



PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

November 3rd 2015 Minutes - Youth

Attendees: Chris Comeault – Chair, Kellie Ohlmann – 2nd Vice chair and Langley, Trish Keizer – Secretary and U15 Commissioner, Tracy Dolbec – Treasurer, Jen Bebb – Registrar, Beth McLucas – Past Chair, Roger Paterson – U9 Commissioner, Sandra Margetson – U11 Commissioner, Mary Clare – U18 Commissioner, Randy Radonich (Adanacs), Susanne Burns (Burnaby), Curtis Smith (Delta), Harpreet Grewal (Mission), Sherie Isbister (New West), Tim McNulty (North Shore), Roger Terhune (Poco), Kelly Scott (Ridge Meadows), Cam Davies (Surrey), David Goulet (Valley), and Regina Villanueva (Vancouver)

Absent: 1st Vice chair, RIC, U7 Commissioner, U13 Commissioner, and Richmond

Call to Order: 7:15 p.m.

Review and acceptance of the October 6th minutes:

- Motion: Kellie Ohlmann
- Seconded by: Tracy Dolbec
- Carried

Reports

Chair:

- teams in tournaments
 - it is a team's responsibility to get league games rescheduled
 - need to work this out with the commissioner
 - must be done before the end of December
 - for local tournaments only
- U11 goalies
 - cannot wear full gear
 - can cover knees if it conforms to the body
 - at U7 and U9 more lenient
 - see Head Referees report
- declaration for Provincials
 - deadline is Thursday, December 10th @ 4:00 p.m.
- Provincials
 - Field Directorate received one application
 - not Burnaby
 - will be in Langley during the Family Day week-end
 - Friday, February 5th – Monday, February 8th
- schedules
 - Fall Schedule will end on the week-end of December 5/6
 - will have the following week-end for reschedules
 - U7, U9, and U11 reschedules are not as imperative as U13 and up
 - New Year will have 3 weeks of scheduled play
 - January 10, 17, and 24th
 - wild card game(s) will be played on January 31st
- BCLA AGM
 - Dirk Rachfall will be working on changing the opening date for registration (opening the database)
 - could start registering in June

- U11 year-end tournament
 - February 12 – 14 in Coquitlam
 - 3 divisions
 - red, white, and blue
 - for any U11 team
 - 27 in the province
 - will still need to declare teams
 - deadline (most likely) December 10th
 - \$100.00 fee/team
- portable creases
 - Motion: The PCFLL will cover the cost of five (5) sets of portable creases. These are for clubs that need them.
 - seconded by: Randy Radonich
 - all in favour
 - carried
- 18 teams and the Interior
 - failed proposition
 - best of intentions
 - at meetings, there was lots of discussion, and no real objections

1st Vice-chair - absent

2nd Vice-Chair:

- nothing to report

Treasurer:

- deposited all but one club's registration fees
 - ~ \$45 000
 - need to pay for portable creases and portable fans (Girls)

Registrar:

- registration went well
- some late registrations coming in
 - ~ 1 753 players
 - ~ 104 teams

Secretary:

- nothing to report

Head Referee: Absent

- report submitted earlier and read out
- Coaches are reminded to tell their players that mouth guards are required to worn at all times while on the field.
 - Way too many teams are putting in their mouth guards for the starting ten ...then removing them upon substitution.
 - Referees will be instructed to call this as a personal foul.
- Coaches are reminded to use the honour system to strike out the players not in attendance at half time
 - referees have been reminded to fore fill this duty at half time
 - players must be in uniform with the required equipment to get credit for the game
- I have been working with Roger to "tweak " the rules for U9
 - these amended rules are to keep the rules as much as possible to the book and what was taught at the clinics

- for U7 we are lenient with the goal keepers equipment in the interest of safety
 - only at this division will we permit the goal keepers to wear hockey pants
 - NO hockey pants will be permitted in any other division
 - shin guards that cover the knee may be worn at this division only
 - for all the other divisions, if a shin guards are to be worn, they must conform to the body
 - soccer type shin guards may be worn as example as they conform
 - baseball catchers shin guards that covers the knee give the goal keeper an advantage and are therefore not permitted
 - if the referee declares that the equipment does not conform... no penalty shall be called and the goal keeper must be removed from the game before the game commences
- we are in a crisis situation for a short-fall of referees
 - please remind the coaches of the absolute zero tolerance of abuse
 - too many referees are quitting the program

Past Chair:

- Field Directorate/BCLA
 - Quesnel has a U18 team coming down
 - Vancouver and Adanacs will host them
 - will declare for Provincials
 - will speak to Jody to allocate refs
 - regional teams
 - Island: 18 registrations
 - PCFLL: 41 registrations
 - Interior: 7 registrations
 - might invite the Interior to join the PCFLL and make three teams
 - 1st team out and then two balanced teams
 - coaches
 - received 4 applications
 - Dave Showers has more
 - to be discussed at the Field Directorate meeting

Commissioners' Reports

Head Commissioner:

- nothing to report

U7: Absent

- report submitted
- a couple clubs struggling with numbers
 - eg. Adanacs
 - Randy to meet with parents
 - may need to merge
 - Burnaby, as well
 - 8 players
 - parents don't want to travel for an 8:00 a.m. game

U9:

- U9 rules
 - will discuss during New Business

U11:

- two teams were moved up and have been beaten badly

U13: Absent

- report submitted and read out
- game sheets require improvement
- a significant number of game sheets are missing important information
 - such as game number and team names
- otherwise things are going well
- quite a few U13 teams are going to the Seattle tournament
 - I have guided those teams on obtaining travel permits

U15:

- going well
- rescheduled are getting down

U18:

- things getting sorted out
- rosters coming in
- Zone 2 has been challenging

Club Reports**Adanacs:**

- thanks given for the 'bigger' meeting room
- thanks to Ron Williams and Ridge Meadows for hosting their tournament
- emphasis with coaches that skills are more important than winning
- would like to have everyone come out to the first Stealth game
 - wear jerseys
 - Regina will work on something
 - first game is January 9th

Burnaby:

- nothing to report

Delta:

- schedule conflict resolved

Langley:

- now going with one U18 team
 - Tier 1
 - oversized roster application submitted to FD
- will be hosting Provincials
 - would like each association to submit a set number of volunteers

Mission:

- thank you to schedulers and commissioners for helping U15s get their games in

New West:

- scheduling time resolved

North Shore:

- nothing to report

Poco:

- nothing to report

Richmond: Absent

- report submitted and read out
- The 6th ANNUAL ROADRUNNER ROMP 2015
 - held November 12-15 2015
 - will have U11, U13, U15 and U18 teams
 - games are tiered for U13 and U15 divisions, but not U18
 - held at Minoru Park Fields and Richmond High School
 - over 50 teams attending

Ridge Meadows:

- thanks to everyone for coming out to the tournament
 - thinking of adding a Girls division, U15 and allowing American teams

Surrey:

- use of Port Kells is limited
 - grass fields are an issue
- trying to secure time at Tamanawis Park

Valley:

- thank you to Ridge Meadows (tournament)
 - the U11s loved it
- would like to balance home games for U11 and U15
- would like home games to start @ 8:30 a.m.
 - U7 scheduled @ 9:00 a.m. should be okay
 - U15s could start @ 10:00 a.m.
- spoke with speaker (Drew) at the BCLA AGM
 - agreed that tiering should not start until U13

Vancouver:

- U7 Jamboree
 - working with Burnaby on this
 - looking at January 31st
 - 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 - 2 fields with 4 games at once
 - in Burnaby
 - would like teams to register by December 10th

New Business

- Registration package deadline – Randy Radonich
 - request to have registration package deadline moved to the first Wednesday after the BCLA AGM
 - will put submit this at our next AGM (PCFLL)
- U9 Rules – Roger Paterson
 - see attached
 - some teams want to go 10 vs 10
 - logistically impossible to make this a rule

- most teams are running 11 – 13 players a game
 - note from Jody:
 - issue with referees being mediators
 - poll teams to see what their preference is
 - will need 13 players minimum to play 10 vs 10
 - two rules that were confusing
 - ball hits drop-down
 - dead ball
 - 5 goal rule
 - losing teams gets free clear
 - if they score, have a face-off
 - will see how things 'pan' out
 - Motion: At U9, allow 10 vs 10 if there is a minimum of 13 players per teams and both coaches agree
 - Seconded by: David Goulet
 - 1 opposed, the rest in favour
 - Carried
 - also asked to deal with certain U9 coaches
 - being abusive and using social media
 - should be brought up to the coaches association
- U9 Jamboree
 - anyone interested in hosting?
 - 19 teams
- Motion: Cover cost of new portable creases
- Fall schedule
 - scheduling has been a nightmare due to limited field time
 - if there is not enough time, teams may have to buy time or will have to find field time on their own
- from Coaches association (Kelly Scott)
 - U7 and U9
 - can play big stick and attack for half a game
 - suspensions will be in place for coaches if this is not happening
 - fair play means even playing time
 - is developmental
 - will be cracking down on this

Adjournment: @ 8:57 p.m.

- Motion: Tracy Dolbec
- Seconded by: Beth McLucas
- Carried

Next meeting scheduled for: Tuesday, December 1st @ Centennial Community Centre

Rules For Allowing Some 10 on 10 Play in U9 Age Division

I was asked to revisit the possibility of allowing some 10 on 10 play at the U9 age division and under what circumstances we could allow it with it not being disruptive to the teams, referees and overall age division itself. After discussions with several people and reviewing comments and concerns from various teams and officials etc... this is what I have come up with that should provide some compromise on all sides. Note that I am not addressing any of the issues around what is the best format for the age division moving forward next season but only a temporary rule change that would allow some 10 on 10 play for the remainder of the season.

It should be noted that some teams cannot play 10 on 10, they simply do not have sufficient player attendance to do so. As it stands currently the majority of teams are fielding 14 or less players a game, there are a few teams that are running in the 15 - 19 player range but they are the minority. It is from this latter group where the biggest push for 10 on 10 play is coming from and lack of player field time is the generally stated reason for increasing the number. So the rules below are an attempt to satisfy both sides. This would need to be approved by the Associations before it could be put in play. We need to have rules around this as we do not want our young referees to be put in the positions of being field side mediators nor do we want teams to be bullied into playing 10 on 10 games when they don't want to.

- 1) Each of the U9 teams will be asked what their preference is with regard to 10 on 10 play their choice of response will be either:
 - A) No Preference
 - B) 8 on 8 Play Only. If the response is "A" then it means the decision to play 10 on 10 will be made at game time. If their decision is "B" then these games will be posted as 8 on 8 games on the schedule. Teams can let me know at any point in the season if they wish to change their preference.
- 2) A 10 on 10 game can only be considered if both teams have 13 or more players (including the goalie) on their bench. Coaches cannot mutually decide to play a 10 on 10 game if either team has less than the minimum 13 players required.
- 3) At game time one of the referees will poll each head coach, prior to the start of the game, as to whether the game will be 10 on 10 or 8 on 8. If one of the teams declares 8 on 8 and the other 10 on 10 the game will proceed as an 8 on 8 game (regardless if the team declaring 8 on 8 has more than the minimum number of players required for 10 on 10 play). If both teams declare they would like to play 10 on 10 the referees will verify that each team has a sufficient number of players and it will be indicated on the game sheet that the game was 10 on 10.
- 4) Field dimensions are not modified for 10 on 10 play and coaches cannot mutually decide to play with larger field dimensions.
- 5) Once the game starts as a 10 on 10 or an 8 on 8 game it is played that way for the entire games (i.e. regardless whether more players show up later or one team drops below the minimum because of player loss (i.e. injury, has to leave early etc...)).

If we implemented this rule, based on player attendance only, for the 45 games played thus far note the following:

- a) For a 13 player minimum in effect, 56% of the games would have been mandatory 8 on 8 games. The remaining 44% of games would have had an option of playing 10 on 10
- b) For a 14 player minimum in effect, 78% of the games would have been mandatory 8 on 8 games. The remaining 22% of games would have had an option of playing 10 on 10.

What this means is that 56% of the time at least one of the teams were playing with 12 players or less. The 14 player minimum indicates that 78% of the time at least one of the teams were playing with 13 players or less.

So the two issues are:

- I) Do the Associations want to permit some 10 on 10 play?
- II) If yes, are these rules acceptable?

If this is accepted, I will not be changing the Fall Schedule to put 10 on 10 teams against 10 on 10 teams. I am prepared to perhaps look at this for the winter schedule.

R. Paterson
U9 Commissioner