



**PMLA Executive Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2023**

PRESENT: Allen Wales, Dave Zille, Derek Wood, Stuart Doyle, Nicole Jensen, Jessica Lancaster

REGRETS: Russ Aunger, Scott Styles,, Brent Thompson, Errin Morrison , Alona Maksimenko, Nicky Land, Jamie McMurray, Jake Healey

1.0 Start of Meeting: Called to order at 7:04pm

- 1.1 Approval of Previous Minutes: Mar 8, 2023
-Approval motioned by Jessica, seconded by Stu and approved

2.0 President Report

2.1 Tiering outcomes

U15 A1 & A2 will continue interlocking as it was a unanimous vote at the declaration meeting. U13 and U17 will not be interlocking at any division. Female U13 and U15 it was not feasible to move any teams to create an A and B division.

Outcomes affecting Port Moody teams:

U13 B: Port Moody moved down

Female U17:

A Divisions: Ridge Meadows A, New Westminister A, Burnaby, Coquitlam A
Langley/Surrey, Port Coquitlam

B Divisions: Delta/Semiahmoo, Port Moody, New Westminister B, Coquitlam B
Vancouver

Female U11:

This division will be split into Blue/Green

Blue: Langley, Burnaby, Ridge Meadows 2, Delta 2, New Westminister 1, Coquitlam 1, Port Coquitlam , Port Coquitlam 2, Green: Ridge Meadows 1, Mission, Coquitlam 2, Port Moody, New Westminister 2, Delta 1

2.2 Jerseys and shorts

Allen reported jerseys and shorts should be ready for pickup imminently.

2.3 Interim budget review

With some additional expenses this year (coaching, etc), it would be prudent to do an interim review of the budget.

Action: Allen will meet with Derek to review the PMLA budget.

2.4 Learn to play lacrosse

Allen mentioned it would be ideal for us to run our own “Learn to play lacrosse” sessions before next season.

3.0 Head Coach update

Jake reported that our Form 100 was sent in on time. 18 new coaches added to our list this year for boys. Still lots of coaches on the waitlist, BCLA has been adding courses to get everyone certified who needs to be.

Jake reported there is a Coaching change for Junior boys, both coaches are added to waitlist for their certifications.

Jake is continuing to work on Goalie clinic talks.

Dave reported new coaches Jansen and Pat have received positive feedback and have been a great addition to the U15B team.

Stu suggested we be proactive and prepare for the arena to be warm during the summer months.

Action: Allen to investigate options for possible practice locations with air conditioning and/or options for the Port Moody arenas (fans, etc)

Stu mentioned difficulty with a shortage of Level 2 development opportunities. Courses are scarce and sell out quickly.

Action: Allen to provide feedback to Lower Mainland regarding this concern.

4.0 Reffing Report

4.1 General Status Update

BCLOG Clinics/Levels: All BCLOG classroom and on-floor clinics and tests have been completed, including a recent zoom clinic/re-certification for Level 2 refs returning from University, etc. which Tristan Taylor and Hayley Anderson have done. We now have:

- 15 Level 2 referees (12 can take up to U15 games; 3 can take up to U17)
- 11 Level 1 referees (can take up to U13 games)
- 8 Entry Level referees (can ref up to U9 and shot clock up to U13)

Non-returning Refs: A couple of last year's referees did not complete training this year.

Overall Performance: Referees are doing an excellent job so far. Any potential missed shifts have been dealt with in time to replace scheduled refs. Everyone has been quick to respond to my messages and they are all figuring out how to use Arbiter to confirm shifts. Feedback on actual reffing is ongoing - from both Keith and from some of the more experienced refs that ours have been partnered with.

4.2 Issues/Complaints

It came to my attention last week that a parent of a U15 boy was being verbally abusive to one of our refs from the stands during a recent game. Another U15 parent confronted him and told him not to yell at the ref, for various obvious reasons. I will be sending a reminder to all managers to let parents know that we have a zero tolerance policy for ref abuse.

4.3 Arbiter

We have pretty much figured out the Arbiter assigning system, but it continues to be a challenge at times and has required various work-arounds and duplications of effort to be effective. I'm keeping track of the ongoing issues and will provide feedback on it at the end of the season. For now, though, the system is functioning well enough.

4.4 In House/On Floor clinics

Keith Dunne and Cam Comeau will once again hold on-floor follow-up training clinics for our referees. May 4th, the U11 boys practice will be held in tandem with an EL/L1 clinic and the U13 girls practice with a L2 clinic. Keith and Cam will provide instructional time (making use of U11 and U13 players to help out with setting up reffing scenarios) and referees will be encouraged to ask questions and address issues that have come up during games so far this season.

4.5 Still looking for Co-Ref Allocator

I'm still looking for someone to shadow me in this position. If anyone knows someone involved at the tyke or novice level who might be interested in taking it on in a couple of years, that would be great. It's best handled by two people so you can cover for each other when one is away, etc. If anyone knows of someone who likes teens, is a good

communicator, and is well-organized, please let them know to contact me. It won't be much work at first, mostly just acting as my back-up. I'm just looking to build some redundancy and facilitate a smooth eventual transition.

5.0 Junior B report

5.1 Finances

- Single game tickets - \$5, annual home game passes - \$40
- Need bank account established so that we can link the Square and accept electronic payments for gate and 50/50
- Registration is \$400 per player (or \$600 corporate sponsor)
- Collecting cheques this year, but electronic options being requested
- Need to verify that we can use the PMLA lottery licence for our 50/50

Motion: Derek proposed a motion to give the Treasurer the authority to open 2 new bank accounts for the Port Moody Junior B Thunder team to keep the Junior program funds separate from the Minor Lacrosse funds. One account will be for operating and one account for gaming grants. **All in attendance approved.**

5.2 Coaching

- Josh Coupal – Head Coach
- Cole Johnson – Assistant Coach
- Callan Morrison – Assistant Coach
- Jake Healy arranging Level 1 and Level 2 coaching training for Josh and Cole (need Level 2 to coach)

5.3 League update

- Ridge Meadows folded, New Westminster to be added to take Ridge's place
- Ridge releases to be coming to Port Moody

5.4 Player Roster

- Still building playing roster, have 18 players
- Looking for 7 more to make a full compliment of 25

5.5 First game

- First game was versus North Shore, Lost 7-6, but game very exciting
- 6 call ups from U17A2 – players did great and was first exposure to offense/defense
- Arrangements required for ball boys/girls and potential mini games between periods, also could use an anthem singer

Dave mentioned that as the Junior B team transitions under the PMLA umbrella, that we should be integrating the onboarding process as part of the regular season activities. Allen supported this in mentioning that we should build support for the

Junior B team as a high priority. Look to do a social event at one of the Junior B games in June, pending the potential Adanacs game.

Action: Nicole to remind Managers of Tyke/Mini-Tyke/Novice teams about the opportunity to participate in mini-games and as ball boys/girls.

6.0 New Business

Dave mentioned we are still waiting to hear from the Sr Adanacs about the possibility of hosting an exhibition game, hoping to have an answer soon.

Dave mentioned we are still in need of a secretary.

7.0 Next Meeting

PMLA Exec Meeting June 7 2023 via Zoom.

8.0 End of meeting 7:54 pm Motioned by Jessica, seconded by Nicole, approved.