



# CANADA WEST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

## March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 AGM Minutes

**Attendees:** Mary Clare (Chair and Commissioner), Trish Keizer (Secretary), Abbotsford – Gavan Sand, Coquitlam – Toomaj Tahantanzadeh and Peter Tellis, Ladner – Holly Messenger, Maple Ridge – Nick Authur and Herman Duley, New Westminster – Dirk Rachfall, Vancouver – Ian Bramwell, and Whalley – Georgie Wells

**Absent:** Treasurer, Registrar, Adanacs, and UBC

**Call to Order:** 7:05 p.m.

### **Review and acceptance of last year's minutes:**

- Motion: Dirk Rachfall
- Seconded by: Holly Messenger
- Carried

### **Election of Officers:**

- Chair
  - Holly Messenger nominates Mary Clare
  - seconded by Gavan Sand
  - Secretary to cast a vote
  - carried

### **Reports:**

- Provincials
  - suggestion to have Provincials hosted by teams again
    - if no one offers to host, no Provincials
  - suggestion to have Provincials run by a committee
    - costs ~ \$5 000.00 to \$6 000.00 to run
  - suggestion to have play-downs
  - suggestion to go back to having Provincials during the Easter long week-end
    - could conflict with Box
    - issue is finding field time
      - suggestion of playing on grass during October to the end of November
        - downfall – could lose field time permanently
- field time
  - suggestion that everyone go back and try to get field time on Saturdays for 4 hours
  - was running with 2 fields this year
- assistant commissioners
  - would like to bring in two or three assistant commissioner to help Mary out

- a cost would be involved
- will probably need to score keep and/or time keep
- Mary suggests: Karen Peterson, Geordie Wells, and Tricia Rachfall
- first time in four years that Mary has had to suspend a player
  - question: should body contact be taken out of the game?
    - general consensus is 'no'
  - recommendation that Bill Mosdell attend the August meeting

#### **New Business**

- Peter Tellis requests guidelines to using gaming funds be made available

#### **Adjournment: @ 8:04 p.m.**

- Motion: Holly Messenger
- Seconded by: Gavan Sand
- Carried

**Next meeting scheduled for:** August 2016

## CWFLL season September 2015 – March 2016 – Chair/Commissioner's Report

I'd like to say that we had another great season. We were up to 9 teams for league play which translates to around 230 players, and for provincials we were joined by Nanaimo and Victoria. We split into 2 tiers, but due to how many teams we had participating, it proved to be a scheduling nightmare trying to run it over 1 weekend. There were quite a few complaints, and to be honest I feel that this should no longer be a league run affair, but we should go back to having teams host the event; they can find the fields, do the schedule and find the volunteers to run it. If no one steps up, then maybe there will be no provincials that year. I also think that with the amount of teams we had, we should consider having playdowns in order to run a full round robin, as that seems to be the consensus of opinion, or what was brought to my attention at any rate.

We tried to change the season this year and bring provincials forward primarily because of having such a conflict with box season Easter of 2015. However, I would recommend we go back to our old format in so much as it was very difficult to get field time this past season.

This year for the first time since I became commissioner I had to suspend a player for intent to injure. I had received 1 other expulsion penalty during the season for this same player, and then received two other complaints about unnecessary roughness. Although this is a young league, players should feel safe when they set foot on the field. Most of these players work and cannot afford an injury that will necessitate time off work. Perhaps the time has come to have a no-contact rule for this league. I leave this as a discussion item.

Because the league is getting so large now it is becoming more difficult to administer every Saturday night, particularly when we are on multiple fields. I would like to suggest that we bring one or two assistant commissioners on board to help. This would also give me a bit of flexibility with my own personal time! This would mean that there would be some extra remuneration involved which we would need to be in agreement with as a league.

There were fewer forfeits this year, which was great to see. We received gaming and the application is already in the works for the upcoming season. I will warn you though, we've been really lucky the past 2 years, and may not get anything near as much this time around!

I will finish by saying I was very upset and disappointed by the negative comments I received at provincials. One of the comments made to me was that I had a conflict of interest. Actually, neither of my sons played this year: Sam was picked up by Nanaimo for provincials but as the schedule had already been set by then I fail to see how I assisted them in any way (they didn't proceed to the medal rounds).

Sincerely

Mary Clare  
Commissioner

CWFLL season September 2015 – March 2016 – Registrar

Registration was pretty good this year, a lot of the teams handed in complete registration with payment as one package and only had to add a player here or there.

The Men's registration is difficult to track only due to the longevity of the registration process from Sept through to end of January, so if you can submit most if not all at once it helps out a great deal!

BCLA policy for Men's registration submission is October 1st with ongoing registration until the Directorate decides, typically mid to late January. Which means you/we need to have the majority entered into the database and submitted to the BCLA office by October 1st and the ongoing additions would be the exceptions.

Please ensure when you collect the paperwork from your players that the:  
Registration card is completed, mandatory database entries are, player name, residential address, 1 contact phone number, email, MEDICAL NUMBER, and player signature.

*Please note a valid BC medical number or equivalent for players out of Province is a requirement to play so they must submit it to register.*

Liability waiver is complete with the printed name of the player, signature and the team they belong to. I can't match them up without all of this info, and some of your handwriting is a little suspect!

I have compiled 3 years of registration statistics, please see below:

Club	2014	2015	2016
Abbotsford	9	23	28
Adanacs	0	0	30
Beerhunters	18	24	25
Ladner	12	14	29
Maple Ridge	0	0	24
New West	23	28	24
UBC	0	27	26
Vancouver	19	23	24
Whalley	30	21	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	111	160	234

Overall growth in almost all Clubs give or take and an addition of 2 teams to the league. Great Job growing the league Mary!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Thanks,

Karen