

Lower Mainland meeting - June 9 - Call to order 7:01 pm

Attendance:

Beth McLucas (chair), Mary Clare (zone 5), Pam Mason (secretary), Gord McIntosh (females), Mike O'Connor (zone 4) Jody Weatherby (officials), Abbotsford, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Langley, Mission, New Westminister, North Delta, Port Coquitlam, Richmond, Semiahmoo, Surrey, Vancouver, Delta, Gord Miller (zone 3), Rob Arden (coaches), Tracey Dolbec (treasurer), North Shore, Ridge Meadows, Chilliwack

Absent: Port Moody, Sunshine Coast

Approval of minutes: Jeff, Rob

Treasurer's Report:

Outstanding expense and outstanding fine from Port Moody

Approval:

Bank Balance - 18202.48

Zone Reports - Stealth travel grant - there is form on BCLA website that teams can use for going to provincials. They paid out \$7000 for field, and they have about \$25000 still and holding some back for team BC etc. Available to any team that is traveling.

Three PTP appeals - Kelowna, North Delta and Shuswap

- Kelowna asking to go from A2 to B Bantam - denied
- North Delta A2 to B - denied
- Shuswap at Pee Wee B to C - should have been at C in the first place

Going to put in some recommendations for PTP in August or September

Is there a process to get teams actually moved up. Anyone can put in an appeal to have a team moved up. There is a lot of paperwork that needs to be done. You need game sheets etc for team. Get game sheets and get a copy of at least the game sheets that you play against them.

Peewee and Midget nationals for 2015 and 2016 are in Ontario, Bantam for 2015 and 2016 Saskatchewan. Female for 2015 are in Alberta. BCLA looking for a host for 2017 if we want to host that year.

Talk about doing nationals every two year. They are going to have to change to have the age groups, due to summer games being the same year in BC and Ontario.

Golf tournament is June 26

National drug testing for all divisions, probably wouldn't go to Peewee but could possibly do a Midget player. Can do any age through, don't need to come to the arena, they can come to your home or work. Believe that it is 30 days that they can test

Criminal record checks are now available on-line. Can set up for your club, and would be online and would contact you if it is needed to have additional contact.

Sunshine Coast have been proactive in making a letter for parents and coaches and have put a couple of coaches on probation

Talk at SAGM prior to Nationals you would have to be provincials the year prior, so they are now talking about novice provincial.

Female - no report

Coaches - Dave started going through the form 100's and is finding out that there are a lot of coaches that are not actually certified and haven't done their book. This year at provincials we are going to do coloured cards to identify that they are coaches and door personal.

A lot of abuse going on in games still for both coaches and officials

Officials - lots of game reports, time consuming work, and a lot of abuse going on.

Like to have a head referee meeting in May but it doesn't normally happen,

There is so much that has gone wrong, and he would like to get a list from the commissioner of games that have gone so wrong. It doesn't get filtered down to the referees from the head referees. Head referees are going to have to send it back up from the referees that they have send it down from the head referees.

Can you copy the presidents of the information sent to the head referee.

## New Business:

Langley Fieldhouse issue - has the issue with the lines being resolved. They are not going to put anything on the carpet. To pull the carpet out then we have to contend with ball hockey. Yes there is a line issue where they can make the call. Apparently the top official is saying that no games although refs are still showing up and games are playing. Stealth don't want any lines on it, they are on the wall not the floor. This year the BCLA is looking at the floor and working with the Stealth

BCLA changes - AGM in October - reminder to look at it and discuss at the August meeting,

Langley - Female tournament - the three games that Poco played are being looked at, they were modified games although still not allowed. Can't play up and not play in a midget game.

Can put a change into for female only

Abuse of officials - its getting out of hand this year, the mainland isn't as bad as some other places. We do allow coaches and door personal to abuse to abuse the officials. There needs to be a form for coaches to report officials, they need to contact Kyle. Usually what happens is that a coach gets the same referee and then they are made.

Any written complaint on an official is fully looked into by Jody. Has referee abuse increased over the last two year, yes and is it because they coaches are not being communicated to by the referees. Coaches get mad. Always been an advocate for open communication, the minute he raises his tone then conversation is over. Since you can no longer talk to referees as coaches there is more abuse due to the fact that they will not answer the questions. Referees seem to have a lot of power over the game right now.

Provincials placements:

Midget A1 - 6teams to 4 spots

Midget A2 - 9 teams to 3 spots plus a wild card played here

Midget B - 8teams to 3 spots

Bantam A1 - 7 teams to 3 spots plus a wild card played here

Bantam A2 - 7 teams to 3 spots

Bantam B - 12 teams to 4 spots

Bantam C - 4 teams to 3 spots

Peewee A1 - 8 teams to 3 plus host

Peewee A2 - 7 teams to 4 spots

Peewee B - 11 teams to 3 spots plus host

Peewee C - 8 teams to 3 spots plus host

Female all to 4 spots

Strike at White Rock is over and moving back to Centennial starting tomorrow night for home games.

Bantam B commissioner's son passed away in an accident so Tracey and Beth have taken over the division until she is ready to come back. She is asking for donations to help pay for the funeral.

Jim has asked for additional stats to be posted on the web site, such as penalty minutes, like doing it twice a week rather than once a week. He is asking for Monday being posted on game sheets. Asked to give his a quote for the additional items

Meeting Adjourned at 8:16pm NEXT MEETING - Monday August 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm