



PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

2015 AGM Minutes – Girls and Youth

April 23, 2016

Centennial Community Centre – New Westminster

Attendees: Chris Comeault (Chair), Jason Kump (1st Vice chair), Kellie Ohlmann (2nd Vice chair), Trish Keizer (Secretary), Tracy Dolbec (Treasurer), Jody Weatherby (RIC), Al Schonewille – Adanacs Girls, Randy Radonich – Adanacs Youth, Trevor Webber – Burnaby Girls and Youth, Curtis Smith – Delta, Kathy Lundrigan – Langley Girls, Alex Vanichuk – Langley Youth, Sherie Isbister – New West Girls and Youth, Tim McNulty – North Shore, Roger Terhune – Poco Girls and Youth, Ceayon Johnston – Richmond, Kelly Scott – Ridge Meadows Girls and Youth, Cal Davies – Surrey Girls and Youth, David Goulet – Valley, and Mike O'Connor - Vancouver

Absentees: Mission

Call to Order: @ 10:02 a.m.

Acceptance of the minutes from the last AGM:

- Motion: Randy Radonich
- Seconded by: Mike O'Connor
- carried

Business arising from the minutes:

- None

Acceptance of the agenda:

- Motion: Jason Kump
- Seconded by: Tracy Dolbec
- carried

Reports

Chair: See attached

- re: U18 team from Interior
 - Randy Radonich: play games on common ground eg. Hope
 - meet half-way
 - Chris Comeault: can't see this as being part of the regular schedule
- re: U7/U9 Jamboree
 - Randy Radonich: difficult to combine due to limited field time and space

1st Vice-Chair: See attached

2nd Vice – Chair: See attached

Treasurer: See attached

Registrar: See attached

- re: regional teams
 - Tracy suggests in future, they should look after their own finances – through the BCLA

RIC:

- too much abuse, not enough refs
- a lot of young refs
 - difficulty with keeping them
 - Dave Goulet recommends a scholarship for refs
 - discussion
 - Trevor Webber suggests setting up an apprenticeship program
 - Jody suggests having a central allocator next year for U13, U15, U18 and Senior
 - keep U7, U9, and U11 at the club level
- JOCAP policy should be in place for Field
 - currently being put in place for Box

Commissioners Reports

Head Commissioner: See attached

Girls: See attached

- Shona Wallace will be taking on a bigger role
 - may be the commissioner
 - allocating umpires and setting the schedules

U7: See attached

U9: See attached

- comment: option of 8 vs 8 and 10 vs 10 worked well

U11:

- Provincial tournament went well and was well run
 - some issues with coaches being too competitive

U13: See attached

- discussion on tiering and movement
 - rethink rule re: divisions with multiple teams
 - one Tier 1 and one Tier 2
 - why not two Tier 2, if the players are weak

U15: See attached

U18: See attached

- as a general comment, Dave Goulet would like to see consistency with commissioners' reports

Operating Policy Amendments:

- See attached

Election of PCFLL Executive:

- 1st Vice chairperson
 - PCFLL executive nominates Jason Kump
 - seconded by Trish Keizer

- Tracy Dolbec casts the vote
- carried
- Secretary
 - PCFLL executive nominates Trish Keizer
 - seconded by Tracy Dolbec
 - Tracy Dolbec casts the vote
 - carried
- Treasurer
 - no nominees
 - ask membership to see if there is anyone interested in the position

New Business

- cover the cost of repairs to the canopies in Langley from the Provincials
 - Randy Radonich makes a motion recommending the PCFLL cover the cost
 - Trevor Webber seconds
 - carried
- sticks and goggles on hand for female drop in clinics for new players to use.
 - 25 sticks and goggles
 - ~ \$35.00/stick
 - suggestion to use NCAA sticks
 - ~ \$30.00/goggle
 - also purchase 2 shooter tutors
 - Jason will look at options
 - Kellie Ohlmann makes a motion to approve the above purchases
 - seconded by Trevor Webber
 - carried
 - may get some funding from the BCLA
- bursary
 - Tracy received six applications
 - this year's recipient is Matthew McIlwrick (Adanacs)
- Head Coach (Youth and Girls)
 - someone with experience with field
 - could be the same person
 - there is a great need for one
 - go back to clubs and see if there is any interest
- Head Umpire
 - great need for one
 - Sydney Hara stepped up this year
- Coaching Symposium – Randy Radonich
 - hand-out given to everyone
 - on the Saturday, guest speaker
 - hoping for Matt Brown (coach at Denver)
 - Trevor Webber highly recommends people attend
 - ~ \$30.00/person
- BC Summer Games
 - PCFLL (Zones 3, 4, and 5)
 - May 15 deadline to register
 - get word out to 2001 and 2002 players
 - great opportunity
 - held in Abbotsford

- Trevor Webber coaching (Zone 4)
 - Karen Peterson managing
- Shawn Donohue for Zone 5
- Chris Comeault is the co-ordinator for Zone 3
- U19 Worlds – David Goulet
 - asking for a grant for hosting referees
 - ~ 45
 - would like to supply each with an equipment bag
 - looking for about \$500.00 to \$1000.00
 - will put the PCFLL logo on them
 - Motion put forth by David Goulet: to put \$25.00/person grant to help buy bags for referees at the u19 Worlds
 - carried
 - Tracy will send a cheque to Randy Clough for \$1000.00
- Issue with Drop-in clinics – Randy Radonich
 - Junior and Varsity (U14 →U18)
 - in preparation for Canada Cup
 - Adanacs will go forward with drop-ins regardless of BCLA denial to their request
 - needs to have more than one voice
 - similar to boys eg. BMS
 - reps are asked to go back to their clubs
 - send a response to Greg Toll
 - do not be antagonistic
 - express concerns
 - want to develop the sport
 - want to work with Box
 - priority is Box in Box season
 - priority is Field in Field season

Adjournment: @ 12:17 p.m.

- Motion: Trevor Webber
- Seconded by: Tracy Dolbec
- carried

2015/2016 PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE – CHAIR’S REPORT

I want to thank all PCFLL executive members, commissioners, RIC, registrar and clubs reps for their hard work to make this season successful. Thank you also to all the volunteers from Langley, Port Coquitlam, Burnaby/Vancouver and Coquitlam who donated their time to help out by hosting Provincial Tournaments and Jamborees.

The female divisions had their positives and struggles. An increase in numbers in U12 and U15 allowed us to field 8 teams in each division. Unfortunately the drop in U19 numbers saw us try 7 and 7 at the season start and then a 2 team scrimmage in order to play games. I do feel with the opening of field registration moving to May 16, and being able to register players as young as 5 years old this will give us a chance to grow the younger base of players which we need.

I want to encourage all clubs with or without a female program to promote the younger ages. We will find a place for these girls to play either by releasing them to existing clubs with female teams or, depending on numbers, run skills drop ins etc. The growth in female must come from the younger ages in order for the older divisions to be successful.

We did try to play a series of exhibition games with the Island female teams but the lack of available field time and carded Umpires made this difficult. The Island will again want to try and make this happen next season - field time permitting.

In the Youth divisions, we did see an increase in the amount of teams in the younger ages and also were able to tier the U18 division.

Again, with the earlier opening of registration, clubs will be able to promote field in schools and allow them to get an earlier idea of player numbers. This should help the team declaration process and also potentially help reduce the amount of release requests.

The Interior is still interested in games with PCFLL teams and we will discuss this further when we are closer to next season.

I want to encourage all clubs to make an effort to send a representative to all meetings next season. We did have a number of monthly meetings without all clubs in attendance. No fines were levied and I do not want to go that route but there were communication issues where some associations were not aware of what was discussed at our meetings.

Three of the issues specifically where lack of communication was a problem were the release process, roster sizes and U9 Youth game format. Not all association executives and coaches in the case of roster size and the U9 format were informed of our discussions. So communication must be improved going into next season.

As smooth as the year end Tournaments and Jamborees were, I would still like to see any associations interested in hosting one of these events not only discuss with your home executive as soon as possible, but look at going back to combining the Female U12 and U15 the same weekend and also see if we can combine the U7 and U9 Jamborees into one weekend, again field availability being the deciding factor.

Chris Comeault
PCFLL Chair

2015/2016 PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE – 1st VICE CHAIR’S REPORT

The PCFLL had another great season - 2015/16. My first season as 1st VC was enjoyable. The PCFLL helped host the provincials in Langley, this year, and it was a great team effort.

The league continues to grow and get stronger each year. The PCFLL wants to help with the development of lacrosse. As a result, there were purchases of new drop downs and creases. These will make sure all of our associations have them, if needed, when hosting jamborees and tournaments. Also, with the purchase of portable fans, for the girls, the associations can host more games where fields have no lines for provincial/ tournament play.

We still find that some associations need to step up to take on PCFLL positions. All associations will need to participate if we want the league to continue and have success.

Moving forward, our goal should be a diverse representation from all associations.

Thank you,

Jason Kump
PCFLL 1st Vice Chair

2015/2016 PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE – 2nd VICE CHAIR'S REPORT

U12 Girls

The U12 division saw growth in their number of teams this year. This division had 8 teams in the 2015/2016 season - Coquitlam, Ridge Meadows 1, Ridge Meadows 2, Langley, Port Coquitlam

There were 4 U12 teams in the 2013/2014 season and 6 teams in the 2014/2015 season.

The U12 division continues to play 7v7.

U15 Girls

2015/2016

8 U15 teams this season – Burnaby, Coquitlam # 1 & Coquitlam # 2, Langley, New Westminster, Port Coquitlam, Ridge Meadows, Surrey.

2015/2014

5 teams

2013/2014

5 teams

U19 Girls

This season saw changes to the U19 game format. Initially the season began with a 7v7 format – this format was thought to be a viable option as the number of registrants was again low. This 7v7 format option would enable there to be 4 teams – eliminating the 3 team format issues that were experienced in the 2014/2015 season.

Travel was also given as an option for this U19 group. Players had the opportunity to attend the Turkey Shoot tournament in Redmond, Washington. 18 players confirmed their attendance to this tournament; however by game day there were only 11 players that made the trip.

Mid season – the teams requested a change in the format to “sticks in”. This was to allow for full field play. Unfortunately, due to low attendance at both the practices and the games, the U19 group chose not to continue past December.

Negative feedback was received from several released players that were not being given practice times, as the association to which they were released were not running U19 practices. They were given the option to practice instead with the U15 team. As we struggle to obtain and maintain U19 players, this lack of practice for this age group is not conducive to our end goal (having them continue their season past December and participate in the provincial tournament) with the U19 group.

Langley's 4th Annual 7v7 Tournament was held Oct 11, 2015.

The 2015 7v7 tournament had 22 teams registered;

- U12 – New West 1, New West 2, Langley, Ridge, PoCo
- U15 – Pool A – Langley 1, PoCo 1, Surrey 1, Victoria, Burnaby, New West
 - Pool B – Langley 2, PoCo 2, Surrey 2, Nanaimo, Coquitlam, Ridge
- U19 – UBC, Ridge Meadows, Port Coquitlam, S Team, Bellingham

The 2014 tournament had 17 teams register.

- U12 teams – Langley, Surrey, Ridge & NW
- U15 teams - NW1, NW2, PoCo1, PoCo2, Bby, Lang 1, Lang 2, Victoria, Nanaimo & Ridge

- U19 teams – Langley, House, Wenatchee (WA)

Umpires

This year Andrea Jones retired from her position of head umpire. This created a vacancy in both the head umpire position as well as the ump scheduler position (who worked hand in hand with our commissioner to create the women's field game schedule). Thanks to the parents, coaches and players this season as we worked through the challenges these changes brought. The schedule was also often held up as we were trying to incorporate travel by PCFLL teams to Nanaimo or Victoria into our schedule, unfortunately due to the lack of field time available to these two clubs, we were only able to send one team to the island to participate in a double header. These games were also used as part of the umpire clinic that was held on the Island.

Shona Wallace stepped in to fill the ump scheduler position this season. Next season, Shona will be creating the schedules as well as scheduling umpires. Thanks so much Shona for stepping up to fill this important position. Sydney Hara became PCFLL's certified clinician in September 2015. Sydney also filled the UIC position for both the U12 as well as the U15 provincial tournaments this year. Sydney was also the bench official for the gold medal games at both the U12 & U15 provincial tournaments. Sydney ran our umpire clinic for PCFLL as well as the umpire clinic in Victoria.

This season we had 22 certified umpires, however 19 were available to be put into the schedule on a regular basis. We are looking to grow those numbers again next year, as we have umpires who are graduating and heading off to school. We will be in need of senior umpires as well as entry level umpires. Our goal is to have each association with their own umpires.

Two umpire clinics were held to certify and re-certify umpires. Here is the breakdown by association of our certified umps:

New Westminster – 6 umps

Burnaby – 1 ump

Coquitlam – 5 umps

Langley – 4 umps

Port Coquitlam – 4 umps

Mission – 1 ump (this player was released to Ridge this season)

Ridge Meadows – 1 ump

The umpires began using the 3 ump system during the U19 games (once they switched to full field); this ump system provided a great mentoring opportunity (and more experience for our junior umps) for this fast paced game.

This season we had two new umpires that with a combination of their limited playing experienced and their age were brought into the position of umpire shadowing at the beginning of the season. This brought about many issues and complaints. Fortunately the girls continued with the umpire shadowing and were able to become certified this season.

We had several incidents this season with coaches yelling at the refs; questioning calls. A couple of yellow cards were given to coaches for this. This is a situation that must be addressed and curtailed by all coaches (regardless

of division). The sport depends on having umpires – this type of behavior may prevent some girls from becoming and umpire; or cause some umpires to quit.

We encourage parents, players and coaches to attend the umpire clinics – even if you are not interested in becoming an umpire. The additional information including on-field set ups for minor and major fouls are very informative in further explaining the game (plus you get a rule book).

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Many thanks to Andrea Jones for all of her dedication to the sport throughout the years (we really missed you this season).

Thanks to our umpires, you did a great job this season. Thanks for your commitment, hope to see many of you in the fall.

Thanks to all of the executive members, commissioners, female and youth reps for your help in making this season a success for the players.

Respectfully,

Kellie Ohlmann
PCFLL 2nd Vice Chair

2015/2016 PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE – TREASURER’S REPORT

Statement for the Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse League for the period ending April 20, 2016.

This year the PCFLL showed a loss of \$3,011.41. The cash on hand at April 20, 2016 was \$38,798.21. Outstanding items include three Commissioner’s Fee of \$175, the 2015/2016 Bursary of \$2,000, as well as \$3,615.68 owing back to the Regional Teams.

The loss this year resulted from the purchase of portable creases, drop downs, fans (girls) and tournament giveaways. In addition, we paid \$1,000 for one female team to travel to the Island for games.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Dolbec
PCFLL Treasurer

**PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE
Balance Sheet as at April 20, 2016**

ASSETS

TD Canada Trust Chequing Account	\$ 38,798.21	
Prepaid Expense	-	

TOTAL ASSETS**\$ 38,798.21****LIABILITIES**

2015/2016 Season Bursary	\$ 2,000.00	
Regional Teams Refund Payable	3,615.68	
Commissioner Fees Payable	525.00	

TOTAL LIABILITIES**\$ 6,140.68****EQUITY**

Retained Earnings		
Retained Earnings - Previous Year	\$ 35,668.94	
Net Income - Current Year	(3,011.41)	

TOTAL RETAINED EARNINGS**\$ 32,657.53****TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY****\$ 38,798.21**

PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE
For the Period April 20, 2015 to April 20, 2016

REVENUE

Association Fines	\$ 1,450.00
BCLA Provincials Reimbursement	4,270.25
Interest Income	15.80
Player Registration Fees	93,242.00

TOTAL INCOME**\$ 98,978.05**

EXPENSES

BCLA AGM	\$ 1,196.75
Bank Charges	140.17
Bursary	2,000.00
Commissioner Fees	1,575.00
Game Equipment	4,080.94
Supplies & Miscellaneous	1,737.39
Tournament Giveaways	5,620.96
Umpire Mentoring	160.00
Player Fees to BCLA	79,863.00
Provincials Tournament	4,270.25
Web Site Maintenance	1,345.00

TOTAL EXPENSES**\$ 101,989.46****NET INCOME****\$ (3,011.41)**

2015/2016 PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE – REGISTRAR’S REPORT

Women/Girls Field Registration Comparison

Association	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Adanacs	67	50	37	58	60	70
Burnaby	19	17	57	16	20	18
Delta	15	0	0	0	0	0
Langley	38	46	33	33	49	37
New West	65	60	59	58	57	56
PoCo	17	21	29	36	25	50
Ridge Meadows	0	12	46	33	32	54
Surrey	0	0	0	0	15	23
TOTALS	221	206	261	234	258	308

Youth Field Registration Comparison

Association	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Adanacs	269	301	298	289	296	266
Burnaby	108	119	116	107	92	98
Delta	154	171	193	168	191	187
Langley	142	126	138	139	138	160
Mission	85	74	70	111	131	90
New West	179	173	184	163	175	171
North Shore	80	63	47	54	42	39
PoCo	118	124	125	113	138	116
Richmond	100	81	58	96	87	39
Ridge Meadows	188	167	171	195	216	288
Surrey	113	148	121	114	156	148
Valley	87	66	71	19	0	58
Vancouver	18	41	72	75	102	109
TOTALS	1641	1654	1664	1643	1764	1769

It is recommended that all clubs go paperless for the 2016/2017 season.

Jen Bebb
PCFLL Registrar

2013/2014 PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE – HEAD COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

With the division changes, commissioners faced challenges with rules and interpretations. They all did an admirable job. There were very few suspension or issues that required the involvement of the executive.

U9 and U11 had major changes. The U9s went to a 3/4 field and, for the most part, played 7 vs 7 (not including goalies). There was some back-lash from ‘bigger’ associations, but for the most part the changes were received positively. The U11s were/are considered developmental and therefore would not participate in Provincials. In lieu of, there was a Provincial tournament for all U11 teams in the province. This also, seemed to be received well.

The Female division is still growing and had their difficulties. Some of the challenges were due to coaches and teams not conforming to the rules set out, and lack of players – especially in U19. Hopefully, these issues will be resolved in the coming months and before the start of the next season.

U7, U13, U15, and U18, although had a few ups and downs, ran very smoothly through the season.

My thanks to the commissioners: Beth McLucas (Female), Stacy Hemmerling (U7), Roger Paterson (U9), Sandra Margetson (U11), Ceayon Johnston (U13), and Mary Clare (U18) for their invaluable work and service to the PCFLL.

Also, special thanks to Jody Weatherby, who was my sounding board, and assisted me countless times.

Thank you all for making my role easier to manage.

Respectfully,

Trish Keizer
PCFLL Head Commissioner

2015/2016 PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE – FEMALE COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

This season we started with 4 U19 teams, 8 U15 teams and 8 U12 teams.

The U12 division clubs with 2 team seemed balanced.

The U15 there was only 1 club with 2 teams and they were totally unbalanced. This needs to be changed for next year as it’s unfair to the other teams and players.

Langley hosted their 7 on 7 tournament in October, once again it was very successful.

The U19 teams were unsuccessful as teams this year and we went to everyone show up and sticks in and play, they only went to December as they were losing interest.

Poco hosted the girl’s year end tournament, for the U12 divisions, which was very successful and the weather was nice.

Coquitlam is hosting the U15 end of Feb.

Thanks,

Beth McLucas
PCFLL Girl’s Commissioner

2015/2016 PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE – U7 COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

As a whole, the U7 division went very smoothly this year. With this age group moving from U8 from last year I had a lot of new managers, coaches who once I explained how the season works they seemed to understand how things would work. The score sheets throughout the season were still the topic of conversation each week.

The start of the season we had 15 teams:

Langley 1, Langley 2, Ridge Meadows 1, Ridge Meadows 2, Ridge Meadows 3, Valley, Surrey, Burnaby, Vancouver, New Westminster, Delta 1, Port Coquitlam, Surrey, Adanacs 1, Adanacs 2.

A lot of my season I spent sending emails out to the managers about how to fill out the score sheets. I sent the example of "how to" and I also explained that I know this is U 7 but as they move onto higher divisions, the expectations of the manager is a lot more than U7. From the beginning to the end of the season, the managers did a great job. My score sheets were still a bigger issue but hopefully next year or in box season they will continue to learn the "how to's". Watching these players at this age group, was a great experience for me. At this age, it is amazing to see the talent of this age group. The coaches at this level seemed to know the game very well and this showed in the games that I watched.

The coaches followed the U 7 rules which lead to a great season. The coaches seemed to have taken the time to explain the rules to their players which allowed for great games. The team sizes seemed to be an issue for some associations all year, with many of them having to borrow from their opposing teams. Next year, I think teams should have at least 12-15 on their roster, as associations with 9-10 suffered low numbers showing up to each game each week.

The U-7 Jamboree this year was hosted by Vancouver and Burnaby. A huge thank you to Regina Villaneuva and Trevor Webber and their volunteers for hosting a wonderful event at the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex in January. The weather was great and the giveaway gifts for the players were awesome. I received a lot of compliments from the coaches and managers for a wonderful well run jamboree so THANK YOU to all of you that were involved. Without volunteers none of this would be possible.

Of the 15 teams, 14 continued into January for a couple extra weeks of lacrosse. All 15 teams took part in the Jamboree. Parents stepped up throughout the season to time/score keep which again if not an easy job to do. Managers and coaches seemed to help them along the way, but again the commissioner who does this age group next year, needs to address the game sheets, mailing of the game sheets and the scan/fax of the game sheets within 24 hours at the beginning of the season or else it will continue on all season.

Thanks to everyone for a fun season with this U7 age group and to those moving into the box season have a great season and to those who are not see you next field season.

Stacy Hemmerling
PCFLL U7 Commissioner

2015/2016 PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE – U9 COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

During the 2015-16 Field Lacrosse season, the first for the U9 Division, we had 19 teams from 10 Associations; with seven associations having two or more teams. Last year in U10 we had 15 teams from 11 associations with four associations having two teams (none had three):

- Coquitlam (3)
- New Westminster (2)
- Ridge Meadows (3)
- Burnaby
- Delta (2)
- Langley (2)
- Port Coquitlam (2)
- Surrey (2)
- Mission (1)
- Vancouver (1)
- Richmond (0)
- North Vancouver (0)
- Valley (0)

The larger number of teams and associations having multiple teams is due to the fact that declarations were based on 8 on 8 play. For the most part the majority of the teams were 10 to 13 players in size, there were a lesser number of teams with 16 to 20 players. The season began with a sorting out of the rules and confirmation of field size. It was determined that the U10 level of contact would be the starting point for U9 and that the smaller field size, established by the U9 working group over the summer, would be utilized.

With the larger number of teams and change in player ages (i.e., 8 & 9 year olds) it was found that it was much harder (and took a lot more games) to gauge team strengths and the effectiveness of multi team balancing. Typically a Jamboree held in the last couple weeks of the “Tiering” period provides a lot of information about the teams in a short period of time, while this was not done this season it should be considered for next season (admittedly trying to host a jamboree for 19 teams is no small feat for any association if each team is two play games and if only one field is available it becomes a multiday event).

During the “Tiering Period” and the remainder of the season it became evident that there were essentially 2 competitiveness levels within the Division (although not as distinct as in U10). As done in U10, teams were split into two informal Tiers and paired accordingly. There were 4 - 5 teams which were more highly skilled than the others (and 2 which were consistently superior to the rest). The remaining teams were intermediate to lower skill level they, but were fairly competitive amongst themselves. Some of the lesser skilled teams improved to a point by the end of the season where they could occasionally play competitively against some of the better teams in their tier. There were two teams which struggled consistently in the early part of the season, when playing against the intermediate teams both showed improvement in competitiveness by the end of the season. The number of blow out scores (which did not always reflect necessarily on the field play) this season was definitely higher than seen in U10 over the past several seasons, this appeared to be attributable to a higher rate of inconsistent play due to the nature of the younger age group, some coaching inexperience and possibly the smaller teams (i.e., absence of one or two skilled players could have a notable effect on competitiveness).

For the most part the team balancing done by the Associations which had multiple teams, was okay, again it was difficult to gauge at times. There was no question that the Ridge Meadows and the Adanacs teams “underperformed” when compared to prior seasons, this was likely directly attributable to these Associations fielding three teams, which resulted in a wider spreading out of their skilled players.

A year end U9 Jamboree was hosted by the Coquitlam in the third week of February, with 15 of the 19 teams attending. Coquitlam (and all the Coquitlam volunteers) as well as Trish, Randy, Christina, Chris, Jody and Karen Peterson should be commended for their time and effort in organizing and hosting by all accounts what was a very well run event. We also had several U9 teams participate in local (Ridge Meadows) and tournaments south of the border this season as well.

There were no suspendable infractions to players or coaches during the regular season this year, although we had one or two incidents of a coaches verbally abusing the referee and the other coach and some players (i.e., while the coach in question was not disciplined he was warned by his own association that re-occurrence would result in suspension, no further issues occurred). Weather and field closures only caused a minor amount of havoc this year, but nothing significant compared to some prior seasons.

In general there were almost no issues with regard to the level of contact in U9, both the referees and team coaching staffs appeared to manage it well. There were significantly fewer on-going general issues around refereeing this year, those that were documented mostly had to do with the training of young inexperienced refs and almost all issues again had to do with monitoring the level of contact permitted. In general many of the issues were minor and the mentoring programs implemented by many of the Associations appear to be having the desired effect.

The most contentious issue at the U9 level appears to be the number of players on the field at time, that is to say 8 on 8 vs 10 on 10 play. While some accommodation was made to the rules to permit 10 on 10 play midway through the season, if both teams had a minimum of 13 players, very few 10 on 10 games actually occurred. This was primarily due the fact that most teams were only getting 10 – 12 players out on average (although there were coaches that preferred 8 on 8 play even if given the opportunity to play 10 on 10). In general the larger teams generally pushed for 10 on 10 play and in a lot of cases it was to get their players more field time, only a few of the teams probably had a coaching staff experienced enough to execute proper 10 on 10 style game at this age group. This issue does need to be resolved however prior to declarations next season and it really comes down to what the Associations want the U9 age division to be: developmental or competitive. There is no question that 10 on 10 play would likely reduce the number of the overall teams and perhaps the number of participating associations, that being said the 8 on 8 format could lead to a large number of teams making it more difficult to manage field time and jamboree wise. The other option is to leave it the way it is and permit 10 on 10 play when both teams are able to manage it. There were surprisingly very few complaints about the field size. I will be sending a questionnaire out to the teams to get some feedback from the season to see if there is a consensus out there as to what needs improvement.

As to the week to week housekeeping issues with this Division the main one was game sheets, while most were provided in a timely matter there was one item in particular that appears to be difficult to solve: Score Sheet Quality. The quality of the score sheets was for the most part ok, but there were still issues around the filling out of the sheet, which is to be expected when you are dealing with parents and coaches that are generally new to field lacrosse. There should be more direction from the referees in assisting score keepers to fill out the game

sheets properly (although I am pretty certain that many of the referees at this level didn't know how to fill it out either). Although a copy of a properly filled out game sheet was sent out to teams and Associations it was likely never made available at the field. Many of the managers were also referred as well to the tutorial provided on the PCFLL website; this did help in some cases.

In summary, the U9 Division is still trying to figure out what it wants to be when it grows up and it will likely take a couple of seasons for it to sort itself out, it is clearly not at the U10 skill level however that could change if the U7 level develops in much the way the U8 level did.

R. Paterson
PCFLL U9 Commissioner

2015/2016 PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE – U13 COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

At the start of season there were five U13 Tier 1 teams and thirteen U13 Tier 2 teams. Surrey 2 disbanded after the tiering schedule. Port Coquitlam 1 began operations after tiering bringing the number of Tier 1 teams to six. Delta 2 disbanded after forfeiting three games in the last three weeks of the fall schedule. There were eleven Tier 2 teams competing in the winter schedule. No teams were tiered up or down during the season. This season there were no coach suspensions and only two player suspensions. Overall the season went smoothly. The coaches and the players were well behaved with most games ending in low penalty minutes.

All games were played as scheduled with a few TBR’s due to the Richmond and Seattle tournaments. Teams resolved TBRs in a timely manner with all games played before January 25th.

Final Standings

U13 Tier 1 Standings

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Pct	GF	GA
Adanacs 1	13	12	0	1	25	0.962	186	53
Ridge Meadows 1	13	9	2	2	20	0.769	145	56
New West 1	13	7	5	1	15	0.577	77	89
Surrey	13	2	8	3	7	0.269	58	120
Port Coquitlam 1	9	1	7	1	3	0.167	30	94
Delta 1	13	1	10	2	4	0.154	74	158

U13 Tier 2 Standings

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Pct	GF	GA
Ridge Meadows 3	13	11	1	1	23	0.885	149	46
North Shore	13	10	3	0	20	0.769	138	67
Ridge Meadows 2	14	10	3	1	21	0.750	153	95
Burnaby	13	9	3	1	19	0.731	116	51
Adanacs 2	13	7	5	1	15	0.577	98	90
Mission	13	7	6	0	14	0.538	94	122
Vancouver	14	7	6	1	15	0.536	130	119
Surrey 2	4	2	2	0	4	0.500	34	25
Port Coquitlam 2	9	3	6	0	6	0.333	34	89
Valley	11	3	8	0	6	0.273	76	95
Langley	13	2	11	0	4	0.154	54	120
New West 2	12	1	11	0	2	0.083	27	134
Delta 2	11	0	11	0	0	0.000	13	84

Started operation after tiering

Ceased operation

Teams Advancing to Provincials

Tier 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adanacs 1 • Ridge 1 • New West 1 • Surrey 1 • Port Coquitlam 1 	Tier 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ridge 3 • North Shore • Ridge 2 • Burnaby • Adanacs 2
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Mission placed 6th in the final standings qualifying to play the wild card game against Nanaimo on January 30th on Vancouver Island. Nanaimo advanced to Provincials.

Provincials

2016 Youth Field Lacrosse Provincial Championships were held on February 5 to 8 in Langley. PCFLL U13 teams won five out of six medals as follows:

Medal	U13 Tier 1	U13 Tier 2
Gold	Adanacs	Ridge 2
Silver	Victoria	Ridge 3
Bronze	Ridge 1	Burnaby

Ceayon Johnston
PCFLL U13 Commissioner

2015/2016 PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE – U15 COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

This season was exceptionally good. There were no major issues with reschedules or suspensions (3). For the most part, game sheets were filled in correctly and mailed promptly.

The season started with twenty-one teams.

Tier 1:

Adanacs 1
Delta 1
Langley 1
Mission 1
New West 1
Port Coquitlam 1
Ridge Meadows 1

Tier 2:

Adanacs 2
Adanacs 3
Burnaby
Delta 2
Langley 2
Mission 2
New West 2
North Shore
Port Coquitlam 2
Richmond
Ridge Meadows 2
Surrey
Valley
Vancouver

After Tiering, Poco folded their Tier 2 team and Surrey was moved up to Tier 1. Surrey struggled at Tier 1 and was moved back down to Tier 2 for the Winter Schedule. Mission 2 struggled with numbers throughout the season, and ended up forfeiting games.

The final standings were:

Tier 1:

Delta 1
Ridge Meadows 1
New West 1
Adanacs 1
Mission 1
Langley 1
Port Coquitlam

Tier 2:

New West 2
North Shore
Adanacs 2
Adanacs 3
Delta 2
Surrey
Richmond
Valley
Burnaby
Vancouver
Langley 2
Ridge Meadows 2
Mission 2

Most of the teams declared for Provincials and did quite well.

The declared teams that went to Provincials were:

Tier 1:

Adanacs 1
Delta 1
Mission 1
New West 1
Ridge Meadows 1

Tier 2:

Adanacs 2
Adanacs 3
Delta 2
New West 2
North Shore

Provincial results:

Tier 1:

Gold – New West 1
Silver – Delta 1
Bronze – Adanacs 1

Tier 2:

Silver – Adanacs 3

I thoroughly enjoyed working with this group!

Respectfully,

Trish Keizer
PCFLL U15 Commissioner

2015/2016 PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE – U18 COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

We began the season with a record number of teams at this level. Unfortunately Richmond folded before they could really get going and most of the other teams had full rosters; the ones that didn’t were too far away to make travel feasible for the players that requested releases, and there were players that didn’t bother to ask for a release preferring to play another sport instead, so there were players that didn’t end up playing field lacrosse this year, and possibly lost to the sport altogether. By the end of the season, most of those teams that began the season with full rosters had lost players and some were barely able to field a team to complete the season.

U18 is a difficult division to coach as the players have other interests namely work and girlfriends! At least a couple of associations don’t want to put forward a U18 team because they are generally considered to be too much trouble.

I think we need to rethink rosters at this age group if we want to foster a desire for these young men to continue playing competitively and (possibly) graduate into the men’s league. I don’t know why there is a huge drop off in some areas and not in others: Coquitlam, Ridge and Vancouver seem to have kept their rosters stable, most other teams have lost quite a few players. Also maybe we should consider not tiering them, but having them play ‘top tier’ and ‘bottom tier’ and schedule provincials accordingly. Pac Rim dropped out of tier 1 at the last minute, and New West (bottom of Tier 1) wanted to drop out also. Or perhaps not have provincials for this age group, preferring to run a ‘Commissioner’s Cup’ or something along those lines. As I am sure you will appreciate, these are just my thoughts having observed this division for the last 4 seasons.

I am happy to report that suspensions in this division were way down this year. I did not suspend anyone for referee abuse, although I did give a player 2 games for threatening a coach.

Sincerely,

Mary Clare
PCFLL U18 Commissioner

2016 PCFLL AGM

Proposed Operating Policy Additions and Amendments

#1

It was moved by Trevor Webber and seconded by Kelly Scott to:

Amend: M.01 Team/Player Registration

In accordance with Youth Field Operating Policy 18.03, player registration forms and required fees must be submitted to the Chairperson or Registrar on or before the Wednesday after the BCLA AGM (October) of the playing season or earlier date as determined by the PCFLL Executive. Late registration will be closed on November 30th of the playing season or other date as determined by the PCFLL Executive.

Carried

#2

It was moved by Kelly Scott and seconded by David Goulet to:

Amend: M.02 Fines for Late Submission

Each association will submit to the BCLA Office, on or before 4:00 pm of the Wednesday following the BCLA AGM (October) of each playing year, one copy of each player's BCLA-approved and completed player documentation along with a team list generated from the on-line database. Failure to comply with said dates will result in the offending association to be fined \$250.00, and another \$250.00 for each additional seven-day period that the registration forms are not received.

Carried

#3

It was moved by Trevor Webber and seconded by Mike O'Connor to:

Add: CC01.a

As per FIL rules, a roster of 18 constitutes a full team. Any number of players up to no more than twelve (12) are permitted on the field at the same time, unless the rules have been modified. One of the twelve players on each team may be a goalkeeper. Modification would be based upon agreement between clubs and the PCFLL executive.

Carried

#4

It was moved by Kellie Ohlmann and seconded by Jason Kump to:

Add: HH

The new regulation reads as follows:

When a rule is not written in the Female Operating Policy, the rules in the Youth Operating Policy will be used, as long as it does not conflict with FIL, CLA, or BCLA rules.

Withdrawn