



## March 28th 2017 AGM Minutes

**Attendees:** Mary Clare (Chair), Trish Keizer (Secretary), Dirk Rachfall – New Westminster

**Absent:** Treasurer, Registrar, Abbotsford, Beerhunters, Coquitlam, Ladner, Maple Ridge, UBC, Vancouver, and WhallerBallers

**Call to Order:** @ 7:00 p.m.

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

- Motion: Dirk Rachfall
- Seconded by: Trish Keizer
- Carried

### **Reports:**

- **Chair/Commissioner**

Once again we began the season with 9 teams in the Lower Mainland: Abbotsford, Adanacs, Beerhunters, Ladner, New Westminster, Ridge, UBC, Vancouver and Whalley. We had our best registration year since I took over as Commissioner with a record 238 registered players – more than double the numbers of 2013.

Last year's Provincial tournament saw us welcome 2 teams from the island: Nanaimo and Victoria. Unfortunately Nanaimo were unable to put a field team forward this year and Victoria struggled with numbers. However, we have a combined Nanaimo/Victoria squad from Langford who have declared. The provincial tournament has gone back to Easter weekend (April 14, 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>) and will be held in Coquitlam. We are proposing to run two fields for round-robin play with the medals taking place on Percy Perry stadium, however the precise format is still under discussion at the time of writing this.

The regular league season ran from September 17<sup>th</sup> until November 25<sup>th</sup>, and from February 18<sup>th</sup> until April 8<sup>th</sup>. Most of our games are played at Queens Park East in New Westminster with one game each week at Cunnings field in Coquitlam, and although we didn't lose any games due to snow, there were a couple of nights where it snowed and hailed during games and was extremely cold.

We had a few forfeits during the season. Due mainly to low player numbers on a couple of teams. Ladner Pioneers have struggled the past couple of years, and we are pleased to welcome Greg Rennie back as Head Coach/Manager, and things seem to be turning around for him at last. All teams declared for provincials.

We received gaming funds for last year, and are in the process of putting the application package together for this coming year.

There has been no BC participation at the National tournament. In fact, I don't believe there has been a National tournament for a couple of years. BC are keen to send representative(s) to participate, however have indicated that they would like to see the tournament move off the Thanksgiving weekend. This has been presented to the CLA and while no decision has been made, it was not voted down. We look forward to resurrecting the Ross Cup and Victory trophy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teams for participating in league this year. Without you there would be no league. Also, to Karen, who sits at the fields most Saturday nights with her son Travis, and scorekeeps and timekeeps for us in New Westminster. And our thanks also to Cristina Stroup in Coquitlam, who makes sure there is a scorekeeper/timekeeper there. Karen is also our registrar, which is not an easy job! Thanks to both Karen and Geordie for stepping up this year as assistant commissioners, I hope they will stay on to help shoulder the burden as the league gets bigger. Thanks to Bill Mosdell, who makes sure we have refs in attendance for our Saturday night games, and to Trish Keizer our secretary and Tracy Dolbec our treasurer. You may not see Tracy very often, but without her we would not be able to put our gaming application together or pay our bills on time! And lastly, to Rochelle at the BCLA office who does more for this league than you know, and to Dirk who as chair of the field directorate, helps me work things out for the betterment of the league and all the players.

Mary Clare  
Commissioner

- **Treasurer**

- cash position as of the AGM:
  - General: \$16,663.69
  - Gaming: \$4,516.05

Tracy Dolbec

- **Registrar**

We have submitted a couple of policy change requests, most notably the Oct 1<sup>st</sup> submission deadline, I don't feel this is practical and I would like to extend it to December 1<sup>st</sup>.

By moving the Men's submission date to Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, and the closure date remains in the New Year as determined by the FD, it makes more sense and is a far more practical timeline. At present our deadline being Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, leaves 5 months of ongoing registration and to have the submission so close to the start of the season, proves difficult for teams to collect all of their player information by deadline.

*Field Directorate – Senior Mens*

*26.03*

*The Club/Association must submit Senior field registration on-line lists, cards and required fees to the BCLA Office by **October 1** of each playing year (Sept - Aug). Additional Senior Field players may be added, and the date will be determined by the Field Directorate at the beginning of each season.*

*Change to December 1st*

*Regulation 34 – Senior Timeline – This is housekeeping,*

*October 1 - Senior Men's registration cards and fees due to BCLA Office. **(FD Sr. Men's 32.03)***

*However 32.03 reads: The winners of the playoffs shall be declared British Columbia Champions. This should read (FD Sr. Men's 26.03)*

*Change to FD Sr. Men's 26.03)*

Please ensure when player paperwork is collected 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.*

There are still a few active players in the system that despite numerous ongoing requests for information, the information was never submitted. This is unacceptable, you must have a complete player record to validate your roster and team/player insurance.

Club	2014	2015	2016	2017
Abbotsford	9	23	28	29
Adanacs	0	0	30	27
Beerhunters	18	24	25	31
Ladner	12	14	29	24
Maple Ridge	0	0	24	23
New West	23	28	24	28
UBC	0	27	26	23
Vancouver	19	23	24	28
Whalley	30	21	24	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	111	160	234	239

Karen Peterson  
Registrar

#### **Proposed Changes to the Operating Policy**

- all motions carried

#### **Election of Officer**

- Chair/Commissioner
  - Dirk Rachfall nominates Mary Clare
  - Seconded by Trish Keizer
  - Carried

#### **New Business**

- no new business

#### **Motion to adjourn: @ 7:18 p.m.**

- motion: Dirk Rachfall
- seconded by: Trish Keizer
- Carried

# 2017 CWFL AGM

## Changes to the Operating Policy

**#1**

### **Amend D.01 - Objectives**

1. To promote, foster and govern the game of Field Lacrosse for the players aged nineteen and over.

**Carried**

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**#2**

### **Amend E – Player Ages:**

Must be 19 or over as of January 1st of the playing season (i.e. if the season starts September 2017; then age is determined as of January 1, 2017).

**Carried**

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**#3**

### **Amend N.01 Team Player Registration:**

Team registration lists and player registration forms must be submitted to the commissioner or chair on or before October 1st of each year. Teams not submitting their registration cards by October 1st will be suspended from any further games scheduled until registration cards received. All scheduled games will be forfeited to the opposing team. Late registration will be closed on a date to be determined at August meeting and ratified by the Field Directorate etc.

**Carried**

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**#4**

### **Amend O.01 – League Schedule:**

Commissioner will make up all league schedules. All league games will take precedence over exhibition games. Any game that is rescheduled must be communicated to the commissioner including the reason for the reschedule, the new date and the location. No rescheduled games may take place within the 2-week time frame before the Provincial Championships are held, unless approved by the Commissioner.

**Carried**

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**#5**

### **Amend O.04 – Hosting of Provincial Championships:**

Member Associations of the CWFL interested in hosting the Provincials must apply to the CWFL for endorsement of the written application to be submitted to the BCLA Field Directorate by August 15th along with the budget as per regulation 32 of the BCLA Sr, Men's Field Operating Policy.

**Carried**

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## #6

### **Amend P.06 - Game Length:**

Games will consist of four 20 minute quarters, or to be determined by the league at the beginning of the season as field time permits.

**Carried**

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## #7

### **Amend R – Playing Up:**

A youth player can play up an unlimited # of game in a higher division provided his or her club or association, coach or team manager has given written permission as per regulation 28 of the BCLA Sr, Men's Field Operating Policy. Players may not have any conflicts with commitments to their registered team. A one game permit must be signed and attached to the game sheet for each call up. There will be a maximum of 4 player call ups. The senior coach is responsible to contact and get written approval from the minor coach and be in receipt of the signed player call up sheet prior to the U18 player setting foot on the field etc.

**Carried**

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## #8

### **Amend T.02 Discipline and Suspensions:**

1. Deliberate attempt to injure etc.
2. Abuse by language or gesture etc.
3. Banishment (as per the Field Directorate Disciplinary Rules)
4. Abuse of Official. Etc.
  - 1st Offence minimum 2 games etc. (as per the Field Directorate Disciplinary Rules)
  - 2nd Offence minimum 5 games etc. (as per the Field Directorate Disciplinary Rules)
  - 3rd Offence minimum 1 year etc. (as per the Field Directorate Disciplinary Rules)

**Carried**

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## #9

### **Amend V – Senior Timeline**

NOTE: Dates that are associated with a specific by-law etc.

- January 1 Date for determining age level of playing year (Gen Reg 10 FD3.01)
- TBA Last date for registering Men's players to be decided by the Field Directorate at the beginning of each season depending on CWFL playing on season.
- March CWFL AGM
- March Final Declaration roster due 30 days prior to Senior Men's Field Provincial Championships
- March/April Men's Provincials (FD Sr, Men's 32)
- April Field Directorate Special Sessions (FD11.01)
- June 15 no change
- June 30 no change

- August 15 Applications for hosting Men's Provincials in the next playing year (FD Sr, Men's 32.01)
- October 1 no change
- October 1 Senior Men's Registration cards and fees due to BCLA office (FD Sr. Men's 26.03)
- October no change
- November 1 Last date for cross-over of players (FD Sr. Men's 31.03)

Exact dates to be determined by the Field Directorate Executive

**Carried**