

**Lower Mainland Minor Lacrosse Commission Meeting - August 11, 2015**  
**Call to Order 7:01 pm**

Attendance:

Beth McLucas (chair), Pam Mason (secretary), Gord Miller (zone 3), Mike O'Connor (zone 4), Mary Clare (zone 5), Jody Weatherby (officials), Tracy Dolbec (treasurer), Burnaby, Chilliwack, Coquitlam, Langley, Mission, New Westminster, North Shore, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Richmond, Ridge Meadows, Sunshine Coast, Surrey, Vancouver

Absent: Abbotsford, Delta, Rob Arden (coaches), Gord McIntosh (female)

Approval of minutes: Jeff, Gord (Coquitlam)

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance - \$13000.83, fees to pay if get reports from commissioners, one fine, and a couple of team fees due, and owe some associations for over paying fee

Approval: Jeff, Tom

Zone Reports: meeting is next Saturday

Female Report: none

Coaches Report: special session September 12<sup>th</sup> details on website

Officials Report: Provincials got done, at every Provincial we had to beg officials to go. No one wanted to go to Prince George. Lost about 25% this year and expect to lose more next year. Costs more for the BCLA if the provincials are not in the lower mainland and some have to take provincials to go up there.

**New Business:**

- ❖ Provincials Application 2016 - deadline August 20<sup>th</sup> - who is looking to apply
  - Mission - Bantam and Midget
  - Vancouver - Bantam B and C
  - Ridge - Pee Wee or Flexible
  - Coquitlam - Not sure which ones
  - Richmond - Pee Wee
  
- ❖ Coach/Referee Evaluation
  - Many discussions with people during Provincials it is the only way that feedback can come back about referees
  - Referees can evaluate coaches
  - Think it should be every game but maybe only one division
  - Thinking about starting at the lower divisions, such a novice so that we can start at the lower levels of referees
  - Can pick any level to start with and there are always going to be issues
  - Is it about attitude or performance - both

- Referee concern is people making judgement on technical aspects of the game
  - This form comes from Alberta and island and interior referees have ask for it as well and like the form,
  - The form will go to the president and then discussed with the head referee
  - Something to discuss again.
  - In Alberta they can get fined if they do not send it in, shows the good and the bad of it.
  - Can do it for some associations for limited divisions etc.
- ❖ BCLA Minor and General Changes
    - 4.06 - 30 second to be used in novice and up. As per operating policy, and need to be added as certified officials to the end the policy
    - 8.09 - going to discuss at MD, want to change that date as it make no sense as players can register later that the current date.
    - 12.05 F - at Provincials was crazy, may change to have to have them 5 days prior to the start of Provincials
    - 12.09 - taking out the word "referees" - housekeeping
    - 12.14 C - thinking of removing all together
    - 5.03 - remove the word Junior and add female divisions
    - 5.05 - split it and remove female junior and remove the balance and add a B for females
    - 3.04 - club registrar needs to provide to commissioners by 7<sup>th</sup> and to roster by the 15<sup>th</sup> - want to change to align for both commissions and BCLA - also 5.04 possible, but would leave 5.04 so it give you options to move players, would have a week to
    - 14.08 - many teams booking and pulling out
- ❖ Thought of changing midget to a three year age group, losing many 1<sup>st</sup> year junior, keeps girls at the same level, can still age up your midget girls, - regulation 2.1 would under 17.
- ❖ BCLA Awards
    - Make sure that you fill them in and send them in
    - It's always nice to have people nominated
- ❖ Association AGM and Executive Changes
    - Let Beth know when their AGM is and if there are any changes please us know so we can change contact info
- ❖ Book your hotel rooms - need to have all for your delegates at the minor meeting on Saturday morning or you will be fined \$500 October 16 and 17
- ❖ Get our AGM changes ready to put in for our AGM, November 24<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Mary has 2 cases of balls for sale, let Mary know

- ❖ Rules that were implemented prior to provincials will they be implemented for next season, will most likely be discussed at coaches sessions. Would need to be reworded and lots of discussion will be happening. Contradicted the MD on many issues. Has to have all of the shareholders involved to make the rule. Will discuss at MD as well. The original panel went from 4 to 10 to include all sectors. We went from nothing to a panel that started something. They went too fast and too soon, all included in suspensions and needs to be tweaked to make it work and will be doing something about it. All of the stakeholders have to be involved in the decisions, with regards to these.

All associations need to review the coaches and officials changes to ensure that their coaches have the interests of the association represented. Need to ensure to send someone to the session

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 pm

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday September 29 at 7:00pm - New Westminster