



# PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

## Tuesday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Meeting Minutes – Women's & Youth

Call to Order 7:07pm

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#### Roll Call

##### Attendees (38):

Brad Romano – Chair  
Cal Davies – Vice Chair Youth  
Stacy Paterson – Vice Chair Women's

Angie Wolfe – Secretary  
Susan dos Santos – Youth Officials Allocator  
Heather Hanley – Youth Officials Allocator  
Michelle Romano – Youth Officials Allocator  
Angie Reid – Women's Field Head Official  
Sydney Swan – Women's Field Official Allocator  
Ryan Nose – BCLA Vice Chair Field Officials  
Shanda Collins – YU7 Commissioner

Andria Milliard – WU7/WU9 Commissioner  
Pam Mason – YU11 Commissioner  
Wendy Thompson – WU11 Commissioner

Mike Ortutay – YU13 Commissioner  
Jackie White – WU13 Commissioner/Burnaby  
Dennis Windsor – WU17 Commissioner  
Adanacs – Russ Aunger, Bradley Foster  
Chilliwick – Logan Engel  
Delta – Michael Miele  
Langley – Gerald Wartak, Alex Vanichuk, Kara Eastgate  
Mission – Imat Grewel, Matthew Flury  
New West – Don Ocampo, Lara Tayler  
Port Coquitlam – Kristen Sheidow, Erica McEddie  
Richmond – Greg Paterson  
Ridge Meadows – Jaime Yerbury, Robb Alexander, Tyson Craiggs  
Surrey – Jeff Glass, Karen Piper  
Valley – Karen Cameron  
Vancouver – Alex Miller

##### Absent (9):

Lynda Callard – Treasurer/Registrar  
Nicole Kokoska – Director at Large  
Mary Clare – Head Commissioner/YU17/YU19

Roger Paterson – YU9 Commissioner  
Victoria Nicolson – YU15 Commissioner  
North Shore

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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 Oct 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes

Motioned Brad Romano  
Seconded Karen Cameron

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#### Chair Report:

##### 2023-2024 Field Provincials

- Declaration Deadline is Thursday December 7, 2023 - Forms and payment must be in the BCLA office by 4:00 pm.
- Please have only one submitter from your club as per the note from the BCLA Office.
- Youth U11 Provincial Tournament will be hosted by Nanaimo Raiders Field Lacrosse February 9-11, 2024.
  - Clubs are asked to raise hand if they plan to attend so PCFLL can gauge numbers
  - Port Coquitlam would like to send team but not having the travel grant for U11 a barrier

- Unfortunately, the grants are designated for Provincial championship. The U11 tournament does not fall under that category. It is a BC Ferries directive, and we have no control of that
- Youth U19/17/15/13 Provincial Championships will be hosted by Richmond/Vancouver Lacrosse February 16-19, 2024
  - Teams and seeding must be delivered to BCLA Office no later than Jan 31, 2024.
- Women's U17/15/13 Provincial Championships will be hosted by Burnaby Lacrosse February 23-25, 2024
  - Teams and seeding must be delivered to BCLA Office no later than Feb 07, 2024.

#### Field Directorate Meeting from October 20, 2023

- Good show of support from PCFLL clubs.
- We were able to pass a temporary exception to allow call-ups ONLY in cases where clubs gave and received four or more players each way and do not have a team to call-up from. Call-up forms must be filled out and any teams playing ineligible players will be penalized points and potentially fined. Please contact the League executive if you have questions regarding this.

#### Field Directorate Meeting from November 08, 2023

- Coaching discipline issues increasing. Some concern here given that there were issues in back to back weeks at U9, specifically in the PCFLL.
- Fan control is also a growing concern and the Vice Chairs are both reviewing suspension guidelines for Commissioners that will be specific to Coaches that are abandoning their responsibility to control their fans as outlined in the rules (Men's Lacrosse FIL rule 22.2).
  - Please remind your coaches and managers - all team officials - that they can and will be held responsible if they are requested to take action with fans and decline to do so.
  - Provincials Directives are still under drafting and review - getting much closer to being able to distribute for feedback.

#### Groups are Not Tiers

- For U13 and U15 Tier 2 - we made the decision to have two groups in T2 rather than force a T3.
- If you have two teams in T2, these teams may not call up from one to another. There was no desire to have a T3 - therefore teams lost the benefit of having a team to call-up from.

#### Playdowns and Provincials

- Youth and Women's will start January 6 and 7 for those that have field time.
- Youth will potentially play on both Saturday and Sunday of Jan 13 and 14 as we anticipate no women's teams that weekend due to Sand Storm
- Potentially, we may have a Championship weekend or Provincials playdown weekend January 20 and 21 as a club may have field available through that weekend.
- YU15 and YU13 teams should prepare now that players may not be available as Team BC will be attending Sand Storm as per their calendar. Fusion teams may also be attending. It is not acceptable to use missing players as an excuse to reschedule the week before the game. Call-ups should be used if necessary.
- Clubs can prepare now by letting Angie Wolfe know now if they have alternate field times available to play Playoff games.
- Teams that are missing players may request a reschedule, however, given the tight timelines of League Championships and the requirement to get Provincials teams sent to the Field Directorate, it is not required that the opposing team accept the request. The team making the request to change the game shall be responsible for field costs regardless if they are the Home or Away team.
- Port Coquitlam raises concern that many players play multiple sports on Saturdays and we don't normally have Saturday games. Could be a potential issue for some.

#### New Club Executives

- For those with Fall AGM's, welcome to those that are new faces to the PCFLL meetings.
- Please fill out the League Contact form - this is under Documents on the PCFLL website. This will help us ensure that all the correct people are on the correct lists and What'sApp group chats.

#### Vice Chair Youth:

- Nothing to report

#### Vice Chair Women's Report:

- Had a few last minute cancellation of games, please try to get those in as soon as possible
- Fusion may not be going to Sand Storm so there may be female games on Jan 13-14 after all. Stacy will follow up on this

#### Secretary Report:

- Please make sure you send notification for tournaments asap. Have only heard from two teams that have told they are going

#### Youth Officials Allocator Report:

- Very successful Richmond Romp
- Susan will be out of the country for all December and January. Heather Hanley and Michelle Romano will be stepping in to allocate during her absence. Email contact will remain the same, contact numbers will be sent

#### Women's Field Head Official Report:

- Abuse of officials is up slightly.
  - A few games have had to be cancelled
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#### New Business:

##### Playoff Format Presentation

- Playoffs will begin January 7<sup>th</sup>. Field Directorate has set last playing date as January 28, 2024
- For every division except YU13 & YU15, the top 5 teams coming out of championship brackets will be the 5 teams that advance to Provincials.
- For YU13 & YU15, there will be separate playdowns for Provincials if more than 5 team declare across the two pools
- Format slides are presented (see attached)
- Presentation is stopped to take input on which option to use for U13 & U15 playoffs.
  - Adanacs, Port Coquitlam and Officials Allocator concur that the shortest would be the best choice
- There will be banners for both Red and Silver divisions in Tier 2
- Ridge comments that the season is very drawn out and then we struggle to fit the playoffs in. Would like to see a shortened season with more room for playoffs
- Port Coquitlam inquires if playdowns are necessary, Provincial standings could be determined by league standings at the end of regular season
  - That was the format for multiple years. Without playoffs, team that were not going to make Provincials had nothing to play for.
- Delta mentions that none of the other divisions have double elimination
- Tie breaker formats
  - Pam Mason suggests: Most wins, fewest losses, head to head, least goals against
  - Ridge suggests: Head to head, BCLA goal formula
  - Decision: Most wins, Fewest losses, head to head, BCLA goal formula, least goals against

**Field Time for December:**

- We have asked each club to email us regarding their field availability for Dec 16/17
- Although that weekend is currently designated for TBRs only, we may need to begin playoffs/playdowns that weekend to fit all the games in
  - WU13 & WU17 Commissioners indicate that both divisions have cancelled all their games for Nov 18<sup>th</sup> so they likely will need use that weekend to play their TBRs
  - WU13 has had complaints about TBRs but are turning down exhibition games when offered
  - Langley concerned that there might not be enough time to make up all these games
  - Playing Dec 16/17 will take some of the strain off the January TBRs from Sand Storm tournament
  - No other objections to using that weekend. Weather dependent
- U7/U9 jamboree in Ridge Meadows will also be that weekend
  - Jaime still working on the budget and would it out as soon as available
  - Will work with the commissioners to get the information out
  - Each team will get two games Saturday, one game Sunday. Approx 45 games depending on participation
  - PCFLL will pay for a portion of the referee fees. Budget pending
- U11 Women's Jamboree
  - U11 Jamboree made it into BCLA policy but not into the budget
  - Ridge has stepped up with field time January 27/28. Have field Thursday, Friday 5-10pm and all day Saturday and Sunday using all three fields.
  - Stacy has a preliminary schedule complete
  - Budget pending but will be run tournament style
  - League will help cover some costs of entry fees or medals. TBD

**Club Reports:**

- Valley
  - U19 team made up of four separate associations and have bonded well
  - Would like approval to create a special jersey that they could wear for this season only and would get to keep it at the end of the year
  - With being ordered so late, likely will only get to wear for Provincials
  - No change to the name just a different design. Confirmed that the design falls within the rules
  - No objections. Jersey approved
  - Field Directorate will be advised but there is nothing in policy that requires their approval.
  - Will have original jerseys as back up at Provincials if there is an issue
- Langley advises that TeamBC is holding tryouts on December 16 so that may pose a conflict

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**Adjournment 8:26pm**

Motioned by: Tyson Craiggs

Seconded by: Angie Reid