



PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

Wednesday, Aug 10th, 2022

Meeting Minutes – Women's & Youth

Call to Order 7:07pm

Roll Call

Attendees (16):

Brad Romano – Chair
Cal Davies – 1st Vice Chair
Stacy Paterson – 2nd Vice Chair
Angie Wolfe – Secretary
Lynda Callard – Treasurer/Registrar
Angie Reid – Head Umpire
Adanacs – Mindy McIlhargey
Chilliwack – Logan Engel

Langley – Gerald Wartak
Mission – Jason Hughlett, Jason Lindh
New West – Bill Tyler
North Shore – Shannon Webber
Ridge Meadows – Robb Alexander (Women's), Jaime Yerbury
Surrey – Ian Tyerman (Women's), Jeff Glass (Youth), Sean Reid
Vancouver – Alex Miller

Absent (7):

Susan dos Santos – Referee Allocator
Mary Clare – Head Commissioner
Burnaby
Delta

Port Coquitlam
Richmond
Valley

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 June 14th meeting

Motion to accept: Logan Engel

Seconded: Stacy Paterson

Women's Club Reports:

Adanacs

- Nothing to report

Burnaby

- Absent

Chilliwack

- Only 2-3 females registered
- Have open field time at the end of the month so hoping to get registrations there

Langley

- Have solidified the date for ThunderStrike tournament as Thanksgiving long weekend
- Running U12 and U15 as tiers at ThunderStrike if there is enough participation

Mission

- Seem to have a large group of U12 this season
- There are a lot of U12 girls that are just moving up from U8. Is there a possibility of holding these smaller girls back?
 - There is a process for aging down players but if there is a group of players this would apply to, it should be a discussion with Brad, Stacy and Mission to be held separately
 - LTAD is recommending players should be at their physical level not necessarily their chronological age
- Should have some umps available this year as well

New West

- Nothing to report

Port Coquitlam

- Absent

Ridge Meadows

- Introduction of Robb Alexander who is the new director of female division
- Strong U12 and U8 numbers, interested in the conversation of what can be done with these groups

Surrey

- Numbers are trickling in, usually later in August when registrations pick up
- Looking forward to the ThunderStrike tournament

Women's Discussion:

- Stacy Paterson discusses the proposals for rule changes for U8 and U12 that she has received from Burnaby just after last year's provincials
- U8 and U12 have some wiggle room with rules. All changes must be approved by Field Directorate and any changes that are made will blanket the entire province.

U8 – More competitive play recommendation as submitted by Burnaby

Problem:

- *The U8W age group spans a wide range of ages 5 – 8 year olds.*
- *The current format with the empty net does not engage the 7 and 8 year old athletes would enjoy a more game-like and competitive environment*
- *Some coaches mentioned that a few girls will be registering for U7 and U9 youth teams next year for a more competitive format (And returning to women's lacrosse when aged for U12W) (perhaps this isn't a game format issue but a coaching issue with how they are teaching the game)*

Recommendation:

- *Implement the addition of a goaltender*

Discussion:

- May be a challenge to find 5th player for some team
- Would be beneficial to have U8, U10, U12 but there are not the numbers to accommodate this
- The LTAD is recommending a rejigging of the age groups to parallel youth (U7, U9, U11) so there will likely be a change if the BCLA adopts this
- Would there be any effect on the provincials or year-end tournament if a U10 division is brought in?
- Such a large skill and size discrepancy in U12
- Could we add shooter tutors instead of a goalie?
- Likely best to propose to the FD that option to allow a goalie or a shooter tutor if no goalie is available. To be decided by the coaches at the field
- Stacy & Brad will take discussion points to the Field Directorate

U12W – Revise the ‘2-pass rule’ to ‘2-goal rule’ as submitted by Burnaby

Problem:

- *The 2-pass rule introduces a style of game play that is detrimental to player development in the U15W division and competitive lacrosse.*
- *The 2-pass rule requires hard player-on-player defence to be successful – players need to chase their checks throughout the field regardless of sound positioning to prevent the 2-passes (opposing players are not a threat for a shot on goal unless the 2-passes are achieved)*
- *Players are not required to protect the 8m (‘House’ in box lacrosse) to be successful*
- *Players should be chasing down their checks beyond the 12m fan to prevent the 2 required passes*
- *Ball movement is limited due to hard player-on-player defence throughout the field – no relief at the outside parameter for ball movement.*
- *Younger and less skilled players do not get a chance to carry the ball – they are unable to get free from their checks at anywhere on the field.*
- *Unlike the 2-pass rule seen in box lacrosse. The older age group is much more diligent and disciplined in playing tight defence.*

Recommendation:

- *Revise the ‘2-pass rule’ to ‘2-goal rule’ or 3-goal rule*
- *Any player can be a threat to shoot on goal at anytime. As a result, defending team is required to play good positioning*
- *Defending team will not chase their check throughout the field. They will need to protect the 8m – 12m area and be ready to slide/help.*
- *Dominant players are only limited to 2-goals and then required to pass to a team member – or assigned to defence.*
- *Players will not develop poor positional habits for U15W and competitive teams (Tendency to chase)*

Discussion:

- Goalie doesn’t have to stay in the net until there’s two passes. Almost an extra player on the field
- Mission suggests could there be a consideration to remove the drop down banner on the U12W net? Seem inequitable compared to U11? Supported by Ridge
- Ridge suggests going to a full field format and remove the fan
- Angie Reid clarifies that many of these issues will be addressed next year under the new LTAD plan
- Angie Reid would like to know if clubs have issue with checking around the shoulders?
- Field Directorate advocates for keeping the 2 pass rule but are looking at lowering the current 4 goal rule
- PCFLL female clubs support moving forward with a proposal to remove the 2 pass rule
- There is a lot of counter-development in the current format. The fans are a huge problem, people trip over them and some clubs use cones etc. It’s messy and inconsistent. No proper centerfield
- Stacy & Brad will address the proposals with the Field Directorate: Remove 2 pass rule, neutral on whether to remove drop downs, use full length field

Chair Report:

- Online Forms: the League has purchased an annual subscription to Jotform, an online form creation site.
 - Releases and one game permit will be online forms this season.
 - Contact information must be up to date, Angie will resend it with the minutes
 - Most of the forms will be posted over the next week or two
- PCFLL Executive agreed to a proposal from the Officials Group to provide partial funding for Officials going to BC Summer Games. There were no funds for regular per diems and the organisers were having difficulty recruiting officials to go. PCFLL provided \$545 to the Officials Group.
- Please remember to register for the various Special Sessions and BCLA AGM coming up.
- All clubs are asked to submit one name for a Commissioner position. This would give us more than enough names to work with and we can make the number of teams each Commissioner has to handle more manageable. Please email Angie with your nomination.
- We are also asking for your cost of an hour of field time so we can have that information on hand for forfeits and calculating costs. This is part of the contact form

- Field Directorate update:
 - Meeting on Wednesday August 3.
 - Beth attended the Lacrosse Canada Semi-Annual Meeting (SAM).
 - New age cohorts were approved for next year. The current understanding is that each MA needs to ratify the age groups. The impact, if BCLA adopts the changes, will be:
 - U18 youth goes to U19, U17 would be introduced as well,
 - Womens would go to:
 - U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17, U19.
 - Lastly, the divisions become true U-. Someone turning 15 in 2023 would play U17 that season, not U15.
 - All this needs to be ratified by the BCLA and we have not seen any proposals at this time as to if and when that will happen.
 - Nationals dates may change but TBD.
 - Sixes is being developed as its own Sector and will not be a part of Field.
 - That does not exclude BCLA from having it run under Field, but it's still TBD.
 - Likely useful if the PCFLL and Associations have a discussion this year about being able to support it.
 - Kellie Ohlmann attended SAG for Women's Field
 - New Sector Chair, Heidi Bates from Alberta
 - PCFLL thanks Brad Hara who many of you know, for his years of service as the Sector Chair.
 - Manitoba and Saskatchewan have joined the Women's sector.
- Women U19 - Sixes format is being considered.
 - PCFLL has sent a survey to all U19 players that we have info for to see if it is a desired change or not.
 - Going to let the survey run until Friday and then will send the results to the Field Directorate
 - Coquitlam concerned that smaller teams will now require more field time and more coaches, when we have already been delayed this season. This could be a challenge
- Please make sure you send any Registrar changes to the BCLA office
- Tournaments
 - 3 tournament applications so far: Coquitlam's Big Al, Langley Thunderstrike, WestCoast Cup for Ridge
 - Potential change to policy next year, moving to a single tournament deadline in the summer instead of "60 days prior" to the tournament - just something to be aware of.
- Provincials
 - Zero provincial applications have been received.
 - Application deadline extended to Sept 22.
 - Discussion about moving the application deadline to the spring when it seems most clubs have to have their field requests in for the following year.
 - We have time for some discussion here - has anyone discussed or are they interested in hosting this year?
 - Mission had a discussion but unfortunately, they do not have field time.
 - Would have liked to host female Provincials
 - Jason will approach the topic again
 - Surrey may be interested in hosting a Provincials
 - We don't want Provincials not to happen because of lack of hosts

1st Vice Chair:

- Have updated our website to LacrosseShift. Should not notice a huge change, a little more streamlined

Treasurer:

- Approximately \$30,000 in the bank

Head Umpire:

- Umpire clinic schedule should be out in the next week or two. Some in Sept and one in Oct

Meeting Topics:**Proposed Season Calendar**

- Draft season calendar is reviewed
 - Registration has been delayed and we may need to look at adjusting our dates
 - Women's season will start with the Big Al tournament on Sept 24th
 - Declaration and release deadlines are all tied to the season start date
 - All clubs agree that registration is slow due to late start date
 - Aug 30 hard declaration date does not seem feasible now
 - Moving declarations to Sept 6 would effect Sept 10 start date
 - Looks like everything needs to move forward a week
 - This means that we would only have 3 weeks of tiering
 - Three weeks of tiering would work for some divisions but the larger divisions would be a challenge
 - Would likely not have a tiering break for the large divisions and we have a look as we go
 - Soft declarations will be moved to Aug 23 and hard declarations Sept 6
 - Release deadlines will be Aug 26 and Sept 9
 - Will need to review Sept 29-Oct 2 for the Ridge tournament
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Club Reports:

- Brad asks for any club reports
 - None are presented
 - No new business
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Adjournment 8:24pm

Motioned by: Ian Tyerman

Seconded by: Bill Tyler