



PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

June 2nd, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Girls & Youth

Attendees:

Roger Terhune – Chair	Delta – Greg Leong
Stacy Paterson – 2 nd Chair/U19 Commissioner	Langley – Gerald Wartak, Alex Vanichuk
Angie Wolfe – Secretary	New West – Julie Edgar, Bill Tyler
Lynda Callard – Treasurer/Registrar	North Shore – Shannon Webber
Jody Weatherby – Head Referee	Port Coquitlam – Kristen Sheidow
Angie Reid – Head Umpire	Richmond – Greg Paterson
Ceyon Johnston – U7/U8 Commissioner	Ridge Meadows – Stacy Paterson, John Olson
Adanacs – Mindy McIlhargey, Dennis Santucci,	Surrey – James Bayley, Sean Reid, Ian Tyerman
Sean Ashworth	
Burnaby – Brad Romano	Valley – Curtis Pederson
Chilliwack – Tyler Crompton	Vancouver – Shawn Donahue

Absent:

Jason Kump – 1 st Vice Chair	Stacy Hemmerling – U12 Commissioner
Trish Keizer – Past Chair	Karen Hertslet – U15 Commissioner
Tyson Craiggs – U5 Commissioner	Cal Davies – U15 Commissioner
Roger Paterson – U9 Commissioner	Mary Clare – U18 Commissioner
Margot Gallant – U11 Commissioner	Mission

Call to Order @ 7:00pm

Acceptance of the May 13th minutes:

- Motion to accept: Dennis Santucci
- Seconded by: Stacey Paterson

Addition to Agenda

- None

Motion to Approve the Agenda

- Motion to accept: Stacy Paterson
- Seconded by: Dennis Santucci

Reports

Chair:

- **Field Directorate Reports**
 - No firm date yet for Field Directorate AGM
 - June 18th has been tossed around but not confirmed
 - Will advise as soon as their date is in place
 - PCFLL AGM will be 1-2 weeks after Field Directorate AGM

- Return to Play Plan
 - ViaSport has just released their guidelines for BC
 - We are currently in Phase 2 with Phase 3 beginning when fields are open
 - BCLA has a committee in place to adapt the ViaSport guidelines to fit lacrosse
 - All clubs will need to follow the BCLA guidelines once they are released
 - There are private businesses running lacrosse camps right now but they are not adhering to social distancing rules
 - We have to ensure that the guidelines are enforced on the field once the kids are out there. It is very easy for them to slip back into old habits
 - Clubs want to confirm that the BCLA is working on our return to play plan now that ViaSport have released guidelines.
 - BCLA has a special committee in place just for this purpose
 - They have the guidelines and are formulating a plan to be announced shortly
 - BC Soccer has already put out their return on play plan and has started registration for fall soccer
 - Curious how they will implement those plans when their website says they are holding off
 - BCLA needs to get a plan in place asap
- 2020/2021 Field season
 - Season is in jeopardy as the proposed guidelines have no option for games
 - Will need to wait to see what BCLA guidelines are
 - Suggested not to open registration until this has been sorted out
- BCLA Insurance
 - Roger has spoken to Jeff Gombar and the BCLA insurance policy goes season to season
 - Is box lacrosse insurance valid until the end of August? Should the players not be covered?
 - It is a grey area
 - Not all box players play field
 - Field insurance starts September 1st
 - As there is no season, it appears that there is no policy in place at this time
 - Most sports leagues are unable to get insurance due to COVID
 - Force majeure pandemic allows for the cancellation of insurance policies during a pandemic

1st Vice Chair:

- Absent

2nd Vice Chair:

- Nothing to report

Secretary:

- Nothing to report

Treasurer/Registrar:

- \$27,450.00 in bank account
- If there is no season, PCFLL will be okay financially
 - Website already paid for
 - We will have little to no other expenses
- If season goes ahead and then is cancelled, it will be PCFLL on the hook for refunds which could cause a problem
 - Box lacrosse pays their fees directly to the BCLA

- Field lacrosse pays their fees to the league who forwards them to the BCLA so the refunds would cause financial strain on PCFLL if it were to happen

Head Umpire:

- Nothing to report

Head Referee:

- Just to clarify, refs are covered from the first game of the season until the first game after the last posted referee clinic

Association Reports:

Adanacs:

- Will there be referee clinics?
 - Jody says that officials are in a holding pattern right now
 - Nationals have been cancelled
 - Taking everything two weeks at a time
 - Unsure if PCFLL will need refs as there may be no games
 - Waiting on the chain of command: BCLA > Field Directorate > PCFLL

Burnaby:

- Nothing to report
- Are any clubs planning programming?

Chilliwack:

- Nothing to report

Delta:

- Has anyone opened registration yet?
 - Consensus is no one has opened registrations
- It is important that as a league we all move together
- It will build confidence in our league and our clubs if we are all on the same page, following the same guidelines and opening registrations at the same time

Langley:

- Nothing to report

Mission:

- Emailed: Nothing to report

New West:

- More communication is needed from the BCLA so we can formulate plans
- Need to know that they are working on the return to play guidelines
- Seem to be behind other sports in getting this going

North Shore:

- Nothing to report but the BCLA website says the FD AGM is listed a June 18th

Port Coquitlam:

- Nothing to report

Richmond:

- Nothing to report

Ridge Meadows:

- Nothing to report

Surrey:

- Nothing to report

Valley:

- Concerned about holding on to field times
- If we don't book, we may lose our time slots to soccer
- If we do book, we can't afford to pay for field time and not use the field
 - Suggested that Valley call the City of Abbotsford and speak to them about having a one year exemption
 - Many cities will allow you to not book for a year and still be able to hold on to contracted time slots the following year

Vancouver:

- Nothing to report but do want to make sure that clubs continue to share information with each other so we are all on the same page

Conversation:

- Roger to get a list of those on the BCLA Return to Play Committee as requested
- Roger to delve further into the BCLA insurance policy as requested
 - Find out the exact expiration dates
 - Do we currently have coverage?
- Angie W suggests there be a vote for all clubs to hold off on opening registration until next meeting (special meeting will be called if guidelines are released prior to our July meeting)?
 - Online Zoom vote held
 - 69% of attendees voted
 - 100% yes, 0% no

Motion to adjourn at 7:58pm

- Motion: Shawn Donahue
- Seconded by: Bill Tyler

New Business

- Field Registration
 - Registration starts May 16th
 - Would like to wait and see what happens with the BCLA and refunds for box lacrosse insurance before we begin field registrations
 - Burnaby has already voted to hold off on registration until July 1st
 - Ridge also holding off on registration, would like to run some in house program
 - Phase 3 plans will not begin until fields open. No programs can run until then
 - BCLA insurance expires September 1st for field so anything clubs running programs after that date would need to have their own in-house insurance
 - Concern that BCLA insurance does not cover for COVID related claims. Can we press them to confirm this?
 - Roger will look into this further with FD

Club Reports:

Adanacs:

- Should we go ahead with our tournament application?
 - Yes, continue application as normal

Burnaby:

- Will the PCFLL be charging clubs this year? If so, what will refund policy be?
 - Please hold off on registration at this time
 - Do not want to get into the same situation as box

Chilliwack:

- Tyler has previously spoken to Rochelle about BCLA insurance and was told that it is only valid from mid-August to the end of March for field. Can we confirm that it is valid until September 1st as mentioned?
 - Team BC has BCLA insurance to go to Nationals so there must be some policy in place.
 - Roger will confirm the effect dates again with Jeff Gobar
- Will field and box be combined? Not all cities have field and box programs run by same association.
 - Not likely but still waiting to hear from BCLA

Delta:

- Absent

Langley:

- Nothing to report

Mission:

- Nothing to report
- Still focusing on dealing with box lacrosse

New Westminster:

- Nothing to report

North Shore:

- North Shore will not be opening registration any time soon
- Looking into the Consumer Protection Act to try to recover fees paid to BCLA
- Concern regarding COVID coverage for BCLA insurance in the future

Port Coquitlam:

- Waiting on clarity on fees before opening registration
- No faceoffs?
 - Correct, no faceoffs will be allowed as it would violate the 2m distancing rule

Richmond:

- Nothing to report

Ridge Meadows:

- Nothing to report

Surrey:

- Nothing to report

Valley:

- A lot of confusion, push to hold off on field registration

Vancouver:

- Will likely do paper registration so that the information is there if needed
- For AGM would like to address Richmond/Vancouver merged teams as both clubs would like to continue this agreement
- Potential return to play could be Olympic format, shorter games with less players. Get more games played this way

General Discussion

- Pointless to have no goalies. So hard to get goalies to begin with and now they will have nothing to do
- PCFLL players make up approx. 50% of the players in the BCLA and should be pressing the issue with the Field Directorate from the policy side of things
- Should push that we still have goalies for the betterment of the league
- Jody discusses refs as involved in the return to play plan
 - Would play box in outside boxes or on fields
 - 6' rule, no contact, no goalie, no faceoff, no games

- No one allowed to touch the ball?
- So much effort, cannot see how it will work
- Have been advised that everyone must be ready to go in 10 days

Adjournment: @ 8:02pm

- Motion: Margot Gallant
- Seconded by: Sean Ashworth

Next meeting scheduled for: June 2nd, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom