



# PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

## Tuesday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Meeting Minutes – Women's & Youth

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**Call to Order 7:04pm**

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**Roll Call**

**Attendees (31):**

Brad Romano – Chair	Delta – Michael Miele
Cal Davies – 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Langley – Alex Vanichuk
Angie Wolfe – Secretary	Mission – Nicole Kokoska (Women's), Jason Hughlett (Youth)
Mary Clare – Head Commissioner/U18 Commissioner	New West – Bill Tyler
Angie Reid – Head Umpire	North Shore – Shannon Webber
Susan dos Santos – Referee Allocator	Poco – Kristen Sheidow
Ceyon Johnston – U7/U8 Commissioner	Richmond – Greg Paterson
Pam Mason – U11 Commissioner	Ridge Meadows – Dave Samson (Women's),
Melody Kurt – U13 T1/T3 Commissioner	Tyson Craiggs (Youth), Jaime Yerbury (Observer)
Mike Ortutay – U13 T2 Commissioner	Surrey – Ian Tyerman (Women's), Jeff Glass (Youth), Sean Reid
Adanacs – Bradley Foster	Valley – David Goulet, Karen Cameron (Observer)
Burnaby – Simon Gee	Vancouver – Alex Miller, Michael Hagel (Observer)
Chilliwack – Logan Engel	

**Absent (9):**

Stacy Paterson – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair/U15W Commissioner	Jackie White – U12 Commissioner
Lynda Callard – Treasurer/Registrar	Laurie Wortley – U15 T1 Commissioner
Roger Terhune – Past Chair	Victoria Hatch – U15 T2 Commissioner
Ryan Nose – BC Official's Group	Kathy Martinez – U19W Commissioner
Roger Paterson – U9 Commissioner	

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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

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**Acceptance of the Nov 9<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Motion to accept: Nicole Kokoska  
Seconded: Angie Reid

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Vancouver introduces Alex Miller as the new VP of Field in Vancouver

- Alex coaches U15 team and plays senior men's so is well versed in lacrosse

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**Women's Club Reports:**

**Adanacs:**

- Nothing to report

#### Burnaby:

- Thank you to Ridge for taking on the hosting duties for Women's Provincials

#### Chilliwack:

- Nothing to report
- Tyler Crompton stepped down as President. Logan Engel has taken over as interim President so is just working on getting up to speed

#### Langley:

- Nothing to report

#### Mission:

- Nothing to report

#### New West:

- Nothing to report

#### Port Coquitlam:

- Nothing to report

#### Ridge Meadows:

- Nothing to report

#### Surrey:

- Nothing to report

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### **Executive Reports**

#### Chair

- Winter Weather
  - We start tonight in acknowledging that lacrosse has come second this past month while some of our lacrosse family has had significant impact to their communities and lives.
  - Our league and club volunteers have put in significant time and effort to keep kids playing even when that effort was sideswiped with other weather or events beyond our control.
  - All told we are looking at about 30+ games that will not be played across the League. It will not be possible to make up these games. To deal with this, the League has two proposals for consideration that will come up in new business.
- Officials
  - We are still, regretfully, cancelling games each weekend. We do not have enough refs for each game and Susan, Angie Reid, and Angie Wolfe are playing scheduling jenga to get every game played that is possible. But please understand that we expect games to be cancelled every weekend due to shortages.
  - Especially on the Youth side, we are asking a lot of Susan, but if no officials are available 24 hours before the game, it will likely be cancelled so that the teams have some sort of notice.
- FD meeting
  - There is a concern at the FD level with the amount of abuse of officials game reports that are being submitted. We have senior and junior referees that are going to leave the system and it is difficult to get them to return. Coaches are receiving significant suspensions and getting on the radar of the Coaches group. Officiating will never be perfect. Coaching will never be perfect. Players will never be perfect. Coaches and Players get practices to improve. Officials do not get that luxury. The more we can support our Officials and develop them, the better the officiating will get.
- Provincials
  - **WOMENS**
    - U19
      - No U19 provincials, only 2 teams declared
    - U15:
      - 5 T1 teams will compete: all from PCFLL
      - 8 T2 teams will compete: 7 from PCFLL + 1 Island team

- U12:
    - All 10 teams will compete. Tournament will be tiered. Exact split of teams will be determined in January.
  - **YOUTH**
    - U18
      - 4 T1 teams will compete: 4 PCFLL
      - 8 T2 teams will compete: 7 from PCFLL + 1 Interior team
    - U15:
      - 4 T1 teams will compete: 3 PCFLL + 1 Island team
      - 8 teams will compete: 5 PCFLL teams will compete + 2 Island + 1 Interior
    - U13:
      - 4 T1 teams will compete: 3 PCFLL + 1 Island team
      - 8 T2 teams will compete: 5 PCFLL + 2 Island team + 1 Interior
    - U11 Tournament:
      - All Blue and Red teams will play (13 PCFLL teams + 3 Island)
      - Blue and Red will remain split
      - There will be no White tournament as only 2 teams applied
    - Field Directorate will be considerate of weather or other restrictions prevent Island or Interior teams are prevented from travelling for Provincials.
- Communication
  - Every season there is a constant refrain regarding communication - and this season will not be the exception.
  - As a League we are over-reliant on email which is unfortunate. However, without an investment in a different platform, email will be the simplest and cheapest form of communication. Which leads me to a request from everyone to respect the fact that we have limited options and that email from the Executive that is communicating out for the benefit of your clubs and members.
  - Please refrain from replying all to these League threads unless specifically asked to or there is a pressing matter that everyone needs to be informed of.
- Committee Assignments
  - Committee 1: Officials - Recruitment, Retention, Optimization (travel, training)
  - Committee 2: Policy - Significant updates are needed to the Operating Policy in both content and structure
  - Committee 3: Operations - Registration, Releases, Tiering (specifically Tier 1)
  - Committee 4: Anti-Harassment - League specific policies to complement the BCLA
  - Committees will work through January and February; if specific policy changes are required, they can be submitted to the League AGM and Field Directorate Special Session in time to be included in the agenda
  - The goal in late February / early March will be to have a full League meeting to review the changes and discuss them. If they need to be changed, this is done prior to the formal meetings so everyone is on the same page.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice chair

- U7s have been polled and want to continue to play during the Winter Season

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice chair

- Absent

#### Secretary

- Nothing to report

#### Treasurer/Registrar

- Absent

#### Head Commissioner

- Reports on ref abuse, it doesn't matter how many game suspensions a coach gets, they can be referred to the discipline committee

- Valley mentions that they have a player that has had numerous game ejections and is wondering if there is any direction given to the Commissioners on how to deal with consistent offenders
- If the refs do not write it in a report, there is not much a Commissioner can do. Suggests that the coach bring it to their specific Commissioner as a heads up
- Brad asks that the discussion regarding coach discipline be moved to the end of the meeting for its own time

#### Referee Allocator

- All the \$4000 in league funds has now been used for mentoring. Thank you all for that support
- Still having to cancel games due to ref shortages and weather
- Brad thanks Susan for all her hard work in getting the mentors out there. Hoping the mentoring will create the confidence that allows these refs to come back next year

#### Head Umpire

- 18 umpires have been mentored using the \$500 league funds
- Would like to see a bit more mentoring happen before the end winter season
- Susan motions that additional funds be given to Angie Reid for mentoring umpires.
- Brad suggests an additional \$500.00 be given to mentoring umpires and asks for any objections. With none heard, funding is approved.

#### Secretary

- Review names of the nominations
- There are executive members on each committee, but they are not necessarily automatically the committee head. Their role will be the conduit between the committees and the executive
- Each committee will need a leader as decided upon by the group themselves. Just want to make positive progress into the new year.
- Secretary can be the communication liaison for any committee questions the need to be answered between meetings

### **Youth Club Reports:**

#### Adanacs:

- Disappointed the U7 jamboree was cancelled but looking to host later in the year
- Just working through TBRs, schedule conflicts
- Player retention has been good this season

#### Burnaby:

- Would like to discuss the coaching/officials situation discussed
- The process has not been very clear

#### Chilliwack:

- Having a meeting Thursday to get more parent volunteers to join the executive

#### Delta:

- New VP Field is Michael Miele and looking to catch up on everything

#### Langley:

- Prepping to host Provincials in February

#### Mission:

- Nothing to report

#### New Westminster:

- Nothing to report

#### North Shore:

- Nothing to report

#### Port Coquitlam:

- Nothing to report

#### Richmond:

- Greg Paterson is back as VP of Field for Richmond

- Had a successful Richmond Romp tournament with lots of ref compliments

#### Ridge Meadows:

- Nothing to report

#### Surrey:

- Thank you to the volunteers for the scheduling of games and refs for making this all happen

#### Valley:

- Gratitude for the schedulers and the other associations for their flexibility with TBRs

#### Vancouver:

- Nothing to report

### **New Business:**

#### Referee Evaluation Forms

- Burnaby mentions the BCLA referee evaluation form on their website is box related only with box division names and the emails linked are all box lacrosse executives who have to forward the forms to the field side
  - Deb Heard told Burnaby that a request must be put in for the field to be updated to include field
  - Brad asks Burnaby to email that info and he will look into getting it updated

#### Winter Season & TBR's

- Far too many TBRs are created to be able to be dealt with on a single weekend.
- Motion to make an amendment to TBR policy
  - Motioned by Brad Romano
  - Seconded by Susan dos Santos
  - Policy currently - 96 hour notice must be given in order to reschedule a game. Teams are not obligated to reschedule if less than 96 hours notice is received. Teams inside or outside of 96 hours need to provide justifiable reasons for reschedule.
  - Proposal for Winter 2022:
    - Only games cancelled by conditions outside team or league control may be eligible for TBR (weather, field closures, officials, restrictions).
    - Teams are not entitled to reschedule any games of their own volition for any reason.
    - Teams that cancel outside of 96 hours will not be subject to fines or referee reimbursement.
    - Teams that cancel within 96 hours are subject to penalties under existing policy Section O
    - Games can be cancelled by one team (shortage or players etc.) but the cancelling team will essentially forfeit the points.
  - Discussion:
    - Aim to have all the winter matchups posted at once
    - Fines would not apply if the schedules were posted late but the cancelling team would still lose the points
    - Foresee issues with travel teams when a big chunk of a team could be away. Lack of flexibility is an issue with this policy
    - Are we ready to say that our league is more important than travel teams/Team BC because we will see a lot of adverse reactions if so
    - Teams should be able to field a team using a call up as most of the missing players are from Tier 1
    - If travel teams can provide enough notice that they will not be able to field a team on a certain date, they should be advising their commissioner and try to work the schedule around that information
    - Players that attend out of country tournaments should be very aware of their restrictions when they return
  - Vote:
    - Motion passes 15 yes votes and 9 no votes.

- Secretary will verify the eligible votes and inform everyone if the result of the vote differs

#### Final League Standings

- It is unlikely we are going to be able to have all teams finish the season playing the same number of games.
- League Exec proposes to use Win % as the first standings ranking and then head-to-head matchups as first tie-breaker, 3rd tie-break will be penalty minutes per game accrued during Winter Season (everyone starts at zero). If teams are still tied, a coin-flip will be performed by the Commissioner of the division (where it is needed to determine a provincials qualifier).
- Discussion suggests that there is already policy regarding this.
- North Shore motions to table this discussion until we have further information
  - Motioned by Shannon Webber
  - Seconded by Sean Reid
- Ridge motions to adopt BCLA General Operating Policy 14.08 which outlines the tie-breaker rules
  - Motioned by Tyson Craiggs
  - Pointed out that motioned BCLA Policy 14.08 is from the senior men's section
  - Tyson withdraws his motion
  - Valley asks that if penalty minutes are being considered in the calculation, that only personal penalties are counted as technical penalties can be used for a variety of reasons

#### Coach/Officials feedback (as moved from earlier in agenda)

- Referee game reports go to commissioners and coaches are suspended based on the information in that report
- New West like to see the number of coach ejections reported at each meeting so we can understand the scope of it. How many incidents are happening on a weekly basis so we can bring policy in if need be
- Ridge would like a *full* investigation to be done prior to coach suspensions. Not just taking the word of the referee
- Head umpire mentions that no official is perfect and mistakes are made. There is room for improvement and the report function would be an asset
- Head Commissioner says a full investigation is done. Both refs are talked to and the time/score keepers at times if needed. Cannot speak to the coach in question. The coach discipline committee is quite seasoned and can read between the lines
- Ref allocator points out that refs have to re-certify each year but coaches may go years without taking courses. 2/3 of league refs are under the age 18 and could be intimidated by coaches and parents
- Ridge would like to see ref courses offered more than once a year

#### **Adjournment 9:22pm**

Motioned by: Brad Romano

Seconded by: Ian Tyerman