

Lower Mainland meeting – June 7, 2016 – Call to order 702 pm

Attendance: -

Beth McLucas (chair)	- present
Pam Mason (secretary)	- present
Tracey Dolbec (Treasurer)	- present
Gord Miller (zone 3)	- absent
Mike O'Connor (zone 4)	- present
Mary Clare (zone 5)	- absent
Gord McIntosh (Female)	- present
Jody Weatherby (officials)	- present
Rob Arden (Coaches)	- present
Abbotsford	- present
Burnaby	- present
Coquitlam	- present
Chilliwack	- present
Delta	- present
Langley	- present
Mission	- present
New Westminster	- present
North Shore	- present
Port Coquitlam	- present
Port Moody	- present
Richmond	- present
Ridge Meadows	- present
Semiahmoo	- present
Surrey	- absent
Sunshine Coast	- absent
Vancouver	- present

Approval of minutes: Jeff and Rita

Treasurer's Report: Will be transferring to Linda effective tonight

Approval:

Bank Balance – 13785.67 three outstanding fines \$50 each

Zone Reports –

- PTP process not a lot of people are aware of how to protest a teams placement. Are going to add FAQ on the website
- Hearings – presidents need to make sure that members know the time limits
- Lax on Move has \$35000 for teams traveling to provincials

- Presidents need to ensure that they actually read the operating policy
- Via sport will get us a bump n funding
- CLA is looking at concussion protocol
- Society acts is changing in November – more information will come from the BCLA there is a two year transition period
- No junior female nationals
- Registrars report is loving the paperless process, overall numbers we are down by 3
- Graduating midgets only one per zone applied. Lots of associations – zone player of the year
- Going to tweak the tournaments allocations for next year the process.
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Female Report-

- No junior provincials for this year and due to one team declaring
- The junior season is over as they do not want to do the commissioners cup as only one team was interested
- There will be some exhibition games for girls from the interior.

Coaches –

- Warn your pee wee A1 coaches to re-read the code of conduct. As well as novice A1 about shorten benches. This is still minor and they can not shorten benches and this is considered their last warning
- Abuse hasn't decreased but the type has changed. It is more chirping vs offensive language
- Commissioners are hitting the coaches with a three game off the top
- Good feedback on refs evaluations

Officials –

- RIC are in place for all provincials
- Only 12 people have applied for provincials in total
- Only have two people have applied for summer games
- no applications for nationals
- at a crisis for referees and have the shortage
- Penticton only has 3 referees
- Sham that the adults are not able to hold their emotions
- The abuse that is happening is severe
- Thank you to commissioners for acting on suspensions swiftly and getting it resolved quickly

New Business:

- Email voting – if you are doing voting it needs to be noted that it only stays with the executive and does not get shared with the associations
- Presidents are responsible for reading the operating policy prior to the beginning of the season so that you know what is allowed, suggested that coaches also read it
- Floor time for playoff, your teams need to be given the floor time. If you can not get it within your own association then contact another city. Two hour floor time. Also if top seed can only get one time then two can be and lower seed teams association. Need to bump practice as well
- Some playoffs are scheduled over the July long weekend, make sure that your arena is open for those days, some are really tight.
- A top seeded team will always stay at the top. Each round they will be reseeded.
- Female playoffs are out
- Midget are being worked on
- Pee Wee is coming along well
- No playoffs for Bantam C all teams are in
- Bantam B will get screwed over at some point as there will be some one game playoffs
 - o Due to sunshine coast they need to be over the weekend
- If sunshine gets bumped out then we can go back to a best of 3 rather than 1 game knockout. Round three winner goes to provincial the rest go to another round
- Wild cards – Bantam B wild card – in the interior – our 4th place team played on 9th or 10th in the interior.
- Pee Wee B – wild card – zone 2 in the interior – our 4th place team played 16th or 17th
- Pee Wee C – wild card – zone 6 on the island – our 4th place team played 16th or 17th
- BCLA operation policy changes are discussed at the August meeting please bring to the August meeting
- Placement of teams – need to have a better way to determine the teams placements
 - o Many discussions about placement of teams
 - o Teams need to be competitive, teams are now dominating
 - o If teams take off then something has to be done for it
 - o Have another movement time
 - o Suggestion to have the president at the commissioners meeting to state why they should be at a certain level
 - o What do you causes more grief a team that starts crushed and then beats everyone or starts beating everyone and then gets crushed
 - o Possibly go to an all A division, then there would be teams doing the same as B, then commissioners would decided who is the A2 and A1 at the end of May
 - o Someone need to come up with a solution to the team placement
 - o Look at 8 game schedule be more balanced as possible

Motion to adjourn at 827 pm

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday August 16 at 7pm - New Westminster