



PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

December 4th, 2018 Meeting Minutes - Girls

Attendees:

Trish Keizer – Chair	Burnaby – Brad Romano
Jason Kump – 1 st Vice Chair	Langley – Noela McCall
Kellie Ohlmann – 2 nd Vice Chair	Mission – Shona Wallace
Angie Wolfe – Secretary	New West – Julie Edgar
Sydney Hara – Head Umpire	Port Coquitlam – Karen Hertslet
Shona Wallace – Scheduler/Allocator/U12 U19 Commissioner	Ridge Meadows – Stacey Paterson & Michelle Cooper
Adanacs – Dennis Santucci	Surrey – Jason Carr

Absent:

Lynda Callard – Treasurer/Registrar
Chris Comeault – Past Chair

Call to Order: 6:02pm

Acceptance of the November 6th minutes:

- Motion to accept: Angie Wolfe
- Seconded by: Kellie Ohlmann

Reports:

Chair:

- Registration
 - there was some confusion regarding the deadline
 - October 17 vs October 31
 - previous registrar, Karen, did both PCFLL and BCLA so she had an earlier deadline so she could prepare
 - Corinne Perlmann is registrar now and her deadline in Oct 31.
 - PCFLL will review operating policy for next season
 - associations that did not have their registrations submitted by October 31 were fined
 - associations that had registrations incomplete or missing documents **should** be fined as well as per Field Directorate
- Registration and League fees
 - due to tardiness, associations put the League in a dangerous position financially
 - half the associations did not pay their league fees by the deadline
 - these topics are discussed at meeting, is the information not trickling down from presidents?
 - team who have submitted official rosters late and have not had their rosters verified may not be able to declare for provincials
 - there is a reason that we have these deadlines

- Declaration
 - the deadline for declaration is Thursday, December 13th @ 4:00 p.m.
 - submitted to the BCLA office
 - please do not list call ups on the declaration rosters, those are added just before provincials at roster verification
 - you cannot stack your team with call ups for provincials.

- Team verification
 - From the Field Directorate Operating Policy
 - 13.10 The Club Registrar shall provide Team Rosters for all club teams to League Commissioners by the end of October 31st. League Commissioners are responsible to report discrepancies between association-supplied rosters and team-supplied rosters (game sheet roster) to the Association President as well as their League Chair.
 - all registrars should have sent team lists to all commissioners by now
 - using BCLA database team lists
 - this was mentioned at our last meeting
 - this has not happened
 - Adanacs, Ridge Midges and Langley still have not submitted. Please ask your registrar to do so asap
 - Jason Carr would like to know how presidents/ reps are to know if the registrar has submitted the proper paperwork on time without constantly questioning registrar if its been done
 - The only way to know is to follow up with the registrar. Could ask that they email you when they submit

- Field Directorate meeting on November 17
 - would like to see commissioners noting and tracking banishments, and suggest association presidents get notified each time
 - the policy stating each association must have 3 certified refs and umpires (if have female teams) should be enforced, or associations will not have home games scheduled
 - will be implemented seriously next season
 - if you do not have enough refs, you run the risk of not having home games scheduled which could effect your field times

- Communication
 - are the messages from our meetings being filtered down?
 - are league reps following up?
 - emails are still being sent to the BCLA
 - must follow protocol
 - go through association president/rep → commissioner → league executive
 - under no circumstance should parents be emailing BCLA executive members
 - suggest exercising the 24-hour rule before sending something you may regret
 - do not need to CC everyone at the BCLA or PCFLL
 - emails are being received at the BCLA or PCFLL level that should be handled at the club level
 - just because a parent has a good relationship with someone at the PCFLL or BCLA does not allow them to bypass the protocols in place

- New Field Directorate Vice-chair of Coaching – Women
 - Naomi Walser
 - naomiwalser@gmail.com

1st Vice chair

- Echoing sentiment of the Chair. Please read manuals, attend registrar's meeting if you are unsure of deadlines for registration and rosters. The information is out there
- Stacking teams with call ups for provincials is not allowed. Call up players should not receive more field time than regular roster players.

2nd Vice chair:

- Sadly, both girls regional teams have folded
- Lots of girls signed up and then slowly dropped off to go play elsewhere. Very disappointing

Secretary

- Nothing to report

Treasurer/Registrar

- Absent

Head Umpire:

- Illegal sticks are still being brought to the field, officials would appreciate if these were left at home, there is then no confusion and extra time isn't taken up finding illegal sticks and having to remove them from benches etc.
- Games still aren't being filled especially for the U19's - I would like to propose or suggest extending the option to make up TBR's into the first weekend of January, especially knowing that I'll have an extra official at this time, that does not play on any U19 teams, does not coach, and is qualified to do these games
- U12 division a huge problem for umpire abuse. Younger umps will not ref certain teams causing me to pull older umpires to cover those games. That has a trickle down effect, ends up canceling U19 games
- Would like to book some field time for Jan 5 to be able to hold an umpire clinic. Will email everyone later this week with more info
- Next season, will lose 10 of 20 umpires. Graduating U19s going off to school. Potential crisis situation
- Need to try to recruit adult umpires from parent pool
- Shona and I are trying our best to make sure that the games are taking place but as things are becoming more heated throughout the season and teams are worried about points, Shona and I are having to use senior resources on lower games, I don't like to assign U12 games to Level 2 officials who can be used in U15/U19 games, officials have been advised to document any comments or intimidation in the game notes whether or not they give a penalty, if you could remind your coaches - because the problem is at all levels but concentrated in U12 for some reason - that their job is to coach their players and if they have questions or disagreements that they address those through the proper channels and contact reps to contact me
 - just so everyone is aware of my process, I almost always have a senior official at each field whether they are there in a capacity as a coach, player or official, and I review coach complaints, past complaints, observation from those senior officials and then conduct an evaluation before taking any measures with that official - this is quite a process and I don't report back to coaches if something has been done but I also am not dismissing complaints made
 - 99% of the time from what I find through this is that the complaint comes from a misunderstanding of the rules from no party in particular
 - I would encourage you to remind your coaches that calls in women's field lacrosse are not as easy as identifying a high stick in box lacrosse, in order for me to make a call I need to go through a long list of everything else happening around the player and play before blowing my whistle - calls not made instantly are not necessarily being missed
 - For example offside: this rule seems to be the most black and white but in order for me to make an offside call I need to be able to identify that the player is participating in the current play, that crossing the restraining line has given them an advantage, that the

millisecond they crossed the line wasn't the same second another player also crossed the line, and that there is not a more dangerous play occurring at this very second in the game - something as simple as crossing the restraining line unfortunately is not as black and white as coaches (and parents) would hope and I hope this gives a little more insight into how a call is actually made in the game and why it may not be made

- Just a reminder to coaches that they should be shaking hands at the end of game as a sign of respect and good sportsmanship. Set a good example for your players
- Coaches, trainers and managers can be on the game sheet but only coaches are allowed in the bench area. Trainers may be on the field but not allowed to coach players at all and my only interact with player as a trainer. Managers do not need to be on the field unless they are score/time keeping
- Issues with parents putting themselves on the game sheet so they can get on the field. One parent listed themselves as penalty time keeper but were actually on the field taking photos, not time keeping at all.

Scheduler

- Lots of TBRs. Hoping to extend TBR deadline into January to accommodate games

Commissioners' Reports:

U8:

- Teams are going to play into January
- Game sheets are amazing, filled out properly and arrive on time

U12:

- Large delays in getting game sheets in. Partly due to postal strike, partly being mailed late

U15:

- Game sheets are not being scanned and emailed within 24 hours
- Did have to withhold points for a game sheet received 9 days late prior to postal disruption
- TBR must be played by Jan 16
- Call up sheets for each player need to be scanned and sent to both commissioners. Original call up sheets get mailed with game sheet
- Need one call up form for each player

U19:

- Same issues as U15

Association Reports:

Adanacs:

- Nothing to report

Burnaby:

- Nothing to report

Langley:

- Nothing to report

Mission:

- Nothing to report

New Westminster:

- U19 team will not be declaring for provincials

Port Coquitlam:

- Nothing to report

Ridge Meadows:

- Nothing to report

Surrey:

- U19 team will not be declaring for provincials

New Business:

- None

Adjournment @ 7:04 pm

- Motion to adjourn: Stacey Paterson
- Seconded by: Karen Hertslet

Next meeting scheduled for: Tuesday, January 8th @ 6:00 p.m.