

**B.C. Lacrosse Association
2007 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Whistler Conference Centre, Whistler, B.C.
Sunday, October 14, 2007 – 9:00 AM**

1. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M. with President Sohen Gill presiding. Sohen welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the executive members.

2. Approval of Minutes of the October 22, 2006 BCLA Annual General Meeting.

It was moved by Dave Wilkie, seconded by Bill Dawes that the minutes of the B.C. Lacrosse Association 2006 Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

There was no old business.

4. Executive Reports – All reports contained in the 2007 BCLA Annual Report

- a) President/CLA Report (Sohen Gill)
- c) Secretary (Mike Hall)
- d) Vice President – Administration (Gerry Van Beek)
- e) Vice President – Operations (Toni Lowe)
- f) Vice President – Promotions/Public Relations (Ron McQuarrie)
- g) Vice President – Development (Corinne Almas)
- h) Director at Large – David Jenkins

It was moved by Mike Neuman, seconded by Bobbie Orr to accept the reports as circulated. CARRIED

- b) Treasurer (David Soul)

It was moved by Joe Wilmot, seconded by Greg Toll to accept the Financial Report as circulated. CARRIED

5. Directorate/Technical Support Group Reports

- a) Senior Directorate (Bill Dawes) – Bill Dawes was re-elected as Vice-Chair for a two year term and Judy Regier was re-elected as Secretary for a two year term.
- b) Minor Directorate (Greg Toll) – Dave Wilkie was elected Chair for a one year term, Peter Frey was elected Vice-Chair for a two year term, Lori Ross was re-elected as Secretary for a one year term and Ed Ponsart was elected Female Box Lacrosse Chair for a two year term.
- c) Field Directorate (Cliff Pascas) – as circulated in the 2007 Annual Report. Their special session was held on August 11th. Cliff gave a brief summary of the U-19 First Nations Cup, the U-16 Alumni Cup, the Men's Ross Cup and the Men's Victory Cup results. He thanked the volunteers at the Men's Nationals held in Coquitlam. Field lacrosse will be a sport in the 2008 BC Summer Games. The ILF U-19 World Championship will be held in Coquitlam July 3-12, 2008.
- d) BCLCA (Mike Marshall) - as circulated in the 2007 Annual Report. Their special session was held on September 8th. More volunteer coaches will be needed for the 2008 minor national tryouts. There were 57 reports of abuse of officials in 2007. The BCLOA and BCLCA have formed a joint committee regarding this problem. The 2007 season had the fewest number of uncertified coaches for the first time.

e) BCLOA (Frank Pongracz) - as circulated in the 2007 Annual Report. Their special session was held on September 8th.

6. Credentials Report (Mike Hall)

There are 391 possible votes and there are 230 voting delegates attending this AGM. The breakdown is as follows:

Executive	7	out of a possible	8
Coaches	6	out of a possible	13
Officials	5	out of a possible	21
Seniors	63	out of a possible	130
Minors	112	out of a possible	146
Field	37	out of a possible	73
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>230</u>		<u>391</u>

7. Proposed Amendments

a) Constitution and By-Laws

It was moved by Dan Wray, seconded by Steve Sharples to amend BY-LAW NUMBER II: MEMBERSHIP, 2. (b) by removing (iii) and adding (c) Life Membership that would read:

2. (c) Life Membership

The honour of Life Member of the BC Lacrosse Association may be bestowed upon a member for outstanding and meritorious service to the sport of lacrosse in British Columbia.

- (i) A nominee for Life Membership must have a minimum of twenty five (25) years of service to the sport of lacrosse. These twenty five (25) years of service do not have to be consecutive, but fifteen (15) of those years must have been in British Columbia and with an association, directorate, or technical support group registered with the BC Lacrosse Association.*
- (ii) A nominee for Life Membership may still be active with the BC Lacrosse Association or an association, directorate, or technical support group registered with the BC Lacrosse Association.*
- (iii) Potential Life Members must be nominated by his/her association, directorate, or technical support group.*
- (iv) A nomination for Life Membership must be sent to the Directorate or Technical Support Group responsible for their Association for approval/decline.*
- (v) Nominations for Life Membership must be submitted by the Directorate or Technical Support Group to the BC Lacrosse Association Executive prior to June 1 in the year of nomination.*
- (vi) The BC Lacrosse Association Executive must approve/decline nominations by July 31 in the year of nomination.*
- (vii) Life Members will be non-voting members of the BC Lacrosse Association.*
- (viii) Life Members shall not be subject to membership fees.*
- (ix) New Life Members will be presented with a BC Lacrosse Association plaque commemorating their service to the sport of lacrosse.*

CARRIED

It was moved by Sean Lehman, seconded by Wayne Clark to amend By-Law Number IV: Meetings, 6. that would read:

6. Any Club or Organization more than two hundred (200) miles/three hundred and twenty-two (322) kilometers from the location of the Annual General Meeting shall be allowed votes carried by a representative of that Organization. *In cases where ferry travel is involved, such as from Zone 6, the number of miles shall be 150 and the number of kilometers shall be 242.*

CARRIED

It was moved by Peter Frey, Seconded by Elinor Hinds to amend By-Law Number VII: The BCLA Registrar that would read:

The BCLA Registrars shall consist of a Senior Box, Minor Box and Field Registrar – responsible to oversee the administration and filing of all player registration forms for their respective sectors and divisions of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association. Responsible to ensure that the members of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association adhere to the policies set in the British Columbia Lacrosse Association Operating Policies. The Registrars will each hold a position on the Operations Committee, and will be entitled to a vote at the British Columbia Lacrosse Association Annual General Meeting General Session. All Registrars will be appointed positions, done so by their respective directorates. The BCLA Registrars will be appointed annually at the Directorate Special Session. The BCLA Registrars, with the approval of the respective Directorate, shall appoint assistants as needed.

CARRIED

Please Note: references to electing the Field Registrar will be removed from By-law Number X. 3. The Field Directorate (a) & (b) and from the Field Operating Policy Regulation 1, 2nd to last paragraph. The Field Registrar would then become an appointed position at the Field Special Session in 2008.

3. THE FIELD LACROSSE DIRECTORATE

(a) The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair Youth, Vice Chair Men's, Vice Chair Women's ~~and Secretary and Field Registrar~~ of the Field Directorate, League Chair or designate of each League; all of the above shall have a vote. BCLOA Vice Chairs – Men's/Women's Field, BCLCA Vice Chair – Men's/Women's Field, the Minor Directorate Chair and the Senior Directorate Chair, or designates, may request to attend a Field Directorate Meeting or send a written report as deemed necessary.

(b) The Chair, Vice Chair Youth, Vice Chair Men's, Vice Chair Women's, ~~Field Registrar~~ and Secretary shall be elected, by secret ballot, at a special session of the Directorate. In the event that there is but a single nominee for the office, the Secretary shall cast one vote for such nominee. The Chair, Vice Chair – Women's Field and the Secretary shall be elected for a two-year term in even years. The Vice Chair – Youth, ~~and Vice Chair – Men's Field and the Field Registrar~~ shall be elected for a two-year term in odd-numbered years. All accredited delegates shall have a vote during this special session.

Field Operating Policy Regulation 1

The Chair, Vice Chair - Women's Field and the Secretary shall be elected for two-year terms in odd numbered years. The Vice Chair – Youth ~~and the Vice Chair - Men's, and the Field Registrar~~ shall be elected in two-year terms in even-numbered years. All elections will be held at the Field Directorate Special Session.

b) BCLA General Operating Policy – General

*It was moved by Dennis Quigley, seconded by Glen Pollock to add REGULATION 11:
Suspensions and Discipline, Regulation 11.02 that would read:*

- 11.02 All outcomes of suspensions during hearings shall be reported to the BCLA Office for permanent record. The records are accessible by staff for access to Hearing /Appeal Chairs, Directorates, Technical Support Groups and/or Leagues/Commissions upon request for Suspension and/or Discipline Hearings and Appeals.

CARRIED

*It was moved by Peter Frey, seconded by Frank Pongracz to amend REGULATION 11:
Suspensions and Discipline, 11.01 to read:*

- 11.01 All BCLA members shall recognize that all disciplinary actions and suspensions given in the Field Directorate, Senior Directorate, Minor Directorate, B.C. Lacrosse Coaches Association and the B.C. Lacrosse Officials Association will be served in ***all sectors of the BC Lacrosse Association.***

It was moved by Peter Frey, seconded by Frank Pongracz to amend the main motion to read:

- 11.01** All BCLA members shall recognize that all disciplinary actions and suspensions given in the Field Directorate, Senior Directorate, Minor Directorate, B.C. Lacrosse Coaches Association and the B.C. Lacrosse Officials Association will be served in **that Directorate or Technical Support Group, unless upon a recommendation of the residing body, it is deemed by the BCLA Executive that the infraction warrants a suspension from all sectors or any other sectors of the BCLA. The only exception will be that a Minor Directorate player is not permitted to play with a Senior Directorate team until the player's suspension with the Minor team has been served and if a Minor Directorate player receives a suspension while playing up on a Senior Directorate team, the player is not able to play for their minor team until the suspension for the allotted number of games assessed in the Senior Directorate has been served with the team the player is registered with. If any member of the Field Directorate, Senior Directorate, Minor Directorate, B.C. Lacrosse Coaches Association or B.C. Lacrosse Officials Association receives an "Abuse of Officials" penalty, it shall be served in all sectors of the B.C. Lacrosse Association.**

DEFEATED

The original main motion was then voted on and **DEFEATED**

It was moved by Doug Wright, seconded by Frank Pongracz to amend Appendix A: BCLA Appeals Process, (d) Selection of Members to Hear Appeal, 2. to read:

2. The Directorate Chair or delegate or delegate shall call and hold an Appeal meeting within ***twenty-one (21)*** days of receipt of the above, and also select no less than three (3) up to seven (7) members of the Appeal Board to hear the appeal matter. ***If there are less than three (3) members on the Appeal Board, not including the Directorate Chair or delegate, then a new date and time is to be set to hear the appeal.***

DEFEATED

It was moved by Barb Laprise, seconded by Doug Wright to amend Appendix A: BCLA Appeals Process, (d) Selection of Members to Hear Appeal, 5. that to read:

5. It shall be the responsibility of the Directorate Chair or delegate to have for the appeal hearing the reports, records, witnesses, concerned parties and all other pertinent materials as required for the appeal hearing as needed and requested. ***All reports, records and other pertinent materials that are private and confidential information are to be distributed to Appeal Board members only, and collected and destroyed at the end of the Appeal Hearing.***

DEFEATED

It was moved by Dave Wilkie, seconded by David Soul to add School Team Affiliates to APPENDIX B: 2007-2008 Fee Schedule, under "Recreational" that would read:

School Affiliate ***\$15***

It was moved by Richard Appels, seconded by Tyson Leies to amend the main motion to read:

School Affiliate ***\$1***

DEFEATED

It was moved by David Soul, seconded by Glen Pollock to amend the main motion to read:

School Affiliate ***\$0***

CARRIED

The amended main motion was then voted on and **CARRIED**

It was moved by Dan Wray, seconded by Frank Pongracz to amend APPENDIX B: 2007-2008 Fee Schedule, Field Registration Fees to read:

	<u>2007-08</u>
<i>Senior Men</i>	<i>\$45</i>
<i>Senior Women</i>	<i>\$25</i>

DEFEATED

It was moved by Sean Lehman, seconded by Frank Pongracz to amend APPENDIX B, 2007-2008 Fee Schedule, BCLOA Fees, Minor Box Officials Payment/Game to read:

Minor Box Officials Payment/Game

<i>Mini-Tyke/Tyke</i>	<i>\$15</i>
<i>Novice (Minor/Female)</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>PeeWee (Minor/Female)</i>	<i>\$25</i>
<i>Bantam (Minor/Female)</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>Midget (Minor/Female)</i>	<i>\$35</i>
<i>Juvenile (Minor)/Junior/Senior (Female)</i>	<i>\$40</i>

CARRIED

It was moved by Les Smith, seconded by Terry Kirstiuk to amend APPENDIX B: 2007-2008 Fee Schedule, BCLOA Fees, Field Officials Payment/Game to read:

Field Officials Payment/Game

<i>Mini-Tyke Field</i>	<i>\$15</i>
<i>Tyke Field</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>Novice Field</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>PeeWee Field</i>	<i>\$25</i>
<i>Bantam Field</i>	<i>\$25</i>
<i>Midget Field</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>Junior Men's U19 Field</i>	<i>\$35</i>
<i>Senior Men's Field</i>	<i>\$40</i>

CARRIED

It was moved by Karen Blake, seconded by Frank Pongracz to amend APPENDIX B: 2007-2008 Fee Schedule, BCLOA Fees, Field Officials Payment/Game by adding Women's Field payments that would read:

Field Officials Payment/Game

Women's 2007-2008

<i>U15 League</i>	<i>\$15</i>
<i>U19 League</i>	<i>\$18</i>
<i>Senior League</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>U15 Club</i>	<i>\$18</i>
<i>U19 Club</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>Senior Club</i>	<i>\$25</i>

It was moved by Karen Blake, seconded by Doug Simons to amend the main motion to read:

Field Officials Payment/Game

Women's 2007-2008

U15 League	\$20
U19 League	\$20
Senior League	\$25
U15 Club	\$20
U19 Club	\$25
Senior Club	\$30

CARRIED

The amended main motion was then voted on and **CARRIED**

8. Election of Officers

a) Slate of Officers presented by Nominations Committee (Gerry Van Beek)

b) Election by Position:

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| 1. Secretary | Mike Hall | (The Secretary cast one ballot) |
| 2. Treasurer | David Soul | (The Secretary cast one ballot) |
| 3. VP – Operations | Greg Toll | (The Secretary cast one ballot) |
| 4. VP – Promotions/Public Relations | Ron McQuarrie | (The Secretary cast one ballot) |
| 5. Director at Large | David Jenkins | (The Secretary cast one ballot) |

It was moved by Doug Wright, seconded by Frank Pongracz to destroy the ballots. CARRIED

9. New Business

There was no new business.

The Great White North was awarded the 2008 Junior B Provincials, to be held in August. Rochelle announced that the year end DVD was available to take home and that the 2008 BCLA AGM would be held on October 17-19, 2008 at Whistler.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Bill Dawes to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.