

Vancouver Island Minor Field Lacrosse Commission

Minutes from Sunday September 14th, 2008 5:00pm

Ladysmith Recreational Centre

Attendees:

Sam Hofer		Island Chair	
Rick Higgs		Vice Chair/Pac-Rim	
Tammy McDougall		Secretary/Nanaimo	
Paula West-Patrick		Island Registrar/Pac-Rim	
Ron Suckling		U-16 Commissioner	
Dan Linnen		U-19 Commissioner	
Baron Frech		Island head coach/Nanaimo	
Mike Laperriere		Island Scheduler	
Al Magnan	Mid Island	Rob Cook	Vic-Field
Richard Ellis	Mid-Island	Stan Bates	Vic-Field
Debbie Cawthorne	Nanaimo		

Call Meeting to Order: 5:12pm Sam Hofer

Adoption of Previous Minutes: Dan Linnen, Baron Frech M/S/C

Additions and Adoption of Agenda: Done

Business arising from the minutes(old minutes)

- Player release from Nanaimo to Mid-Island. Island voted to release player to Mid-Island. Player now grandfathered to Mid-Island.
- Ice-breaker tournament- Mid-Island has come up with a team fee. This includes fields, & lining cost. Sam has told them to bring the field bills to the next meeting then the cost will be broken per team. Sam is also donating 10 bags of lime to

Mid-Island to cover the costs of lining the fields. Fields have been booked. Rob Cook and Pac-Rim will bring additional nets

- Motion for Island to pay ref travel fees for this weekend Rob Cook, Tammy McDougall M/S/C

Correspondence and Hand-outs: None

Financial Report: Brande Terris-Absent, but sent in report see attachment

Commissioners:

- U-10-Peter Moskovicz
- U-12 -Stan Bates
- U-14-Rick Higgs
- U-16-Ron/Sandy Suckling
- U-19 Dan Linnen

Association Reports:

Mid-Island –

- Declared two teams, U-10 &14, really broke at this time

Nanaimo-

- Declared 5 teams, Bought two new sets of jersey's, buying every player in the association new shorts, had team pictures on Saturday Sept.13th, teams out practicing

North-Island- via e-mail

Team Declarations and Numbers:

- U12 - 12 registered
- U10 - 3 registered with Underage Player Movement Forms completed to play U12 (all 3 played up in field last year and based on small numbers of U12, they are needed to field a U12 Team)
- U16 - 11 registered
- U14 - 5 registered with Underage Player Movement Forms completed to play U16 (nearest Team for travel would be Nanaimo)
- U19 - 14 registered with a couple more expected to register before end of week

• **Player Release Request:**

- Erik McArthur of Black Creek BC has requested to be released from the NIFLA to play in Nanaimo or anywhere else. Erik was released from U16 in the NIFLA last year and played in Parksville. Erik will play U19 this year. This was presented to the NIFLA Executive and based on

numbers of their U19 Team this year and history with McArthur family's reasons for release it was motioned to allow Erik to play anywhere other than with NIFLA U19 Team; this motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Tiering Request:

- The NIFLA Executive would like to request that our Teams not be required to play Tier 1 teams this year. After some blow-out games last year, complaints, phone calls and emails to the Island Chair regarding the combined schedule of Tier 1 & 2, Coaches and Team Managers were told to keep the games under control with no more of a spread than 8 goals in each game. Our experience was that this seldom happened and it was agreed upon at an Island meeting that the 2nd half of the season would not be a combined schedule.
- Numbers in the NIFLA are down this year in the age group that played in some of these "blow-out games" and we feel that this may be partly why. The NIFLA feels that in the interest of growing the sport all over the island, it would be in all Associations best interest to consider equal tiering.
- Our U12 & U16 teams have underage players, new coaches, new and 1st year players and our U19 team is made up mostly of 17 year olds, a brand new player and a special needs player; we don't feel that any of these Teams are ready to play Tier 1 teams! We would like to suggest that those games be made as exhibition games between the top Tier 2 team and the Tier 1 opponent.
- We thank the Island Commission for their support of this request

Oceanside: Absent,

- Graeme & Glenda Haynes have stepped down for the Oceanside board, Please forward any correspondence to John Wall

Pac-Rim-

- Going well just finished up evaluations, now just have split up the teams have declared 7 teams, U-19's played Delta today, will play in the Pacific Coast league Numbers are up

Vic-Field-

- Up over all, 17 kids in the U-10 group, 29 players in the U-12 & 14 groups, 30 players in U-16,(lost 9 tier 1 players to burn-out this season) 13, possible 17 U-19 players. Turkey tournament will happen this year, For U-12 &14 tier 2's not sure if they will let in Tier 1's

New Business

- Player releases:
- Player from Pac-Rim, Lucas Violini (98 birth date) released to Vic-Field, both associations agree. Paula West-Patrick, Dan Linnen M/S/C
- Player from North Island released looking to play in Nanaimo. At this point Nanaimo's U-19 team is full, Request denied Commissioner states he goes back to North-Island
- U-12 player from Oceanside (Curtis Novak) would like to play in Nanaimo, because Oceanside doesn't have a team, request approved
- Vic-Field has released a player, Matt Hamilton to Pac Rim both Associations agreed.
- Mid-Island has two U-16 players released to Pac-Rim, Approved,
- Schedule, will be out later this week, Mike just needs to fine tune it
- Travel fees, Dan will send out to everyone later this week. Going by Box fees

- Space Needle Tournament- Some association are going to this tournament, associations need to decide if they are going to tournament or to play-offs as they are the same time.
- Doug Dreschner is still looking for teams to come up and play, but tournament has been moved to Kelowna October 4 & 5th, still planning on coming down October 26th weekend to play games

Next Meeting tentatively booked October 26th Ladysmith Recreational Centre 5:00pm

Meeting Adjourned 8:00pm Dan Linnen, Rick Higgs