



PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

August 25th, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Girls & Youth

Attendees:

Roger Terhune – Chair	Delta – Greg Leong
Kelly Scott – 1 st Chair	Langley – Gerald Wartek
Stacy Paterson – 2 nd Chair	Mission – Owen Munro
Angie Wolfe – Secretary	New West – Bill Tyler
Lynda Callard – Treasurer/Registrar	Port Coquitlam – Kristen Sheidow
Angie Reid – Head Umpire	Richmond – Greg Paterson
Tyson Craiggs – U5 Commissioner	Ridge Meadows – John Olson
Ceayon Johnson – U7/U8 Commissioner	Surrey – Ian Tyerman/Simon Upshon
Adanacs – Dennis Santucci/Mindy McIlhargey	Valley – Curtis Pederson
Burnaby – Brad Romano	Vancouver – Shawn Donahue
Chilliwack – Tyler Crompton	

Absent:

Trish Keizer – Past Chair	Karen Hertslet – U15 Commissioner
Jody Weatherby – Head Referee	Cal Davies – U15 Commissioner
Roger Paterson – U9 Commissioner	Mary Clare – U18 Commissioner
Pam Mason – U11 Commissioner	North Shore
Stacy Hemmerling – U12 Commissioner	

Call to Order: 7:01pm

Acceptance of the Aug 4th minutes:

- Motion to accept: Kelly Scott
- Seconded by: Greg Leong

Additions to Agenda

- None

Reports:

Chair:

- Nothing to report due to lack of communication from Jeff Gombar
- Very frustrated that emails and phone calls are not being returned. Unable to move forward without proper communication
- Request that associations contact Jeff Gombar (jeff@bclacrosse.com) and Gerry Van Beek (gerry@bclacrosse.com) directly to try to get their questions resolved
- In the Interior, only Kelowna has opened registration. No one on the Island has opened yet. If they do not open there will be no provincials. Roger suggests if that happens, we hold our own year-end tournament if so
- Kelly was able to have a conversation with Gerry Van Beek and Gord Kask and will share the content in his report

1st Vice chair:

- Gerry and Gord has shared the following information regarding return to play:
 - BCLA was hoping to have something out to all clubs today regarding phase 3 but did not happen
 - Will be playing in cohort groups of 4 teams
 - Soft, semi contact start. Will be stick checking
 - No face offs. Coin toss to determine initial possession. After goals, possession from goal crease
 - Loose balls will be closest to the ball as called by refs
 - Incidental contact will be allowed
 - Social distancing on the benches, coaches to wear masks
 - By January we should be in full game mode
 - Game time will be 48 minutes, two 20 min halves to allow time between games
 - Gerry aware of frustrations from associations, was not aware of the conversation with Gord Kask from our previous meeting
 - Some sports are saying players cannot play multiple sports because of cross infection. This is not true. ViaSport does not limit the amount of sports that kids can play
 - Delay with BCLA phase 3 could be related to referees. Have to make sure the rules work for them
 - Gerry would like to see season start around Sept 20
- We should be opening registrations for all associations as soon as possible
- Possible cohorts have already been created but need declarations to confirm status

2nd Vice chair:

- Nothing to report
- Will confer with Sydney and Kelly to create RTP cohort groups for girls

Secretary

- New release process is complete but waiting on BCLA to approve the new policy

Treasurer/Registrar

- Nothing to report

Head Umpire

- Girls' will be using the 2018-2019 FIL rule book for this season
- Questions on the stick list so will get back to you
- No dates for umpire clinics

Head Referee

- Absent

Association Reports:

Adanacs:

- Wants to clarify that we are actually going forward with game.
 - It's up to PCFLL when to start season
 - How quickly can we get declarations done and teams formed?

Burnaby:

- Opened registration 10 days ago. So far numbers are ok not great
- Would like to see games starting after Thanksgiving to enable team selections and get coaches trained
 - Other associations agree that the Sept 20 timeline is too tight
 - Coach and refs clinics not even announced
 - Not enough time to do proper evaluations
 - Many parents waiting to register when they find out when games will begin
 - Some players are getting ref training for the new system with the ULL

- Maximum team size is going to be 18. Could potentially be many releases
- There may be pushback on the 18 player limit
- Total number at the field can only be 50 as per Province of BC rules
- Coaches and other volunteers do not count in the cohort but do count to max 50 people at the field

Chilliwack:

- Registration is open. Good numbers in most divisions but no U18 registered so far
- Has spoken to Abbotsford about potentially joining U18 team
- No deadline set
- Abbotsford is holding a box camp that they have invited Chilliwack to join.
 - Would like to know how this happened as usually camps are not allowed to overlap field season and vice versa
 - Concerned that it is an 8-week program and will take players away from field
 - Roger suggests that Hawks contact BCLA to find out if it is a sanctioned event
 - Curtis is not against the camp as it helps promote the sport and numbers are bad in Abby

Delta:

- Will not have enough players for a U15 girls' team. Would like to know if they can have releases done now so that those girls can begin practicing with accepting associations
 - Releases cannot be completed at this time because PCFLL needs to wait for team declarations to know what other girls' teams are available to accept releases
 - Right now, only release for players going to academy schools are being processed
 - Players who are being released are NOT allowed to practice or play outside of their home association until their release has been completed

Langley:

- Registration opened August 16th. Numbers are lower than expected
- Expect to have a decent number of U19 girls so will have to have a conversation on how to structure that
 - Please contact Stacy directly for assistance

Mission:

- Registration has been opened about a week. Numbers are lower than expected
- Expect that numbers will increase with the announcement of game play

New West:

- Have not opened registration yet. Were going to open it last week but had heard about the new guidelines so held off
- Will we be voting on a season start date?

North Shore:

- Absent. Please confirm contact info for Shannon as this is second meeting missed

Poco:

- Haven't opened registration yet but expect to do so in the next few days

Richmond:

- Registration open with season A & B. Only have about 20 players total so far

Ridge Meadows:

- Have not opened registration yet as they were waiting for Phase 3 announcement

Surrey:

- Opened registration just over a week ago. Numbers lower than expected
- Started drop ins today. Low attendance but went smoothly

Valley:

- Registration open for a bit and on par for previous years
- Have two releases for players going to Vancouver Island for school

Vancouver:

- Registration was supposed to be open last week but hasn't happened yet
- Emailed all families to let them know to register

Motions

- Motion to set declaration meeting for September 15th
 - Motioned: Roger Terhune
 - Seconded: Kelly Scott
 - Motioned passed: 100% YES
- Motion to start games on October 10th
 - Motioned: Roger Terhune
 - Seconded: Angie Reid
 - Motion passed: 100% YES

New Business

- Season duration
 - Discussed pushing the boundaries of our season
 - Potentially working with high school to play into February
 - BCLA is going to ask if the week before Christmas and the week after Christmas can they have TeamBC players
 - Seems TeamBC players have priority over league players
 - How many games? 14-16 and do not skip weeks for Christmas
 - Many fields close over the Christmas break
 - How many fields close over Christmas? Chilliwack, Delta and Burnaby all confirm they do
 - Provincials is potentially booked February 14th weekend so would have to have 14 games to fit in
 - Start games Oct 10th and complete February 7th unless there are provincials then we have to save a weekend for crossover games
 - Can we push provincials into March?
 - We try not to because of high school provincials but we could if high school is not playing
 - No tournaments this year
 - No US players are allowed to come up this season

Adjournment @ 8:26pm

- Motion to adjourn: Bill Tyler
- Seconded by: Angie Reid

Next meeting via Zoom is declaration meeting scheduled for: Tuesday, September 15th @ 7:00 p.m.