



PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

Thursday, July 20th, 2023

Meeting Minutes – Women's & Youth

Call to Order 7:14pm

Roll Call

Attendees (25):

Brad Romano – Chair	Delta – Michael Miele
Cal Davies – Vice Chair Youth	Langley – Gerald Wartak, Alex Vanichuk
Stacy Paterson – Vice Chair Women's	Mission – Matthew Flury
Lynda Callard – Treasurer/Registrar	New West – Don Ocampo
Angie Wolfe – Secretary	North Shore – Shannon Webber
Susan dos Santos – Youth Officials Allocator	Port Coquitlam – Erica McKeddie
Angie Reid – Women's Officials Allocator	Richmond – Greg Paterson
Ryan Nose – BCLA Vice Chair Field Officials	Ridge Meadows – Robb Alexander, Jaime Yerbury
Adanacs – Sean Droulis	Surrey – Jeff Glass
Burnaby – Jackie White, Nicholas Liu	Valley – Karen Cameron
Chilliwack – Logan Engel	Vancouver – Alex Miller

Absent (2):

Mary Clare – Head Commissioner	Nicole Kokoska – Director at Large
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Land Acknowledgment

The Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse League acknowledges that the sacred lands on which we play are the traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples. We are grateful to participate in the Creator's game and we thank these nations; Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, Semiahmoo, Musqueam, Katzie, Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Qayqayt, Tsawwassen and Stó:lō

Acceptance of the June 14th meeting minutes

Motion to approve as circulated: Brad Romano

Seconded: Lynda Callard

Chair Report:

- No update from Field Directorate, have not met since special session.
- "Co-operating clubs" like Richmond/Vancouver, Mission/Valley need to send in declaration as soon as possible. Presidents of both clubs must submit a declaration.
- Brad will be reaching out to the volunteers who agreed to work on the new mission statement.
- Jotform will be sent out to update your club info, field times and contact info.
- No official declaration deadline. Brad and Angie W will review last year dates and adjust

Vice Chair Youth Report:

- Nothing to report

Vice Chair Women's Report:

- Nothing to report

Youth Officials Allocator:

- No clinics have been scheduled yet
- Going to be another year of ref shortages. Losing several university age refs and older refs that are cutting back games. Will affect U15, U17, U19 age groups
- One Lower Mainland official has been invited to officiate at Nationals in PEI; Nicolas Dos Santos

Women's Officials Allocator:

- Looking to mentor someone to take over the allocator roll
 - Charlie Jones is assisting at this time
 - Female officials clinics tentatively set for Sept 16-17 and Sept 30-Oct 1
 - Will consist of both in class and on field portions
 - If any clubs have field time available for training, please reach out
 - Two Lower Mainland Women's Officials have been invited to officiate at Nationals (Jenny Kyle Cup) in Quebec; Angie Reid and Charlie Jones
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General Discussion:

- Burnaby would like to know if the U9 rules for reduced field size and team size will apply to U9 or U11 given the change in age groups
 - The rules *should* remain consistent to the divisions, not the birth year but the official rules will be decided by the Field Directorate prior to September 1
- A female focused league meeting will be held same as last year
- North Shore would like to know if there is a tentative schedule
 - Will be discussed in new business

New Business:

- Registration Proposal
 - PCFLL would like to move away from mass declaration meetings and instead adopt a team registration format
 - Once you have the minimum amount of players for a team (generally 10) AND a coach or manager for that team, you would complete a registration form
 - Gives us more up to date declaration numbers
 - Can allocate releases better
 - Susan would like to know if they can declare a team with a full roster and then adjust the placement of those players at a later date?
 - Yes, that would not be a problem to move players around. Final roster deadlines would remain in place but movement can be made until that point
- Tentative season dates
 - Two league meetings in August. Regularly scheduled meeting Aug 8th and then a second meeting later in the month to go over declarations
 - September 12th league meeting
 - Youth season start date: September 17th
 - Female season start date to coincide with the Big Al tournament: Sept 23rd (pending Adanacs confirmation)
- Tournaments
 - Ridge Meadows has submitted their request for West Coast Shootout
 - Langley plans to host Thunder Strike Tournament again on the Thanksgiving long weekend

- Ridge Meadows U15/U17 Tier 1 Pilot Project proposal
 - Ridge Meadows presents the attached pilot project proposal
 - There was flexibility in releases at U15 T1 and are hoping that can continue
 - Player applies to their own club tryout for Tier 1 if not available in their home association. Club will decide which player names are put forth for evaluation.
 - Focus is on the players, not the clubs
 - Aim is to add teams to cities that don't normally have enough players for T1, not to bolster existing T1 teams
 - Concern that if T1 players are coming from outside of home association, local T1 players may be displaced.
 - Project will develop coaches/officials, giving them opportunity to advance their skill
 - Will also help improve T2 players as they will get more ball touches and field time
 - Project aimed at U15/U17 only at this time
 - Teams would be created during tier break and then added to schedule
 - Motion to adopt the directionality in principle of the project is tabled
 - Clubs asking for time to discuss this proposal with their follow execs before committing to a decision
 - Proposal will be circulated and we will hold an online vote with a July 28th deadline for decision
 - Vote is only to approve the directionality, and allow Ridge to move forward with working out the details to present at a future meeting

Adjournment 8:34pm

Motioned by: Susan Dos Santos

Seconded by: Logan Engel

PCFLL Pilot Project 2023/24

Creating Better Competition U15 and U17

Goals:

Improve the level of competition across U15 and U17 tier 1 and tier 2 within the PCFLL by:

1. Increase the number of teams in the tier 1 division giving more athletes access to tier 1 teams by merging 2 associations.
2. Provide support to associations on the cusp of becoming tier 1 by potentially making exceptions to release policies.
3. Provide players from associations without a tier 1 team to have a path to be able to play tier 1 by making exceptions to release policies at both the association and league level.
4. Improve the balance of competition in Tier 2 by moving players with Tier 1 skills into their appropriate tier.

Plan:

1. Create a U15 and U17 Tier 1 competition committee.
2. Determine the number of tier 1 teams to be declared without merging or releases. Just the naturally declared tier 1 teams.
3. Determine opportunities for mergers to create additional tier 1 teams.
4. Determine tier 2 teams that are close to being tier 1 and explore what additional players it would take to move up to Tier 1
5. At this point we should have
 - a. Definite Tier 1 teams
 - b. Merged Tier 1 teams
 - c. Emerging tier 1 teams
6. Survey remaining tier 2 clubs to get an idea of how many players each has that might have the ability and the desire to play tier 1
7. Play out the tiering schedule.
 - a. Tier 1 teams can submit requests for types of players but not specific named players
 - b. Requests can be submitted anytime during tiering, but need to be in prior to start of tiering break.
8. U15 and U17 tier 1 competition committee meets to determine feasibility of moving players from and to each team.
 - a. Considerations will include but not be limited to
 - i. Per player analysis
 1. Where they would like to go
 2. Is there a team that needs them?
 3. How much impact will it have on their home association team.
 - ii. Per Releasing team analysis
 1. Roster size of releasing team, no team should be left short, but releases should still happen even if the roster isn't oversized.
 - iii. Per Receiving team analysis

1. Roster size, no tier 1 team should be able to receive players to have an oversized roster.
 2. Receiving team needs and requests for types of player (faceoff, goalie, etc)
 - b. The Competition Committee will create player movement recommendations for each player where it is deemed to make sense.
 - i. Recommendation will include:
 1. Player, position
 2. Releasing association
 3. Receiving association
 4. Rationale for the recommendation
 - ii. Recommendations will be presented to each association and to the player. All must agree to move to the next step
9. Agreed upon player movement recommendations will be presented to the PCFLL executive for final approval.
10. Releases are completed and players report to their Tier 1 team for the season.