



SURREY MINOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	Special Meeting of the Membership	Date:	04 June 2006
Location:	Surrey Sport & Leisure Complex	Time:	7:00 pm
Present:	See attached list		
Item	Discussion	Action By	
1	Call to Order – 7:08 pm		
2	<u>President’s Welcome/Introductory Comments</u> Karen Kennedy welcomed all, expected a larger turnout. This is her last year as President. It has been a great one and wanted to thank all who devoted their time and energy to the Association. Happy to Pam de Leijer, Tanya Tracy and John Ewart staying on the Executive for another year. Proud to be a Surrey Rebel!		
3	<u>Adoption of AGM minutes – 01 November 2005</u> Moved by John Ewart, Seconded by Ron Schell - Carried		
4	<u>Business Arising From the Minutes</u> None		
5a	<u>Treasurer’s Report</u> Brenda Bromley reported that, since the fiscal year doesn’t end until August 31, there is no financial statement. The Current Bank Balances Report is appended to these minutes. Highlights for the year to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Received \$30,240 from the gaming commission which must be spent by fiscal year end, so arranged for pre-invoicing by August 31. Tracy Sigmund asked if we can apply for more gaming funds in the future. B. Bromley replied that we could, but cautioned that the funds must be spent out by fiscal year end. - All invoices to date paid, still \$6,500 due to BCLA for fees and expect a few more expenses from the Craig Bailey Memorial. - Expect to have \$45-50,000 in the bank at fiscal year end, enough to run the Association for 3-4 years. Suggest put funds into a GIC. - Floor time is very expensive, so far \$27,300 spent this season. John Ewart asked how this compares with other associations. B. Bromley replied that New West and Coquitlam are lower, Semiahmoo is lower in younger divisions – all relative to number of players. K. Kennedy mentioned that even with the high floor fees, the rate is still heavily subsidized by the City of Surrey. - Last season we were \$25/player short after registration fees just to cover basic costs, this season down to \$14/player short. We need gaming money to keep things going. - Goalie gear and jerseys updated on a rotating basis – next year will do Novice and PeeWee (one set of PeeWee jerseys replaced this year). - Ron Schell asked if gaming money can be used for floor time. B. Bromley replied that fees, equipment and floor time are eligible expenses. <p>K. Kennedy commended B. Bromley for the work she did in taking the Association out of a debt position.</p>		

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5b	<p><u>Registrar's Report</u></p> <p>Tanya Tracy reported that she and Pam de Leijer did the job of Registrar together this year, which worked out very well. Highlights for the year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 330 registrants this year, down from approximately 370 in 2005. This trend is common in other associations throughout the Lower Mainland. - Held two registration nights in November and January, as well as took registrations at homes. - Had 20 teams this year: 2 MiniTyke, 3 Tyke, 4 Novice, 3 PeeWee, 4 Bantam and 4 Midget. We unfortunately lost the 2 female divisions. - We tried to boost registration by going out to schools, as lacrosse is not that well known out there – did manage to get a few more kids, but not enough to make 4 teams in PeeWee or 5 teams in Bantam. - Was easier to enter players into the BCLA web database (all done on time), as we were able to migrate returning player information from last year. Only need to confirm no change in address. Also won't need copy of birth certificate at registration for returning players as a result. - P. de Leijer set up an smlaregistrar@hotmail.com account for all correspondence, pre-booked tournaments for all divisions (won't repeat next year, as many associations didn't like the practice and teams were not following up – assign to Division Coordinators next year). - There will be two registration dates next season, one at North Surrey and one at Cloverdale. Will advertise in local papers, post on website and send out email to returning players. - R. Schell asked how long our website has been up. K. Kennedy responded that, although it has been up for two years, only this past season has it been active. Ed Butler commented that the Yahoo! Group was awkward to use. Frank Geyer responded that it was a means of getting immediate information posted as the main website was administered by a third party web hosting service and it could take time to get things posted there. The intent is, once the contract with FernWeb Design ends later this year, the administration of the main website be assigned to an SMLA member (as is the case with South Fraser Field Lacrosse) and the Yahoo! Group shut down. 	
5c	<p><u>Coaching Coordinator's Report</u></p> <p>Bruce Purvis reported that this was the toughest position he's ever volunteered for. Highlights for the year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No problem getting coaching clinics, just getting coaches to take them. Many coaches are not certified, as they haven't sent in the completed booklets to finish the course. - Form 100s were also a real hassle to get back from coaches. - Brent Saunders suggested that more coaches meetings are needed prior to the start of the season – once every 2 weeks until the season starts would help. - B. Bromley commented that criminal record check forms were given out at the February meeting, just now getting some back. - B. Purvis commented that he expected more from the experienced coaches. B. Saunders suggested that the senior coaches should run seminars with the younger coaches. 	

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5d	<p><u>Head Referee's Report</u></p> <p>Sandra Prance reported on behalf of Wade Shelton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This year the Association had 45 officials for 20 teams. - A meeting was held for all officials early in the season that 23 officials attended. The focus of the meeting was abuse of officials. - When speaking with Commissioners and Officials over the season, there has been an increase in penalties and suspensions from Novice to Midget this season. - W. Shelton has been evaluating the officials and evaluations will be on going until the end of the season. Next season, the Association will be looking for more Level 2 officials for the Bantam and Midget levels. - There are still numerous players without STOP signs on the backs of their jerseys. Stop signs are mandatory at the minor level. - A recommendation will be put forward at the next BCLA annual meeting to increase the referee's fees for Novice from \$15 per game to \$20 per game per referee. - Steve Williams commented that he noticed on the BCLA Fan Forum that there is a helmet problem. 5 players were tossed in the Kamloops tournament for lack of chin straps. F. Geyer recited the CLA rule that the original helmet chin strap and face mask with original chin cup and 2-point connection to helmet is required. In minor lacrosse, the penalty for illegal equipment is 2 minutes plus game misconduct. - A meeting will be held at the end of the season for all referees to find out how things went and who will be coming back next season. A letter will be handed out to the referees with their officiating hours. - Martie Tammen asked who sets shot clock fees, should be \$12 per game to help cover travel costs. S. Prance responded that SMLA sets the fee, and it was increased from \$8 to \$10 this season. K. Kennedy commented that, as in other associations, we should get the parents to do the shot clock for free. M. Tammen commented that the reason for our practice is because parents screw up. R. Schell noted that the fees at tournaments range from \$7 at Delta to \$9 at Semiahmoo for shot clock officials and it is good for the young officials to do this while watching the more experienced officials. 	
5e	<p><u>Equipment Report</u></p> <p>Brenda Bromley reported on behalf of Craig Vandebossche:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We ordered wood goalie sticks in August 2005, still haven't got them, only 15 wood shafts for the plastic goalie stick heads. - Need a couple more sets of upper body gear and leg guards for the bigger goalies. - Need to replace PeeWee and Novice jerseys and Novice, Tyke and MiniTyke goalie gear next season. Expect 20-25 sets of new jerseys next year, and 400 balls. - Daryl Springer commented that we need goalie pants for those 10 years old on up. B. Bromley replied that we ordered 13 sets this year, didn't get them right away and many are sitting in the equipment room unused. - Colleen Burr inquired about first aid kits. B. Bromley replied that we got them all, but coaches didn't pick them up. - Paul Sparrow asked if the wood goal sticks were order through Ice Level Sports. B. Bromley replied that we got better pricing in general through Big Kahuna, but the Brine sticks are in short supply – the option is the Mohawk stick, which at \$330 is too expensive. 	New Equip Mgrs

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	<p>E. Butler – why not tell parents at registration that they need to put in at least 2 hours of volunteer time. T. Tracy – looked at charging a deposit at registration, but who will monitor and how many will just say “cash my cheque” and pay others (older players) to do the work. Others will complain about the higher fees.</p> <p>B. Saunders – many feel that when they pay registration fees, they’re in effect getting a baby-sitting service.</p>	
8	<p><u>Tournaments</u></p> <p>S. Prance – disgusted by PeeWee parents at the Rodeo Tournament, as there were no volunteers. No responses so far from Midget players to volunteer at the Craig Bailey Memorial even though can help their CAPP 10 requirement for community service hours.</p> <p>B. McLucas – Bantam and Midget coaches are not passing on the information on the CBM to parents or players.</p> <p>K. Kennedy – one PeeWee parent asked that if the tournament made a profit, shouldn’t that profit go back to the PeeWee teams. By that logic, as we don’t make money at tournaments, the losses would therefore have to be shared by those teams – won’t fly.</p> <p>S. Prance – All plaques for graduating Midget players will be going out to coaches next week for giving out at season wrap-up events.</p>	S. Prance/ Coaches
9	<p><u>Communications</u></p> <p>P. Sparrow – very impressed with website and e-mail communications this season, but we should be looking to send out regular e-mail updates as that would be most effective.</p> <p>F. Geyer – once we gain control of website, will look to utilize e-mail capabilities of new web hosting service to send out mass messages.</p>	New Webmaster
10	<p><u>General</u></p> <p>D. Ewan – would like to thank P. de Leijer for the Tots Program, N. Valade for the Tykes and K. Kennedy for the Junior B Program.</p> <p>Ed Collins – need to convey to younger players the importance of not caving in to peer pressure and replace their face masks with the longer ones where sticks can get up and in. Expecting changes to come from the CLA.</p>	Coaches
11	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Annual General Meeting, to be called for September 2006.</p>	B. McLucas
12	<p>Motion for Adjournment – 9:00 pm</p> <p>Moved by Karen Kennedy, seconded by Ed Butler</p>	

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