



# PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

## Tuesday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Meeting Minutes – Women's & Youth

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**Call to Order 7:06pm**

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**Roll Call**

**Attendees (26):**

Brad Romano – Chair	Chilliwack – Jenna Noppen
Cal Davies – 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Delta – Michael Miele
Stacy Paterson – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	Langley – Alex Vanichuk, Gerald Wartak
Angie Wolfe – Secretary	Mission – Jason Hughlett, Jason Lindh
Mary Clare – Head Commissioner	New West – Julie Edgar, Bill Tyler
Susan dos Santos – Youth Officials Allocator	North Shore – Shannon Webber
Angie Reid – Women's Officials Allocator	Port Coquitlam – Kristen Sheidow
Pam Mason – U11 Commissioner	Richmond – Greg Paterson
Jackie White – U12 Commissioner	Ridge Meadows – Robb Alexander, Jaime Yerbury
Ryan Nose – BCLA Vice Chair Field Officials	Surrey – Jeff Glass
Adanacs – Dennis Santucci	Valley – Karen Cameron
Burnaby – Jackie White	

**Absent (8):**

Lynda Callard – Treasurer/Registrar	Mike Ortutay – U13 Commissioner
Nicole Kokoska – Director at Large	Victoria Hatch – U15W Commissioner
Ceayon Johnston – U7/U8 Commissioner	Kathy Martinez – U19 Commissioner
Roger Paterson – U9 Commissioner	Vancouver

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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 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes**

Motion to accept:

Seconded: Bradley Foster

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**Women's Club Reports:**

- Mission
    - Happy to say that they have certified umps now. Thank you to Angie Reid for helping with training and mentoring of the new umps
    - Excited to be able to host 3 home games
  - Ridge Meadows
    - Willing to host female provincials again. Waiting to see if they are able to get field time
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**Chair Report:**

## Field Directorate update:

- No solid host yet for Women's Provincials. Need a club to step to up in order to give the women a tournament.
- 2023 Women's Nationals needs a host.
- FD is actively looking for a host for the U11 Tournament. There is one club reviewing the option, but time is running short, so if you are able to host, please let Trish know.
- Island missed releasing some women players so they can play together. FD voted to approve the late transfers.

## PCFLL update:

- We have transitioned from Tiering to Fall Schedule without a tiering break.
- We were more aggressive in moving teams this year but due to the compressed timeline we weren't able to notify teams ahead of the changes. Thanks to Angie W and Susan who worked to get the games scheduled and staffed in time to play last Sunday.
- Tiering teams up and down is an imprecise science at best. We try to make the best decisions we can with the information we have on hand. We will not always get it right but we make decisions coming from a place of wanting the best for all the teams involved. Upon making some of the changes, we heard directly from several levels, coaches, reps, and even club executive who are not field reps. As an executive, we felt we tried to communicate in advance as much as we could, but our takeaway is that better communication is needed.
- Would like to encourage those that are interested to start thinking about ways we can improve the overall season start and tiering process in general. Our door is open to suggestions.
- Work continues on playoff format. Expect to present at the December meeting
- Weather is going to start to become a factor. Please make sure your coaches and managers are aware of policies on games affected by weather including policies on who to notify and paying officials.
- We have some outstanding payments due to officials. In an effort to pay officials as quickly as possible, Susan will provide the information for the official to be paid by etransfer. Teams will have two weeks to pay the official from the date of the game in question.
- I have requested that the Field Directorate look at our Officials Mentoring Program funding and I have invited them to participate in helping fund that. Will be working with Ryan and Angie R on an official proposal.
- Reminders:
  - Clubs are responsible for understanding the policies of the League and the Field Directorate.
  - The League will not respond to emails from parents regarding club or League matters unless it is a formal complaint or serious policy matter. If parents address smaller issue with your club, it is up to you to determine whether or not to address it during a league meeting.

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

- Nothing to report

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

- Nothing to report

**Secretary:**

- Please make sure that teams are aware of proper TBR procedures and who to notify. Multiple emails have been sent as reminders
- Schedules are out to the end of fall season. Please advise your clubs if they have changes or TBR to address them as soon as possible.

**Treasurer:**

- Absent, no report submitted

**Head Commissioner:**

- League continues without many issues
- U7 complaint received regarding not all teams following the U7 rules
  - Some teams do not realize there are rules specific to that division.
  - U7 intro letter resent together with an up to date contact list and the U7 rules.
  - U7 rules also sent to ref allocators and vice chair of refs so officials can be advised accordingly
  - Reminder that these are entry level refs so they may be intimidated by coaches who are not wanting to adhere to guidelines or trying to impose the “own” rules.
  - I advise associations to your coaching coordinator should be helping familiarize the U7 coaches with these rules. Commissioner are not here to teach the coaches the rules, just to make sure the rules are adhered to.
- Suspensions
  - When a game report is issued by an official, it is the commissioner’s position to investigate the penalty and the report, speak to the official and ascertain whether or not a suspension is warranted. Any suspension we levy is according to the Field Directorate rules and policies

**Youth Officials Allocator:**

- Continue to be running short on officials and TBRs are likely each week
- Having issues with teams not having travel fees to pay refs at the field. Request that teams have additional funds at the field in the event they have a travel ref. Continuing to communicate to teams when they have an out of area official on their game.
- Will communicate with teams who cancel games and officials require payment.

**Head Female Officials:**

- Things have been running smoothly for the most part
- Mentoring began last weekend with great success

**Meeting Discussion:**

- Jamborees/Year End Tournament
    - Ridge likely to host U11 tournament
    - Adanacs will be hosting U9 jamboree on Dec 18
    - Still looking for a club to host U7 jamboree
  - Valley would like to know when the women’s schedule will be posted. May need some field time for youth TBRs
    - Expected to be next week but if there are field times needed, please let Stacy know and she will work the women’s schedule around it
  - Surrey offers to host a U7 jamboree in early January if it can be held in a single day. Field available 2:30-10:00pm. Will work the PCFLL further on this
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**Adjournment 7:50pm**

Motioned by: Angie Reid

Seconded by: Stacy Paterson