantam C as well to ensure that kids will not drop out of the game and continue to keep registrants playing lacrosse

Treasurer report – circulated via email Budget, Balance sheet, income statement and comparison report

- Questions team fees and player fees were put in to get our bank balance back to a healthy balance see we have a carry over with the budget will end up with about \$14000 by the end of the season
- Idea to have one year worth of reserve which is why we are doing the \$2 per player
- Last year we did not charge any fees and we did still have the commissioner fees
- Website maintenance is that for two years

- Beth will need to look into if there was any credits for the website discount this may have been added as a historical number

Approval of financials as submitted: - Jeff and Tom

New Business:

- Election of officers – 2 year terms
 - Chair – 1 year term
 - Vice Chair 2 year term
 - Secretary – Pam Mason
 - Zone 3 - Jeff MacAulay
 - Zone 5 – 2 year term
 - Secretary to cast one vote for the slate presented Motioned by Michael O'Connor, Michael Hagel
- Because there was no name put forward for the three vacancies, any names can be put forward to Beth and Pam and the executive would then vote on placement
- Not in policy for sitting presidents but the chair is a busy role so would need to consider that, zone is a smaller profile.
- Traditionally we do not have a sitting president in the role of Chair or Vice chair
- Provincials 2022
 - At the pee wee level we had no applications so we are still accepting applications
 - At Female a couple of applications and gave right to refusal so happy to award female provincials July 14-17
 - Bantam provincials we had North Okanagan were the hosts for 2021 pee wee so had the first right to refusal and were the only applicants July 14-17
 - Midget (16U) we had a couple of applications and was voted on by the minor directorate to award it to Port Coquitlam July 7-10
 - We are still looking for a host for the pee wee provincials which will be July 7-10 anyone wanting to host please email me
 - And a notice will come out from Deb as well
 - Delta has indicated that they are interested in Pee Wee provincials so if there are any others please let me know and we will discuss with the minor directorate
 - Can apply to host a portion of the provincials does not have to be all 4 division
- Advertising League wide
 - Looking for options for possible radio options and do a consistent 2 month consistent radio advertising
 - BCLA should look at doing some non-lacrosse focussed advertising, going to Warrior games is just lacrosse people already and in the game
 - Lacrosse advertising should be done by BCLA and is lacking in the province basically non existent, but would need to be a policy for the BCLA to do this and without it they would take our money but not sure what they would be able to do

- For 1000 for each clubs for venues that are not lax venues
 - Start and promote for Middle of December to mid-February
 - Lacrosse is not promoted properly and each club is doing their own thing so would be good if we committed to do it together
 - We need to do something different
 - Looking at having registration links on the website for each club
 - It would help and benefit the larger clubs to promote
 - Sports net reaches all of LMMLC – start with hockey games
 - Design would be included and the promotion company would do the leg work
 - Can we advertise on the bill boards – no return on investment as Surrey did try this
 - All working only for our associations and would cost less for each club if we worked together
 - There is interest come to the next Immlc meeting with the proposal and how can we through the league fund this
 - Could apply a marketing fee per player in the registration
 - Outside advertising has gone away for the most part and doing targeted marketing via social media – port moody would like to see a more targeted way of leveraging
 - If you are driving in the car kids are staring at their phone and not looking up, need to get to the kids through social media
 - Social media can be designed by marketing campaign
 - Michael – Vancouver do some research and come back with an action plan
 - Take back to executive to see if anyone has marketing or social media and bring to the sub committee
 - Only way to bring numbers up is to band together
 - Could possibly take it to the island and the interior
 - Pam will send out an email to get a sub-committee for the advertising
 - Pat will send a contact for the advertising and is willing to head this initiative
 - Sean to forward the advertising information that he has received
- Pass on contact info for your reps to zone reps and female rep
 - Website
 - Our LMMLC website is very archaic and behind the times especially with the scoring and the results
 - Scores are updated immediately for the hockey, we are waiting for a whole week for the scores to show up on our website and it crazy that we have to wait for them
 - It is done totally live for the scorekeeping
 - Hockey uses HiSports
 - Best part is that it is electronically entered and every parent has the access code and most just use their phones
 - Can have the referees view the game sheet for the game reports
 - We need to adapt our way to do the scoring

- Can we look at seeing if we can get it more up to date
- Lacrosse is stuck in the 1980's with the paper copy of game sheets and having to scan and mail the game sheet
- All of the game sheets are kept electronically and sent to the manager and commissioner immediately after the game and kept in an archive as well for viewing
- Would be easy to adapt to the same program as hockey
- Question – what happened to the game sheet – they get sent to the manager and the league – it is electronic and there is a back end system for the league manager to manager. It is signed off by the referees and sent within 5 minutes
 - Best thing is that all players are electronically entered
 - And then you give the access code to the manager and if you are a coach you can see the details of the game if you are not there
 - The one thing that the lacrosse people said is that not everyone has mobile data or every arena has Wi-Fi and that would be a non-issue now as hockey is using it
 - Other team can see what the penalties are as they are happening the managers have the access code.
- Whatever the cost is for the hardware we should have it was the consensus
- Need a group to look into the cost – Nicole has already sent an email to them for information
- Game reports electronic and would the referee get a copy and would be available and they would have access to the game sheets
- This could save money as no paper would be needed and not have to send these game sheets back and forth, based on what we have this would be a massive step forward. Doesn't have real time score though
- Can go back and see historical information, very efficient
- Would make commissioner job easier as would not be chasing game sheets and could actually read it
- Bring it back to the next meeting December 7th

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm – Sean Reid and Jeff MacAulay

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday December 7th 7pm– Via Zoom or hybrid