



PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

Tuesday, Oct 12th, 2021

Meeting Minutes – Women's & Youth

Call to Order 7:03pm

Roll Call

Attendees (32):

Brad Romano – Chair	Delta – Greg Leong
Cal Davies – 1 st Vice Chair	Mission – Nicole Kokoska (Women's), Jason Hughlett (Youth), Jason Lindh (Observer)
Stacy Paterson – 2 nd Vice Chair/U15W Commissioner	New West – Julie Edgar
Angie Wolfe – Secretary	North Shore – Shannon Webber
Mary Clare – Head Commissioner/U18 Commissioner	Poco – Kristen Sheidow (Women's), Erica McKeddie (Youth)
Angie Reid – Head Umpire	Richmond – Pam Mason
Ryan Nose – BC Official's Group	Ridge Meadows – Jaime Yerbury (Women's), Dave Samson (Youth), Rich Bonner (Observer), Andrew Koran (Observer) Damian Teasdale (Observer)
Susan dos Santos – Referee Allocator	Surrey – Ian Tyerman (Women's), Jeff Glass (Youth), Sean Reid (Observer)
Pam Mason – U11 Commissioner	Valley – David Goulet
Melody Kurt – U13 T1/T3 Commissioner	Vancouver – Michael Hagel
Kathy Martinez – U19W Commissioner	
Adanacs – Dennis Santucci (Women's) – Bradley Foster (Youth)	
Burnaby – Simon Gee	
Chilliwack – Tyler Crompton	

Absent (9):

Lynda Callard – Treasurer/Registrar	Mike Ortutay – U13 T2 Commissioner
Roger Terhune – Past Chair	Laurie Wortley – U15 T1 Commissioner
Ceayon Johnston – U7/U8 Commissioner	Victoria Hatch – U15 T2 Commissioner
Roger Paterson – U9 Commissioner	Langley
Jackie White – U12 Commissioner	

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, Musqueam, Katzie, Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Qayqayt, Tsawwassen and Stó:lō

Acceptance of the Sept 7th meeting

Motion to accept: Greg Leong

Seconded: Sean Reid

Women's Club Reports:

Adanacs:

- Nothing to report

Burnaby:

- Nothing to report

Chilliwack:

- Hoping to get a referee booked into the last umpire clinic

Langley:

- Absent

Mission:

- U8/U12 have been struggling with umpires
- Difficult to find mentors and coaches are generally dads
 - Please reach out to the coaches' group to see if there is any help available there

New West:

- U12 game issue when teams decided to not do the shortened field, problems with portable fans becoming tripping hazards.
- U12 needs to play full field to gain experience to go up to U15
- Sydney was upset that was allowed
- Angie Reid mentions that U12 is developmental, and the policies are in place for a reason but will bring the issue to the Field Directorate for discussion

Port Coquitlam:

- Nothing to report

Ridge Meadows:

- How is the progress of the U19 division? Are we able to play the 10v10 yet?
 - This weekend U19W will only have 2 of the 3 teams available due to travel so will have to look at it each week
 - Can only be 10v10 if there are 13 players or more per team

Surrey:

- Thank you to Coquitlam and Langley for hosting two great tournaments

Executive Reports

Chair

- Commissioners are all in place. Several new faces and we are hoping to continue to build bench strength in this area for future years
- No applications were received for the U11 year end provincial tournament. This is an open tournament for any u11 team in the province - it is not performance based. If you are interested in hosting, please let me know. Forms have been taken off the website but I have them
- No applications were received for Women's provincials. Will be reaching out to a couple clubs to try to get something started. The PCFLL is actively looking for a hosting arrangement, however, admittedly this is not a league function and has taken a back seat to the start of League play. Youth field provincials will be announced at BCLA AGM this weekend
 - Valley would like to know how many fields are required to host a women's provincials
 - As there will only be U12 & U15, should be able to get away with just 2 fields
 - Request not to have on the Family Day weekend as that is tentatively the youth Provincials date
- Email motion for Women's Tiering passed mid-September - thanks to all the Women's reps who voted on short notice. This granted a temporary exception for a 2 year pilot project for tiering in Women's as our league Policy was not to Tier. If the pilot is successful we'll work to adjust or remove the policy language within the next 2 AGMS.
- The Executive has been dealing directly with a family for registration and now that things are settled, I wanted to update the membership on the results. Please note that I will not be identifying the family or club. The club in question had barred the family from registering due to numerous issues over the years. It was agreed with the club that they could register for immediate release. The family involved the BCLA executive - main board, not the Field Directorate. The League was asked to allow the family to register with any club they preferred. The PCFLL Executive discussed this and pointed out to the BCLA that it is General BCLA Policy and not PCFLL Policy that prevented the family from doing this. PCFLL was only able

to register and release the player via the release process which is the only exception that we have. The BCLA board granted an exception for this family for Field and Box registration. As such, the PCFLL will respect this exception and the family has registered their two players with one club.

- Truth and Reconciliation Day - I received one inquiry regarding activities happening on 30th. The League did not make any recommendations because we did not have any league events that date. However, I believe that next year we should review pausing all League activity - however, we can discuss this at a later date.
- The PHO did end up placing some further restrictions on gatherings in the Fraser Valley, however, it did not impact outdoor gatherings for youth sports. Clubs had been impacted with some covid exposures.
- I have received two requests from the Field Directorate for all clubs:
 - First: Tournaments: For those clubs that are applying to host or are hosting, please remember to keep the Field Directorate informed of your key personnel (Head Ref, Commissioners) and any documentation - tournament rules being a key one. The League does not have any involvement when it comes to tournaments other than the Commissioner must be a current league commissioner and is assigned by Mary Clare. However, as the sanctioning body, the FD must be given the required information.
 - Second: The Field Directorate received word that players from the island were en route to a PCFLL team to play for a team without a release or any permission to do so. I was asked to reiterate that there is no ability for players to play in any sanctioned games with any other team except the one they are registered with or are released to.
- Some of you may be aware that an incident from last week at a U15 game was reported on social media and then in a local newspaper. Without going into full details, racial comments were overheard during a game. These comments were not shouted towards the field, however, they were loud enough to be heard. The clubs in question are communicating with each other, very openly and respectfully. Because the incident is very fresh and potentially gaining in profile, the executive, in conjunction with the clubs involved, made the decision to report on the basics tonight and allow the communication between the clubs to continue without the pressure to respond to questions this evening. Once actions are determined, the executive and the clubs can present them to the league membership. We do feel right now that we will call a league meeting where with will be the only discussion.
 - There is one element of this topic, however, that I want to make a clear statement on. BCLA Field Directorate Policy prohibits alcohol at practice or game sites and this policy fully applies to all PCFLL Clubs. Part of the report of this incident is that alcohol was being consumed rather openly near the site of the game. I realize that different municipalities have different rules regarding alcohol in parks. However, I'm requesting that all clubs remind teams and parents that alcohol is not to be consumed at games or practices. This is a safety and liability issue as well as just being common sense. We will have a more thorough report and time for a discussion at a later date.

- Thank you to Langley and Ridge for hosting tournaments

1st Vice chair

- Nothing to report

2nd Vice chair

- Schedule is ready for this coming weekend and has been posted
- Will have Week 5 schedule wrapped up in the next day or so
- After discussion, it is determined that women's will play through the tiering break weekend as long as we have game sheets in very quickly after the games on 23rd

Secretary

- Hoping to get more schedules up at once but refs have been a sticking point
- Week 4 is up, Week 5 should be posted by Thursday
- There will be changes to U11 schedule for this weekend to accommodate changes to matchups. Please have managers check website tomorrow

Treasurer/Registrar

- Absent

Head Commissioner

- Commissioners will need to have a look at their teams after the 24th game and determine if there needs to be any tiering movement. If you feel there are teams that need movement, please contact me first to review it with you prior to completion. This includes U11 division.
- Email has been sent to all commissioners to clarify the difference between TBR and forfeiture so we are all clear on the process

Head Umpire

- Due to lack of officials, there have been several games cancelled
- There is one last umpire clinic to be held on Thursday, Oct 14th at 7:00pm
- There was U12 confusion at the tourney regarding player free movement and self start, there is not. PCFLL rules do not allow for this
- Was able to evaluate 12 umps at the tournament and have some mentors available

Head Referee

- Still no head ref but Ryan Nose from the Field Directorate has joined us
- Have been working closely with Susan to get an idea of what divisions and tiers each ref is capable of
- Mentoring and evaluations happened during Langley tournament and things went well
- If you are hosting a tournament, please supply a schedule as soon as possible so refs can be placed

Referee Allocator

- Inherited a blank slate of ref info and has been working with Ryan to sort out who's who
- On average we only have about 50% of ref available on a given weekend due to outside commitments
- U18 player who refs are a challenge as they also play same day and most rely on parents to drive
- Langley tournament was great for mentoring and we saw advances in younger ref confidence
- Would like to get young adult refs trained as proper mentors
- Will not be twisting arms and overbooking refs to make games happen. Committed to serving the refs and in their interest, games may get cancelled. Not going to burn out the few refs we have.
 - Brad states the reality is that we do not have enough refs and it will be a few years before we advance the refs to the point where needed
 - Referee/umpire funding brought forward (see motion #1/2 below)
 - Please make sure to advise your treasurers that extra funding will be needed that

New Business:

- Valley/Mission U18 call ups
 - PCFLL Chair received an email from Valley inquiring about how to go about call ups when they have no U15 team as Valley U15 registered players were released to Mission. Valley wanted to know if they can call up from Mission
 - This type of call up is against both PCFLL and BCLA policy. Players may only play with one association per year unless they are properly released
 - Executive has discussed this and are in support of Valley's proposal, however, we need an exception to both
 - Please see motion #3 below
- Ridge Meadows 3 game call up exemption
 - Originally had 42 U13 players and decided to go with 3 teams. Divided into 1xTier1, 2xTier2
 - Are down to 40 players for the three teams now but has been a challenge to field enough players
 - Would like an exemption to policy to allow unlimited call ups within one age division like we allow for a call up moving up an age division
 - Please see motion #4 below
- Referee allocator would like to cancel league games for the November 13/14th weekend due to the Richmond tournament
 - Will be a shortage a refs due to the number of teams attending the tournament
 - Could possibly manage U7 and U9 but definitely need to cancel U11-U18, will be TBRs

- Historically, having league and tournament games forces refs to do more than the maximum games per day
- There are currently 48 teams registered for the tournament and organizers will be bringing in refs from the Island and Interior
- Angie Reid would like the women's games but Stacy Paterson mentions that weekend there is a big tournament in the States so many players will be missing anyways
- Valley concerned that the league has to take a serious look at the parameters and the size of tournaments so they do not take away from league play. League should come first.
 - Field Directorate approves the tournaments so we do not have control of granting
- No vote needed on this, would just be an operations decision. Executive will discuss further to see if U7/U9 games would be viable.

Youth Club Reports:

Adanacs:

- Nothing to report

Burnaby:

- Nothing to report

Chilliwack:

- Can U11 players be called from Blue Division ("Tier1") be called up to any U13 team as U11 is not officially tiered?
 - No clear policy to guide us so Brad will take this to the Field Directorate meeting and report back

Delta:

- Nothing to report

Langley:

- Absent

Mission:

- Nothing to report

New Westminster:

- Nothing to report

North Shore:

- Nothing to report

Port Coquitlam:

- Nothing to report

Richmond:

- Registration for Richmond Romp is almost full so if you want to attend, please apply by Thursday at the latest

Ridge Meadows:

- Nothing to report

Surrey:

- Nothing to report

Valley:

- Nothing to report

Vancouver:

- Nothing to report

Adjournment 9:18pm

Motioned by: Bradley Foster

Seconded by: Sean Reid

MEETING MOTIONS

Motion #1: Referee/umpire/mentor funding

In order to facilitate:

- Officials mentoring other Officials; and
- Officials travel around the League on game days in order to ensure League games are played as scheduled,

PCFLL funds will be directed, in advance, to the Referee Assignor and to the Umpire Assignor.

The Referee Assignor is hereby allocated a sum of \$1000 and the Umpire Assignor is hereby allocated a sum of \$500 (based on the differences in games played per week) for the duration of the PCFLL Fall Season. The funds and their use are subject to the stipulations agreed upon by the PCFLL membership and recorded by the PCFLL Secretary.

Stipulations:

- The funds will be provided in advance to the Referee Assignor and Umpire Assignor (the "Officials Assignors" or "Assignors") from the PCFLL.
- The funds can be used at the Assignors' discretion for paying Officials Mentors (game fees / travel fees) or extraordinary travel fees not specifically covered in policy in order to facilitate league games.
- All funds disbursed by the Officials Assignors will be documented with the following:
 1. The reason for expenditure
 2. The date of the expenditure;
 3. That the funds were delivered to an individual Official (i.e. proof of etransfer and acceptance, copy of a cheque);
 4. Acknowledgement that the funds were received by the intended individual; and
 5. A running total of funds disbursed by the respective Officials Assignor.

note: electronic documentation / acknowledgement is acceptable

- The Officials Assignors may not exceed the amounts allocated to them, respectively.
- At the conclusion of play of the Fall Season in December the PCFLL Treasurer will recover the unspent fees and all documentation from steps 1-5 above from the Officials Assignors. Recovered fees will be deposited to the League accounts.
- The PCFLL Executive (or its designate) will perform a review of the program including all documentation, the funds disbursed, the reason for the disbursement, and the overall effectiveness of the program (considering such things as number of games cancelled due to Officials shortages and the ability to move Officials from one level of games officiated to a higher level).
- The PCFLL Executive will provide a recommendation to the PCFLL membership for the program to cease or continue for the Winter Season. If continuing, the PCFLL Executive **will** also recommend an amount to be allocated to each Officials Assignor and **may** recommend changes to the program. The PCFLL membership will vote on the Executive recommendation regardless of the outcome of the review (i.e. if the Executive recommends termination, the membership may vote to continue and vice versa).

Motioned by: David Goulet

Seconded: Kristen Sheidow

Discussion:

- Will current travel fees be charged above these allocated funds?
 - This funding will not touch the existing policy regarding travel fees, would be aimed at officials/mentors that have to be moved around but may not qualify as far as distance or have to be assigned to multiple games

- Surrey is concerned that some associations are paying travel fees when the refs do not qualify for it under policy and would like a weekly update on how these funds are being disbursed
- Ridge and Valley both make statements in support of the motion
- Richmond would like to see the travel fee changed from \$10 to \$15 for referees that have to travel and 40km seems excessive.

Motion passed: 19 yes votes, 0 no vote (19 of 20 eligible members voted)

Motion #2: Exception to PCFLL Policy Q.04.c.

Original motion: For the 2021/2022 season, all officials who travel an additional 15km or more from their home address to the designated game field are entitled to \$15 compensation in addition to base fees. This fee is payable per official per game per club.

Motioned by: Pam Mason

Seconded by: Angie Wolfe

Discussion:

- Surrey thinks the idea may be a little overzealous given the motion that just passed (motion #1). Need to have improvement but this seems to hit all clubs. Would propose 40km round trip
- Vancouver suggests that if an official is coming for 2 games at the same field, should not have to pay that travel fee twice. There needs to be some discretion from the allocators.
- Valley states the fee is for travel but should be one fee per field unless they travel more than another field from there
- Ridge would like to know what the financial scope of this would be?
 - Susan would need to collect more information on the referees to find out exactly who is travelling and how far but wants to make sure that the officials aren't double dipping
- Pam amends motion to one fee per field not per game

Motion to amend Pam's original motion from 15km to 20km.

Motioned: Greg Leong

Seconded by: Sean Reid

Motion passed: 15 yes votes, 1 no vote (16 of 20 eligible members voted)

Pam's Amended Motion Q.04.

c) Officials who travel an additional 20km or more from their home address to the designated game field are entitled to a \$15 compensation.

Motion passed: 16 yes votes, 1 no vote (17 of 20 eligible members voted)

Motion #3: Valley/Mission U18 Call Up Motion

The PCFLL membership creates an exception to PCFLL Operating Policy Section T.02.b for Mission and Valley respectively with the following conditions:

- Valley U18 is permitted to call up players only from Mission U15 and not from any other club.
- The exception is only for the duration of the 2021-2022 PCFLL playing season.
- Call-up sheets are to be filled out properly or players may be ruled as ineligible.

PCFLL Executive notes that:

1. PCFLL and the BCLA FD have mirror policies for playing with more than one club, therefore an exception from both the PCFLL policy and the FD policy are required - if one motion fails, the clubs cannot move forward;
2. Such call-ups are subject to the current BCLA Field Directorate and PCFLL Operating Policies; and
3. Most importantly, that the U15 players fulfill their local club responsibilities first and that local club coaches maintain approval for all call-up requests.

Motioned by: David Goulet
Seconded: Jason Hughlett

Discussion:

- Valley states that they took Mission's U18 players and Mission got Valley's U15 players. Just want the opportunity to have a few extra bodies and give deserving players opportunity.
- Delta would like to know if this motion would affect permanent movement? Would there be limits in place to prevent U15 players from moving to the U18 to attend provincials?
 - These players would fall under the same provincial policies as all other teams. Cannot move permanently without release
 - Can't play in more than one provincials per year
- Motion must also pass at the BCLA Field Directorate level
- Surrey in support as this will get games played and give opportunity
- Richmond thinks the sticking point will be provincials. Suggests motion be changed to exclude these players from being eligible for provincials
- North Shore is in the same situation with their U15 team so it may be a larger issue if more than one club wants to do this
- This would be for the whole Mission U15 team to be called up, not just the released Valley players

Motion passed: 14 yes votes, 0 no votes (14 of 15 eligible members voted)

Motion #4: Maximum 3 game call up exemption

For the remainder of the 2021/2022 season, PCFLL Policy R.03.b) Players may play up any tier calibre within their age division to a maximum of three (3) games ONLY (i.e. Tier 2 to Tier 1, Tier 3 to Tier 2 or Tier 1) will not be enforced.

Motioned: Dave Samson
Seconded: Erica McKeddie

Discussion:

- How would this affect provincials?
 - It would actually make qualification for provincials a little easier for player
- Poco is in full support of this motion. They have two very small U13 teams and this would be very helpful to be able to get rosters together for games to be played
- Commissioners would not need to track number of games played up
- This would apply to women's teams as well

Motion passed: 15 yes votes, 3 no votes (18 of 20 eligible members voted)
