



PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

Tuesday, Feb 14th, 2023

Meeting Minutes – Women's & Youth

Call to Order 7:04pm

Roll Call

Attendees (23):

Brad Romano – Chair	Chilliwack – Logan Engel
Cal Davies – 1 st Vice Chair	Delta – Michael Miele
Stacy Paterson – 2 nd Vice Chair	Langley – Gerald Wartak
Angie Wolfe – Secretary	Mission – Jason Lindh
Susan dos Santos – Youth Officials Allocator	New West – Julie Edgar, Don OCampo
Angie Reid – Women's Officials Allocator	North Shore – Shannon Webber
Pam Mason – U11 Commissioner/Richmond Rep	Ridge Meadows – Robb Alexander, Jaime Yerbury
Jackie White – U12 Commissioner	Surrey – Jeff Glass, Ian Tyerman
Kathy Martinez – U19 Commissioner	Valley – Karen Cameron
Burnaby – Rozina Krishan	Vancouver – Alex Miller

Absent (10):

Lynda Callard – Treasurer/Registrar	Mike Ortutay – U13 Commissioner
Mary Clare – Head Commissioner	Victoria Hatch – U15W Commissioner
Nicole Kokoska – Director at Large	Ryan Nose – BCLA Vice Chair Field Officials
Ceayon Johnston – U7/U8 Commissioner	Adanacs
Roger Paterson – U9 Commissioner	Port Coquitlam

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 Jan 10th meeting minutes

Motion to accept: Brad Romano

Seconded: Logan Engel

Women's Club Reports:

- None submitted
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Chair Report:

- Want to acknowledge that a serious accident that has greatly impacted one of our PCFLL families. Last Thursday, Richmond Field and Box player, Kaylee Paterson, was hit by a car while walking home from school. She suffered very serious injuries. Her father, Greg, is the VP Field for Richmond.
 - Brad has reached out Greg to offer our league support. His update is that Kaylee is doing better and was awake and asking for dad.
 - Richmond will be putting together a GoFundMe and as soon as the details are available PCFLL will be contributing funds and sharing the details with you and posting on our website.

Field Directorate update:

- Multiple discussions with the Field Directorate and BCLA Operations VP in January trying to get overage players approved for Provincials play but was not successful.
 - Three players were not allowed to play with their teams in Provincials this year.
 - PCFLL will be providing policy proposals to bring the Provincials Directive under policy so that Associations have a say via the League Executive on rules such as this.
- Trish (VP Youth) and Mary (VP Men's Field) will stand for re-election in April
- Ryan is trying to have a CBO for Provincials.
- **Note from Men's field:** unpaid registration and unpaid fees at Senior Men's could impact coaches and officials as they can be suspended for it and that applies to all directorates under BCLA
- Field Directorate Special Session: April 15 at Burnaby Executive Inn & Suites
- March 30 is deadline for registration
- **Feb 22: Deadline for FD Operating Policy Changes are due.**

PCFLL update:

- Youth playoffs are complete and all age levels have wrapped up their season.
- Women's U15 Comp and Rec League Champs will be named by the end of this week.
- Preparing for FD Special Session and the League AGM.
 - League AGM will be April 29, venue is also TBD.
 - Potential for this to be an evening session this year based on some of the responses we are receiving from venues.
 - League policy change proposals are due March 15 so we can distribute them by the end of March.
- Please keep on top of policy submission and meeting registration due dates!

1st Vice Chair:

- Nothing to report

2nd Vice Chair:

- Nothing to report

Secretary:

- Nothing to report

Treasurer:

- Absent, no report submitted

Head Commissioner:

- Absent, no report submitted

Youth Officials Allocator:

- Celebrating the season end
- Had just over 100 refs on the books, but only 37 that could do U13 or higher and most weekends only 60% of those available any given weekend
- Remind your allocators and club presidents to thank your refs for this season, every bit helps
- Hoping to have 3 ref system for all Provincial games

Head Female Officials:

- Still have U15 Provincials to go
- Good results with the 3 ump system at the U12/U19 provincials
- Minimal issues

Youth Club Reports:

- Valley wished to thank Angie W for coming out for the two playoff games to present the banner on behalf of the League. Meaningful for the players.
- Vancouver wanting more balance between home and away games. U15 in particular didn't have a home game after November
 - Games started evenly balanced but after hours each week of trying to shuffle refs, often games had to be moved. Outlying clubs often suffer the most as it's difficult to move refs from field to field with the further travel.
 - Moving game often only alternative to cancelling game all together
- Vancouver wanting to encourage a Tier 3 development division or at minimal a split in the Tier 2 for upper and lower teams
 - Many families do not want to play Tier 3 because there is no Provincial eligibility for them
 - Some ideas will be discussed in new business

Meeting Discussion:

- Playoffs were fairly successful with good feedback
- One unfortunate outcome for Burnaby and Vancouver/Richmond U13 playoff game
 - Game went to overtime and could not continue on the Sunday it was scheduled for.
 - The game was rescheduled for Tuesday however, the snow that day caused fields to be closed.
 - The playoff rules stated that games not completed on Tuesday would go to tie-break formula, we did ask both team to assess if they could play Thursday and officials were available
 - Vancouver/Richmond were able to field a team but Burnaby was not. The executive considered the factors and determined that the game would not be completed and would revert to the Tuesday status and use the tie breaker
 - In retrospect we likely caused some confusion in attempting to see if the game could be played.
 - Vancouver/Richmond has made a reasonable request to bring forward changes to the playoff rules in advance of the season.
 - Next year, we propose that we have a submission period for playoff rules, including tie breaks, prior to the season starting.
 - At the close of the period we will put all the proposals out to a vote and adopt those rules for the playoffs that season. It's something we can do annually without making those rules part of policy.
- Vancouver/Richmond requested that we try to limit unused field time during Winter / Playoffs.
 - Don't have a great solution
 - Only have 5 weeks to get playoffs done and we need fields available to get those games in
 - Definitely willing to work with teams and build in how much field time is needed
- **Please save the date March 4 for "State of the Coast" Meeting.**
 - We are inviting you as Field Reps and your Club Presidents to this meeting. Possibly in the evening, 2-3 hours.
 - Our intent is to look forward to the next few years. Where do we want our League go? What are the headwinds? How do we as a League work together to grow the sport?
 - Officials, travel teams, etc

Adjournment 7:41 pm

Motioned by: Logan Engel

Seconded by: Angie Reid