

**Vancouver Island Field Lacrosse League**  
**General Meeting minutes, August 9, 2021 @6:30pm Zoom Meeting**

**In Attendance:** Tammy McDougall, Dylan Taylor, Brande Terris, Connie Schaad, Wes Tyre, Naomi Walser, Bryan Baxter, Jason Hassey Tyson Leies, Bryan Kish, Liz Hyland and Jeff Armstrong.

**1. Call meeting to order:** 6:35pm

**2. Adoption of previous Minutes:** Motion by Dylan, seconded Brian K, Carried.

**3. Additions and adoption of Agenda:** no additions. Motion by Tyson, seconded Brande. Carried.

**4. Association attendance/Fines:** none.

**5. Correspondence:** no correspondence.

**6. Old Business/Business arising from previous minutes:** none arising.

**7. Board reports**

a) **Chair:** *Tammy MacDougall: Officials special session registration deadline is Sept 2, 4pm. Event to be held Oct 11, 2021. BCLA AGM is Oct 16, 2021 by Zoom. Deadline to register is Thu Oct 7, 2021. Provincials hosting application deadline is Aug 12, 2021. Town Hall meeting dates have been proposed, not confirmed yet. Last Field Directorate meeting was June 30, 2021. Upcoming FD meeting soon.*

b) **Vice Chair:** *Dylan Taylor: needs to do the commissioner contacts, will tend to this soon.*

c) **Treasurer:** *Brande Terris: No changes from previous report. Dylan motions that Treasurer report has not changed. Brian K seconded. Carried.*

d) **Secretary:** *Connie Schaad: no report, first meeting as new secretary.*

e) **Head Coach:** *Position vacant at this time.*

f) **Head Official:** *Wes Tyre: Locations needed for clinics, it's been challenging so far. He's hoping to use VIU for locations for clinics to be held. Clinics and locations TBD for coaches and officials.*

g) **Women's Field:** *Naomi Walser: There's a clinic in Sept Naomi plans to go to. No other associations currently plan to have women's field lacrosse at this time.*

h) **Scheduler:** *Brande Terris: Asks for associations to get field times to her for August 30, 2021 to arrange the rough draft for islands' scheduling.*

i) **Webmaster:** *Dylan Taylor: nothing to report*

j) **Indigenous Development Coordinator:** *Bryan Baxter: Has requested time at VIU to run the classroom portion of the clinics, class portion and field portion will be conducted the same day. No partnership with Isparc at this time. BCLA has a grant to distribute equipment for the Spirit Lacrosse Program (Indigenous), nets are a possibility. Discussion re: 6x6 play: There is a Lacrosse Canada committee that is looking at how to implement Sixes Lacrosse, Field Lacrosse has full IOC recognition & at 2028 Olympics in LA. Associations are encouraged to try 6v6 version, but won't be changing over from 10 on 10.*

**8) Commissioners Reports:** \*none for this meeting.

1. U7/U9
2. U11
3. U13
4. U15
5. U18

## **8. Association Reports:**

a) **Nanaimo:** Jeff Armstrong: They have a new website and in the process of shutting the old one down. Hosting an opening day event August 21, 10 am, at Merle Logan field. Other associations are invited to attend, a donated lunch is going to be provided. Coaches are coming out, an alumni game with former players. They would like to invite other island associations to attend. Jeff has met with a First Nations Chief to collaborate on something together. Tyson suggests email invite for all associations to receive and forward to contacts to share invite. Jeff will email details to Connie Schaad and she will forward to association presidents.

b) **North Island:** Connie Schaad: Registration is open. Hosting drop ins this week in CR and next week in Courtenay for recruiting and introducing players to lacrosse. Finally got sometime on the Courtenay turf field for two dates for this. Waivers to be signed. Our field allocator will be attending this year's meeting for the Courtenay turf and speaking up for our association to be allowed some use of this field.

c) **Mid-Island:** Naomi Walser: Keeping play local and in house, possibility to play other teams but will see how it goes. Registration will be happening soon.

d) **Oceanside:** Jason Hassey: Registration is open; U11/U13/U15 have some registered in each.

e) **Pac Rim:** Tyson Leies: Had an issue with the team page on their website, registration started last Friday. Just shy of 30 kids so far. Have good parent/non parent coach volunteers in each age group. Pac Rim had their AGM, some position to fill. U18 is a question at this time and TBD, he thinks schools and for profits are affecting numbers. Good following for girls so far and they'll see what happens, possibility they'll proceed the same as last year regarding girls registering. He's hopeful for the year.

f) **Victoria Field/Juan de Fuca:** Liz Hyland: They are now Juan de Fuca, Ryan will be the President now, not Liz, from now on. Registration is open, 80 kids so far. Field times next week, may do trials.

Open Discussion on associations' numbers and what they could look like. What does promoting our sport look like?

Contributions include using social media platforms, Facebook advertising, reaching out to elementary schools and inquire to submit to PAC newsletters (especially in Spring), and other methods as most association have low numbers, or are anticipating low numbers for registration. More discussion regarding Nanaimo association's opening day event, still early to be overly concerned regarding registered player numbers, suggestions to reach out to media and social media.

## **10. New Business**

1. **Playing Season:** After discussion regarding dates for official and coaching clinics, it is determined that season will start September 25 & 26th 2021. Dylan Taylor motions to utilize flexibility for an extension to the policy for August 31 deadline to allow more time for registration numbers to grow. Bryan Kish seconds. Carried.

**11. Next meeting: September 8, 2021. 6:30 pm** \*next agenda to include U18 and teams.

**12. Motion to adjourn:** Motioned Tyson, seconded Connie. Carried. Adjourned 7:35pm.