

SURREY LACROSSE AGM - Minutes

October 21, 2014

Surrey Sports & Leisure Complex

- 1) **Welcome/Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 7:24 pm. 26 Members present.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes of the October 15, 2013 AGM.** It was moved by Steve Bremner, and seconded by Jen Bebb that the minutes of the 2013 AGM be adopted. CARRIED
- 3) **Business Arising from Previous Minutes.** NONE

4) **Executive Reports:**

President: (Cal Davies) "The number of volunteers needed to operate a small lacrosse club is amazing. Starting with the Surrey Lacrosse Executive, Coaches, Managers, Door People, Trainers, time keepers, tournament coordinators and even supportive family. With all the hours that we put in, more volunteers are always needed. A huge thank you to everyone that has stepped up to help this year.

Every year is a struggle, particularly at the start of the season when we try to determine numbers of players/teams/coaches. Thanks to the understanding parents for giving us some room to breathe during those times. I realized everyone wants the decisions made quickly but sometimes it just isn't that easy.

This was one of our most successful years in recent memory. We had competitive teams in all divisions, including a Provincial Championship, Provincial Silver and a Provincial Qualifier. It was also the first time in recent times that we have had a team competitive at an A1 level. Congratulations to all teams!

Special Thanks to our Executive Members who have worked behind the scenes, largely unrecognized, in order to keep things running smoothly. Without them we would be lost.

Of note, is the 12 years of service from Sandra Prance and we are grateful for her service."

Vice President – BOX (Mike Constantine)

Parental feedback has been received on the positive improvements to coaching across all levels. Time this year has been focused on apparel sales for both Box and Field.

Registrar: (Kerry Williams)

Registration #s:

Box: 197 (last year was 196)

Field: 169 (last year was 115)

Registration ran fairly smoothly. Most difficult aspect is the releases and accompanying finances (transfers of funds to then receiving club).

Treasurer: (Marilyn Sobey)

We ended August 2014 with \$30,000 profit and had \$70,000 in the bank. Pinnies and shorts for field order yet to be paid. Biggest expense annually is the Box Floor time running about \$29,000. Field will have increased cost for field time this year due to increased number of teams.

We received a gaming grant again. Tyke tournament netted \$4700 after expenses.

Secretary (Susan dos Santos)

This year we secured a new photo contract and began offering the "Teammate" (team photo and single individual photo) to all players in both Box and Field. Parents seemed happy with this switch and appreciate the 'gift' of the teammate photo. Much work has been done to update historical records and crim check records. More coaches and managers need to complete their crim checks. Will work with Head Coaches to see greater compliance.

Head Coach:

BOX (Ryan Padden) – Congratulations to PeeWeeA and Mike Constantine on their Gold at Provincials and to Dennis Ewen and the PeeWeeB on their Silver at Provincials. There is a good novice group upcoming so the hope is to continue to see solid development.

BCLA is doing a certification 'clamp down' on coaches and we need to facilitate our coaches all getting to the courses or completing their workbooks. Door People at PeeWee and up will need to all be Coaches at Level 1 for Box 2015 season.

Zone 4 – South of Fraser area – BCLA chose Simon Upshon as Coach of the Year.

Field struggled to start for a good reason – more teams! Exciting but challenges for field space for practice and games. Collapsed U16 T1 last night and moved players around to U16 T2 and U19 teams. Excited to see new girls team at U12. Lots of players at U8 and U10. Almost sufficient U10 for 2 teams. Went with large U10 team and bumped a few up to help U12 T2 team. Appreciate all the coaches who have stepped up to help.

“Overall, the year went well, few complaints came in this year and quite a few compliments. Along with that abuse of officials is still a big issue in the game; it has switched however from coaches to door openers being the main problem.

I would like to thank Sandra Prance who once again did one of the biggest jobs in our association as ref scheduler.

Cody Tracy and Cole Rolland as senior officials of the year and Dino Dzanic as the junior official of the year.

Although he could not be there for the whole tournament, I was told he did a great job and would have been given a medal game if he was available. He was also selected to officiate the PeeWee, Bantam, Midget Nationals held in New West this past season.

There is potential for big changes in the ref situation across the province as BCLA is moving towards dismantling the ref association. Currently waiting to see what will happen."

This is a big job.

Int B: (John)

Two (2) of the players were in the top 24 of the whole league consistently. It is hard to get players at this level and

3rd from Surrey in 8 years. It is hope that more Semi players will come play with Surrey Int B in the future. Team is

housed in Surrey. Several graduating players moving to Jr B.

Numbers were not an issue this year. Had to release 5 players in 2014. Team has now been running for 3 years. It is hard to keep players coming thru the season due to other commitments. 2014 was a better season as reduced

is committed to five years total. Have had some discussion with Steve Bremner about a Senior Team in Surrey.

There are 30+ guys interested to follow what might come back to Surrey. Looking for up coming goalies from Int B.

a. **President – Cal Davies – accepts for 1 more year. ACCLAIMED**

c. **Secretary – Susan dos Santos. ACCLAIMED**

d. **Head Referee – Braden Wilkins and Cole Rolland. Co share. ACCLAIMED**

e. **Coaching Coordinator** BOX – Ryan Padden. ACCLAIMED
FIELD –

- f. **Registrar** – Kerry Williams – appointed
- g. **Treasurer** –Marilyn Sobey – appointed
- h. **Equipment Manager** – Mitch Green - appointed
- i. **Floor Allocator** – Jen Bebb – appointed
- j. **Ref Scheduler** – Sandra Prance – appointed. Note: may not be back due to surgery. Likely looking for a replacement

6) **New Business**

- a. Official Policy Amendment needs to be looked at to incorporate Surrey Warriors into SLA policy wording now that South Fraser has officially folded. Susan dos Santos agreed to start the groundwork on the terminology and format required.
- b. AGM date Amendment. Dialogue about moving the date of the AGM so it happens after BLCA AGM so we get updates.

Moved by Dennis Ewen and seconded by Mike Constantine to officially move the SLA AGM to be after the BCLA October AGM annually. CARRIED

- c. Merge with Semi – where is this at?
History – Dennis spent 2 years laying the ground work with Minor Directorate, BCLA, etc and Surrey passed the motion. But Semi turned it down.
Current – At this point SLA executive feels Semi needs to initiate a restart of the discussion and come to us with agreement in their house. SLA executive supports the idea of a merger.
FYI: Delta and North Delta have merged to become 1 association – Islanders
- d. Team Numbers – Noted that Midget and Bantam will need to find players or get decisions out there before tryouts. BCLA feels you should keep stronger players and field strongest team possible and release weaker players. Communication is key. Need to keep executive involved and communicate well so parents and players are not surprised.
- e. Box Uniforms – Mitch has a quote for new Jerseys. BCLA says whole association has to match. Executive will need to decide soon on whether to order or not. Older Box Jerseys are getting really worn. Time to replace. Will be expensive.
- f. Goalie Gear – what is the policy? This year there was confusion. Minor Directorate decides. Will need to listen in the spring and see what they determine to be deciding factor – numbers or conformity or measurements.
- g. Door People – PeeWee and above must be certified coaches. Trainer can be on bench to tend to players injured and then must linger off bench to attend to injuries.
For Novice/Tyke – door person test is valid only 2 years; after that must also do coach certification; cannot renew door person test.

7) **Adjournment.** Motioned by John McKay and seconded by Dennis Ewen to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.