



PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

October 6th 2015 Minutes - Youth

Attendees: Chris Comeault – Chair, Jason Kump – 1st Vice chair, Kellie Ohlmann – 2nd Vice chair, Trish Keizer – Secretary and U15 Commissioner, Tracy Dolbec – Treasurer, Jen Bebb – Registrar, Jody Weatherby – RIC, Beth McLucas – Past Chair, Stacy Hemmerling – U7 Commissioner, Roger Paterson – U9 Commissioner, Ceayon Johnston – U13 Commissioner and Richmond, Mary Clare – U18 Commissioner, Randy Radonich (Adanacs), Trevor Webber (Burnaby), Curtis Smith (Delta), Alex Vanichuk (Langley), Sherie Isbister (New West), Tim McNulty (North Shore), Roger Terhune (Poco), Ron Williams (Ridge Meadows), Brad Connolly (Valley), and Regina Villanueva (Vancouver)

Absent: U11 Commissioner, Mission, and Surrey

Call to Order: 7:15 p.m.

Review and acceptance of the September 8th minutes:

- Motion: Roger Terhune
- Seconded by: Tracy Dolbec
- Carried

Reports

Chair:

- releases
 - misunderstanding regarding releases
 - clubs need to let parents know what the release process is
 - the PCFLL executive will look at requests, but players are 'sent' where there is a need
 - confusion regarding grandfathering
 - not grandfathered to the team you are released to
- U18 and Zone 2
 - first week of the Zone 2 team playing our U18 teams
 - played Ridge 1
 - counted as a league game
 - the Interior has field time available until November (end???)
 - PCFLL teams will have to travel once to the Interior
 - away games starting October 25th
 - Saturdays
 - turf field in Vernon
 - possibility of sending 2 teams up to play an 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. game

1st Vice-chair

- clarification on playing up 3 games in Tier 1
 - 3 max. (including Tiering)
 - no call-up permits needed, except U18 to Senior
 - U18 Tier 2 can call-up from U15 Tier 1
 - in the past, U18 did not Tier
 - the Operating Policy will need to be changed (in April)

2nd Vice-Chair:

- nothing to report

Treasurer:

- currently have \$36 305.43
 - 3 outstanding cheques

Registrar:

- trial of trying to do registration paperless
 - New West, Coquitlam, and Ridge Meadows
 - everyone else, same as before
- registration money goes to Tracy
 - October 15th deadline
 - although the BCLA office will be closed

Secretary:

- nothing to report

Head Referee:

- all clinics are over
 - would like to have another one
 - possible if there is enough interest
 - went with paperless registration for clinics
 - seemed to work
 - will try with Box
- JOCAP panel
 - zero tolerance re: abuse of officials
 - officials and coaches working jointly
- U9
 - modified field
 - looking for feedback
 - 7 vs 7 works better
 - 10 vs 10 too many on the field
 - limited contact seems to be working
- U7
 - feedback?
 - seems to be working
- problem with the Interior and getting refs
- is there a need for a score keeper's and time keeper's book?
 - will send out an electronic copy
- Ridge tournament
 - U9, U11, and U13
 - 49 games and has 6 refs
 - needs more referees
 - would like senior refs to evaluate

Past Chair:

- Field Directorate: regional teams
 - registration up and on-line
 - for U15s

Commissioners' Reports

Head Commissioner:

- nothing to report

U7:

- score sheets are an issue

U9:

- drop downs
 - everyone seems happy
- scores are where they should be
- no complaints about refs
- score sheets are getting there
- would like clarity on 'unnecessary roughness' vs 'body check'
- field size
 - all seem happy
- player numbers
 - some want 10 vs 10
 - some want 8 vs 8

U11: Absent

U13:

- going well
- game sheets are an issue

U15:

- all going well
- some re-alignment after Tiering

U18:

- one game, no report
- Zone 2 did not pay for a referee when down here (Ridge game)
 - issue has been addressed

Club Reports

Adanacs:

- issue with finding equipment and fields
- had to release some players

Burnaby:

- number steady
 - 114 players
 - 1 extra team this year (U7)
 - have 3 U18 players coaching this team
- issue with referees being paid extra fees for gas fare and tolls
 - read an email thread from September 19 with Jody Weatherby (see attached)
 - some clubs are okay with the extra fee
 - concern that this will become a 'bidding war' for refs and could cause animosity among the refs

- Burnaby is against paying extra fees
- discussion
- recommendation that refs should not expect travel money
- response from Jody
 - no longer will refs be scheduled three (3) games in a row
 - no longer will refs be scheduled four (4) games in a day

Delta:

- ref shortage
- registration numbers
 - a few less than last year
 - ~ 180s

Langley:

- coaches/managers meeting went well
- registration up from last year
 - >200
- coach for U18 Tier 2 needed

Mission: Absent

New West:

- releases to get signed
- U7 coaching issue

North Shore:

- no report

Poco:

- challenge with U15 teams
- Tier 1 has 16 players and Tier 2 has 12 players (4 were aged up)
 - parents are wanting the U13s to play back down
 - will move back to U13 and have 2 U13 teams
 - creating a U13 Tier 1 team
 - 1 U15 team instead of 2
 - stay with a Tier 1 team
 - a couple players will be quitting

Richmond:

- thank you to PCFLL for placing their U18 players
- will be reducing their field time
 - 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Ridge Meadows:

- tournament is almost sold out
- registration numbers are up, but need more field time

Surrey: Absent

Valley:

- first year of re-building
- had to fold their U9 team
 - absorbed into their U11 team
 - game time 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Vancouver:

- registration numbers are good
- U7 Jamboree
 - Vancouver Parks Board said 'no' to December
 - suggestion to have it in January
 - has also talked to another association to 'join forces'

New Business

- drop downs
 - can get them at Fraser Valley Tarp and Ties
 - contact Gary
 - Roger Terhune can get free 'cloth' drop downs
 - from Extreme
 - has a company logo, though
 - permitted for use, but not at Provincials
 - will order two sets per club
- portable creases
 - originally ordered from the States
 - Jason will find out the cost from Ice Level Sports
- 2011 players
 - propose having a drop-in
 - looking at about one hour
 - have clubs rotate hosting
 - need to register these kids
 - will need to do a hard copy registration
 - will find funds to purchase pinnies
 - hosting clubs could provide coaches
 - have skill development and fun scrimmages
 - would like to start after the BCLA AGM
 - New West is doing this now on Wednesdays and Saturdays

Adjournment: @ 9:10 p.m.

- Motion: Alex Vanichuk
- Seconded by: Roger Terhune
- Carried

Next meeting scheduled for: Tuesday, November 3rd @ Centennial Community Centre

Email thread read by Trevor Webber (Burnaby)

On Sep 19, 2015, at 9:22 PM, "Jody Weatherby" Jody.weatherby@gmail.com<mailto:jody.weatherby@gmail.com>> wrote:

Hi Trevor,

You asked the question so I will answer the best I can,

- 1) Every club have shortages. This weekend only Abby, Coquitlam, Poco and Ridge were self-sufficient and did not need help. I am willing to bet these clubs will need help in the future as they have always asked for help. Even Burnaby needed one referee. One was sent originally from Surrey.
- 2) Every club are short referees mainly because of abuse. They are quitting in droves. If you were at the special session for coaches you would have had you voice to speak to this very issue. Here is the kicker. Even those clubs who have lots of referees, things happen every weekend. This weekend, for a good example... Delta had 5 games. Delta could only provide one referee as every referee in the association was playing an away game. This will happen to every club at some time this season.
- 3) Clubs are asking me, to ask the league, not to schedule certain teams away so they can referee. OMG... what a nightmare trying that. Failing that, as an added volunteer, I make it happen. We should be now be using a central allocator as that is pretty much what I am doing now.
- 4) It does not matter how many referee a club has...they still can't fill them all the games...all the time. Coquitlam has the most referees of all but last year I scheduled referees to them at least 50 percent of the time. Another perfect storm is players are playing, every referee adult is working shift work, injuries and referees now coach at the same time. I see this happen every year...this the epic perfect storm ...all set up for failure.
- 5) Gas to get to a U7 game is the same gas to get to a U18 game. A toll charge for U7 is the same for U18.

Game fees is indeed a voted on policy. If we think they should be increased that would indeed attract more people to referee.

Please do not think of this a bidding war. It is simple economics that referees figure out pretty quick. Case in point. Your club does not have a referee for your 2 pm Sunday (and it does not) Burnaby does not want to pay gas money.

In past years Abby paid \$15.00 for gas. The only referee available is from Surrey. Which game will he go to? Burnaby for no gas and a toll or Abby which pays \$15.00 and cheap Abby gas. Put it this way, Abby never had a problem getting referees. Young referees actually asked to go the Abby.

My fear is this. We might very well get to the point where there are not enough referees to fill the games. Now we have to cancel a game or so. Which game will get cancelled and who is going to make that decision? Referee will always go where they will be compensated for their time and expenses.

Like I said this is not mandatory. This is not game fees. I am just giving you all a reality check from referees world. If Burnaby does not want to participatethat is fine.

Thanks
Jody

From: trevor webber<mailto:trevswebb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2015 8:27 PM
Subject: Re: Referee Shortage

My few cents:

- 1) What clubs/associations have referee shortages?
- 2) Why are clubs/associations short of referees?
- 3) What steps can we, as a league do to assist those clubs/associations to ensure referees are available.

4) Is there a minimum number of referees needed at each club/associations?

5) What age division(s) would these extra fees be directed toward?

I do understand that some clubs/associations have set a precedent with paying extra to ensure referees. If this continues, we will be going down a slippery slope of a "bidding war" for referees. One for which I am not in favor of. It strikes at the heart of all youth sports of fairness.

If referees need to be paid more to offset costs associated with attending games, then this topic should be discussed in a formal manner at a league meeting, special session or an AGM.

I do believe that the league had voted on the current fee structure a short while ago, as per recommendations. However, that all being said, I myself as a professional have never been reimbursed by any company for which I worked for for travel time or costs associated with travel to or from a workplace.

Change of fees paid should be completed in a formal manner, as is all other league decisions.

Trevor Webber
President
Burnaby Field Lacrosse Club.

On Sep 19, 2015, at 2:36 PM, "Jody Weatherby" Jody.weatherby@gmail.com<mailto:jody.weatherby@gmail.com>> wrote:

Hi Gang,

I meant to bring this up at the last meeting but now it is more pronounced.

We have a massive shortage of referees for this weekend and I don't see it getting much better in the future. When we have a sheer shortage of numbers then an association has all their home club referees playing away games, we have hit the perfect storm. Clubs simply don't have any referees.

We are right on the border of cancelling games for lack of referees. I just this very moment finished assigning an extra 20 games that clubs could not fill.

I am sending referees from all over the lower mainland to fill games. The feedback from either the referee or the parents is tolls and gas money. Many referees have to borrow the family car and are expected to put gas in tank and then go over the toll bridge.

Some clubs are very good at offering gas money to out of city referees and others don't pay anything. We don't have a rule or policy about it so I am recommending to all associations to volunteer to pay an extra expense.

The basic economics is that referees will go to those who pay for expenses to get there. If you want referees for your games, please think about this or the numbers might dictate you might be the ones that don't get referees for your games.

In case you are wondering most clubs pay \$10.00 per referee and some pay more to ensure they get referees. I think it would be a good consistency rule if everyone paid the same but that is just my opinion.

If you are a club that is willing to pay extra...let me know so I can let the referees know, when they ask.

Thanks
Jody