



# PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

## Tuesday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Meeting Minutes – Women's & Youth

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**Call to Order 7:04pm**

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**Roll Call**

**Attendees (28):**

Brad Romano – Chair	Delta – Michael Miele
Stacy Paterson – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	Langley – Alex Vanichuk
Angie Wolfe – Secretary	Mission – Jason Hughlett, Jason Lindh
Susan dos Santos – Referee Allocator	New West – Bill Tyler
Roger Paterson – U9 Commissioner	North Shore – Shannon Webber
Pam Mason – U11 Commissioner	Port Coquitlam – Erica McKeddie
Mike Ortutay – U13 Commissioner	Richmond – Greg Paterson
Kathy Martinez – U19 Commissioner	Ridge Meadows – Dave Samson, Jaime Yerbury
Adanacs – Bradley Foster, Mindy McIlhargey, Dennis Santucci	Surrey – Ian Tyerman, Jeff Glass
Burnaby – Rozina Krishan, Rhonda Monson	Valley – Karen Cameron
Chilliwack – Logan Engel, Jenna Noppen	Vancouver – Alex Miller

**Absent (5):**

Cal Davies – 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Nicole Kokoska – Director at Large
Lynda Callard – Treasurer/Registrar	Mary Clare – Head Commissioner
Angie Reid – Head Umpire	

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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 Sept 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes**

Motion to accept: Bill Tyler

Seconded: Bradley Foster

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**Women's Club Reports:**

- No reports discussed
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**Chair Report:**

Field Directorate update:

- Interior reported good numbers for U5 and U7 which is encouraging.
- One application for Provincials - from a PCFLL Association. Some clarifications are needed and I expect an update in November or before.
- Discussion around tournament applications and we expect to see changes for next season. Everything from tournament deadlines, required volunteer positions, right down to maximum number of teams and games.

- I have requested the BCLA office change the wording on the age-down form. Currently it says that age-down players are not eligible for provincials. However, I could not find any policy to support that and I fully expect that age-down players will participate in provincials. Beth and Trish are looking into it and will let me know.

**PCFLL update:**

- Two weeks of League play in the books, two weeks remaining in Tiering Schedule. We have had about 10 games TBR'd for various reasons including lack of Officials.
- U15 Tier 3 lost 2 teams and the remaining team, Vancouver Tier 3 has moved up to Tier 2. More about Tier 2 coming up in New Business.
- There have apparently been some teams not paying Officials saying that payment is issued centrally. This is not a process the PCFLL currently employs. Please communicate to your teams that all Officials are to be paid at the Field as per policy. This includes travel fees.
- We have only received about 75 Roster forms. Without contact info for all teams at all levels, we are unable to inform Managers when Travel Fees are due and when games need to be TBR'd due to shortages. Please communicate through your organization that anyone who has not submitted a roster is to do so immediately. The roster submission is on the website under Documents. We have tried to make it as painless as possible. Angie will send clubs a list of the teams that have not submitted their rosters.
- I would like to introduce Nicole Kokoska as our Director at Large for this season. Nicole is our extra pair of hands and is a non-voting member of the Executive in-line with our other volunteer positions.
- Thanks to everyone who voted on the email motions since the last meeting. The most significant of which was clarifying the policy regarding call-ups. Our wording limited the user of call-ups within the same age-division to 3 games but did not define what those games were. Tournament games will not count toward the 3 games.
- At this time, League games will count towards the 3. It is also important that everyone remember we do not have the box rule where the game over the limit means the player automatically tiers up. Players that play in their 4th game are ineligible players and will be treated as such under policy.
- We will continue to use email voting to ensure that we can move items forward in between League meetings.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair:**

- Absent, no report submitted

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair:**

- Great weekend as female Thunderstrike commissioner
- Still missing two U15W rosters. Have managers look at contact list to see if they are missing.

**Secretary:**

- Nothing to report

**Treasurer:**

- Absent, no report submitted

**Head Commissioner:**

- Absent, no report submitted

**Youth Officials Allocator:**

- 168 tournament games on the youth side. Only one game report so thank you to coaches for keeping your cool while we mentored new refs
- Continue to experience ref shortage, still going to be weekly TBRs. Do our best to rotate who gets TBRs
- Particularly short of U11-U15 refs
- Question has been posed why we can't use weeknights for game? Many team share weeknight field times for practices so using that time slot would be mean affecting multiple teams.

- Will the BCLA be having any additional officials clinics? None planned. New West did not originally declare U7/U9 so did not train refs. That situation has changed. If there is demand, contact Ryan
- Make sure that your city has the field lights on with the upcoming time change. Don't want lights not on or going off early

#### **Head Female Officials:**

- Absent, no report submitted

#### **Meeting Topics:**

##### In Person Meetings

- Was hoping to have November meeting in person/hybrid again, to be determined
- December, January and February completely online so no one has to drive in the dark/bad weather

##### Calls Ups

- Tournaments will not count towards the 3 game call up maximum within same division
- Ridge experiencing issues with call ups with smaller teams, would like to see the maximum increased to 5 games or remove limit completely
- Adanacs agrees. Not enough players for 3 teams, top end of Tier 2 could have been Tier 1. Puts stress on Tier 1 not having sufficient call ups when players play multiple sports.
- Seems numbers are down overall, would be a good temporary solution to dip in numbers
- Concern with stacking teams but that can be done anyways if you have the lower team players play their 3 games
- New West U15 T2 not being able to call from T1 U13 team. All rosters are small and stretching player
- If you do not have a lower-level team at the same caliber, identify 3-4 Tier 1 players to call up to Tier 2 team and discuss with your commissioner ahead of time
- Revisit this discussion in the spring if we need to make policy changes as the landscape changes

##### TBR

- Had to cancel games during the last two tournament weekends. Still had teams trying to reschedule TBR during that time but there were insufficient officials to be able to accommodate that

##### Tiering

- Commissioner will have a meeting October 24 to discuss aggressive team movement
- Schedule will be out by Thursday that week
- Valley would like to know if teams have input on tiering. Will depend on input from commissioners, teams likely will not have much input. Some will be obvious; some will need further discussions. Teams over/under tiered are being closely monitored.

##### Release/Age Down Documents

- Club reps have all release documents, pdf is attached to those emails
- Angie will be sending out completed releases/age downs to registrars before the end of the month

##### Registration fees

- At AGM we discussed the PCFLL team fees but did not set a rate or add to the schedule of fees
- Motion to set fee at \$20 per team, no change from previous season
  - Motioned: Brad Romano
  - Seconded: Shannon Webber
  - No discussion
  - Motion carried

### Youth Officials Stipend

- As discussed at AGM, the youth officials allocator and women's officials allocator will be given a stipend for assisting associations with assigning of officials on a week to week basis.
- This fee is to be paid one time per season
- Motion to set allocator fees as follows:  
Youth U11 and younger - \$10.00 per team, payable by the associations, billed by PCFLL  
Youth U13 and older - \$10.00 per team, payable to allocator by the PCFLL  
Women's all divisions - \$10.00 per team, payable to allocator by the PCFLL
  - Motioned by: Brad Romano
  - Seconded by: Angie Wolfe
  - If clubs have their own allocator for U11 and younger, you will not be billed
  - Susan allocates youth U13 and older, Angie Reid allocates all women's divisions
  - Motion carried

### Referee Mentoring Funds

- Mentoring of young officials has been beneficial over the past few seasons.
- Senior officials are paid to guide and instruct junior officials at the field and can assist in making calls and curtailing abuse
- Motion to set aside the following funds for mentoring for the 2022-2023 season:  
Youth officials mentoring – up to \$5000.00  
Women's officials mentoring – up to \$1000.00
  - Motioned by: Brad Romano
  - Seconded by: Michael Miele
  - Adanacs had to pay for referee mentoring at their tournament last season. Would the monies for this season's tournaments come out of this fund? Will try to avoid clubs paying as much as possible
  - Why is there such a difference between youth and women's? There is a difference of about 4:1 in the number of senior officials and the number of teams needing mentoring. Allocators have asked for different amounts
  - Motion carried

### Officials Travel Fees

- Currently, home team is responsible for 100% of officials travel fees
- Original purpose of the fee was to encourage associations to train senior officials for their own club
- With the referee shortage, we are now moving officials all over the Lower Mainland to ensure games go ahead
- No motion being proposed but open to discussion on possibly splitting the fee
- Officials are often players as well and are sometimes used at a field outside of their association to officiate a game prior to theirs
- Travel fee is currently 20km, officials often wasn't the fee once they are outside their home club but under 20km. Could we possibly change the wording to be "outside of home association" instead of distance?
  - That would create a scenario where refs will shop around for games that would get a travel fee
  - Could a time element be added instead of just distance?
- Officials do not pick where they want to ref. Susan offers them games based their schedule, where their team plays etc. Managers are notified if there are travel fees to be paid
- Revisit in the spring if there is a thought to change this in policy

### Playoff to a League Championship

- Brad presents winter playoff format slide show, see attached
- If this moves ahead, would like to get a group together in November to review brackets
- There is currently no policy regarding winter season or playoffs, only time frames
- Ridge thinks this is a very creative idea, struggle with engagement that time of year

- Tier 3 kids have nothing to play for, this would allow them to continue to be part
  - So many games are lost due to weather, would there be contingencies to account for that
  - Teams would not play each week, if there are TBR they may have a better chance of being made up
  - Fall schedule would have teams play each other in the indicated pools. Winter schedule would be playoffs
  - Seems to be support to move forward. Ask that associations review the PowerPoint thoroughly. Brad will send out further communications the week after next.
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**Adjournment 8:39pm**

Motioned by: Jason Hughlett

Seconded by: Mindy McIlhargey