



CANADA WEST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

April 8th 2015 AGM Minutes

Attendees: Chair – Mary Clare; Treasurer – Pete Frey; Secretary – Trish Keizer; Abbotsford – Gavan Sand and Sarah Graham; Beerhunters – Toomaj Tahamtanzedeh; Ladner – Holly Messenger; UBC – Kyle Robinson; Vancouver – Richard Minamimaye; Whalley – Paul Foster

Absent: New Westminster

Call to Order: 7:04 p.m.

Review and acceptance of last year's minutes:

- Motion: Holly Messenger
- Seconded by: Kyle Robinson
- Carried

Reports

- Chair/Commissioner – see attached
 - Nationals
 - will ask to host
 - if not held in BC, Whalley will be willing to travel
 - if held in BC, more teams may be interested in participating
- Treasurer
 - two reports submitted
 - gaming funds used up
 - application put in for next year
 - motion to accept the Treasurer's report: Mary Clare
 - seconded by: Holly Messenger
- Registrar
 - no report
 - Corrine Perriman put everything in
 - next year Karen Peterson will take on this role

Election of Officers

- Secretary – Trish Keizer
- Registrar – Karen Peterson
- Treasurer – Tracy Dolbec
- Commissioner – Mary Clare

New Business

- next season
 - there will be a need for volunteers to score keep and time keep
- propose a season change
 - play longer in the Fall and shorter in the Winter
 - 16-week schedule
 - mid-September to the end of November, start again around January 13 to about February 27
 - possibly invite Nanaimo for some games
- suggest having Provincials during the Family Day week-end
 - discussion
 - too many are U19 coaches
 - possible conflict
 - U19 call-ups
 - can't play in both Provincials
 - suggest having Provincials between the two 'minor' Provincials
 - Family Day long week-end (Langley) and U12/14/16 (Burnaby)
 - have put in an application for fields in Coquitlam, New Westminster and possibly Burnaby
- discussion on whether or not the league should expand
 - eight teams would be ideal
 - gives some 'legitimacy' to the league
 - question of Tiering
 - possibility of a Coquitlam team
 - whole U19 team 'graduating'
- there is a need to bring in younger players
- suggestion to change the way the League is run
 - draft like Masters
- need a youth movement
 - suggestion to send out brochures to promote the senior league
 - suggestion to get together and see what should be included
 - for example:
 - league info
 - team contact info
 - Provincials
 - Nationals
 - \$150 registration fee
 - keep it generic so it can be used over multiple years

Adjournment: @ 8:19

- Motion: Holly Messenger
- Seconded by: Mary Clare
- Carried

Next scheduled meeting: held sometime during the summer

2014 – 2015 CANADA WEST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

It's been a good year overall. We saw an increase in players, and a new team came into the league – the UBC Thunderbirds, which brought us to 7 teams this year.

We received gaming last August and the men were (at last) able to buy new uniforms and game equipment like balls, water bottles etc... which was a huge boost to the smaller clubs like Ladner, Vancouver, and Abbotsford.

We played the first part of the season out of two fields: Mobilio in Coquitlam and Queen's Park East in New Westminster. It was difficult trying to keep everything together with two fields being used at the same time, however we made it work. The second part of the season saw us all play out of Queen's Park East.

The break between fall and winter is a long one, and this year there were noticeably more dropouts for the second part of the season than last year, and less registrations.

The season ended last Saturday (March 28th), and Provincials are taking place this Friday and Saturday at Queen's Park East beginning Friday at 9:00 a.m. This year we had a team from Nanaimo ask to play in the tournament, and we are looking forward to having them join us this week-end.

The weather has been cooperative, and I think I only sat out in the rain 3 times this season. Last year it seemed like it rained every week. There are always more players when it's dry! Once again, I had no serious disciplinary issues.

We now have a new website cwfl.ca in order to be more visible in the lacrosse community, and we are hoping to link it to all the youth association websites in order to bolster registration from graduating players, and also to make the U18s aware of being used as call-ups.

Referees have been a bit of an issue at times, and on a few occasions we have only had one referee turn up for games.

Gaming for the league has been applied for and sent in.

CWFL AGM is set for April 8th, volunteers are in place, and I've even been approached by an ex-player wanting to help out. We are currently brainstorming how to promote the league.

Many thanks go out to Toni Lowe who never seems to get tired of my questions, Dirk Rachfall, who keeps me on the right track and the Pacific Coast League who allowed me to approach their U19 teams for exhibition games when we needed them to fill in gaps.

I'll enjoy the summer, but I'm excited to see where next season leads us!

Mary Clare – CWFL Commissioner