



**B.C. Lacrosse Association
2008 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Whistler Conference Centre, Whistler, B.C.
Sunday, October 19, 2008 – 9:00 AM – Rainbow Theatre**

1. **Welcome/Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 9:01A.M. with President Sohen Gill presiding. Sohen introduced the executive and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes of the October 14, 2007 BCLA Annual General Meeting.**
It was moved by Dave Wilkie, seconded by Terry Kirstiuk that the minutes of the B.C. Lacrosse Association 2007 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 2008 BCLA Annual Report**
 - a) President and CLA Report: Sohen Gill
 - c) Secretary: Mike Hall
 - d) Vice President – Administration: Gerry Van Beek
 - e) Vice President – Operations: Greg Toll
 - f) Vice President – Promotions/Public Relations: Ron McQuarrie
 - g) Vice President – Development: Corinne Almas
 - h) Director at Large: David Jenkins*It was moved by Christine Pollock, seconded by Reg Thompson to accept the reports as circulated.*
CARRIED
 - b) Treasurer: David Soul
It was moved by Reg Thompson, seconded by Dave Wilkie to accept the Financial Report as circulated.
CARRIED
5. **Directorate/Technical Support Group Reports**
 - a) Senior Directorate (Christine Pollock) – Christine Pollock was elected as Chair for a two year term and Terry Kirstiuk was elected as Vice-Chair for a two year term
 - b) Minor Directorate (Dave Wilkie) – Dave Wilkie was re-elected as Chair for a two year term and Lori Ross was re-elected as Secretary for a one year term.
 - c) Field Directorate (Cliff Pascas) – as circulated in the 2008 Annual Report. Their special session was held on April 19, 2008. Cliff gave a brief report on the B.C. Summer Games, the ILF U-19 Men's World Field Championship, the U-19 First Nations, the U-16 Alumni Cup and the Men's Ross Cup. The U-19 & U-16 Provincials will be February 19 to 22, 2009. The U-14 & U-12 Provincials will be February 26 to Mar 1, 2009. The Men's Provincials will be held in the first week of April, 2009.
 - d) BCLCA (Dennis Quigley) – as circulated in the 2008 Annual Report. Their special

session was held on September 6, 2008. Dennis introduced himself and expressed his concern over the quality of coaches and the behaviour of a few coaches.

e) BCLOA (Doug Wright) – as circulated in the 2008 Annual Report. Their special session was held on September 6, 2008. The Vice-Chair Womens Field position is still vacant. Doug thanked Frank Pongracz for his work as Chair. Referee abuse incidents continue to increase.

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	8	out of a possible	8
Coaches	6	out of a possible	13
Officials	8	out of a possible	21
Seniors	76	out of a possible	135
Minors	110	out of a possible	138
Field	37	out of a possible	73
TOTAL	245		388

7. Proposed Amendments

a) Constitution and By-Laws

It was moved by Dave Wilkie, seconded by Doug Wright to add a new BY-LAW NUMBER X: DIRECTORATES/TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUPS, 4. RECREATION DIRECTORATE that would read:

4. RECREATION DIRECTORATE

- (a) The Recreation Directorate shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. The Chair of the Senior, Minor and Field Directorate and the Chairs of the BCLCA and BCLOA, or designates, may request to attend a Recreation Directorate meeting or send written reports as deemed necessary.
- (b) The Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary of the Recreation Directorate shall be appointed by the BCLA Executive for one year terms expiring on the last day of October each year.
- (c) Recreational team/leagues/programs are all those not governed by the Senior Directorate, the Minor Directorate or the Field Directorate as defined by the Bylaws and Operating Policies of those Directorates. This includes, but is not limited to, Senior Masters, Field Masters, Senior Female Box, School Affiliates, drop in leagues/programs, etc.
- (d) All recreational teams/leagues/programs shall be non-voting members of the Recreation Directorate.
- (e) The responsibilities of the Recreation Directorate shall be to monitor and collect the league agreements/policies/methods of operation of the individual recreational leagues/groups and to provide assistance as necessary to those leagues/groups.

- (f) The Recreation Directorate is responsible to the Executive, through the BCLA VP Development, but has the authority to carry out its responsibilities within its allotted budget.

CARRIED

Re-number subsequent By-Laws.

Note: References to Masters in Senior Policy regulation 2.02 (ages) and 6.03 (affiliation) are no longer valid and will be removed. References to Masters in Field Policy regulation 2.01(ages) and will be removed and regulations 45 to 54 (Masters policy) will be removed from the Field Policy. References to Senior Women in Minor policy regulation 2.01 and 24.02, 24.04 (b) are no longer valid and will be removed.

It was moved by Bill Dawes, seconded by David Soul to add a new BY-LAW NUMBER X: DIRECTORATES/TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUPS, 7. It was moved by Mike Hall, seconded by Cliff Pascas to amend the by-law to read:

7. THE BRITISH COLUMBIA LACROSSE VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION (BCLVLA)

- (a) The BCLVLA executive shall consist of:
- the Chair
 - Past Chair,
 - four vice Chairs - one each for the Minor Directorate, Senior Directorate, Women's Field and Men's /**Youth** Field lacrosse
 - Secretary
- (b) The Executive of the BCLVLA will be elected at a Special Session.
- (c) The delegates for the BCLVLA representation at the Association's Annual General Meeting will be the association executive.
- (d) The Chair of the BCLVLA shall preside at all meetings of the BCLVLA.
- (e) The responsibility of the BCLVLA, in conjunction with the Vice President Administration, will be to provide competent volunteer leaders for all lacrosse in the Province of British Columbia. To this end, the BCLVLA is charged with implementing and administering effective recruiting, education, discipline and evaluation programs throughout the province, and ensuring that the philosophy of the Association is adhered to.
- (f) The BCLVLA is responsible to the Executive, but has the authority to carry out its responsibilities within its allotted budget.
- (g) All officers shall be elected by secret ballot at the BCLVLA Special Sessions.
- (h) In the event that there is but a single nominee for an office, the secretary shall cast one vote for such nominee.
- (j) The Chair, Vice Chair – Women's Field, and the Secretary shall be elected for two-year terms in odd-numbered years. The Vice Chair – Minor, Vice Chair – Senior, and the Vice Chair – Field shall be elected in two-year terms in even-numbered years.

- (k) In the event that a member of the executive of the BCLVLA is not able to complete his/her duties or is compelled to resign, the remaining members of the executive will appoint a replacement who will serve until an election can be held at the next Special Session of the BCLVLA.

CARRIED as amended

Re-number existing Sections (6) & (7) accordingly.

It was moved by Christine Pollock, seconded by Dave Wilkie to amend BY-LAW NUMBER I: DEFINITIONS, 9 and 10 that would read:

9. **Minors** --
are players and teams of players in Midget and younger age groups, Field Lacrosse players and teams of players in **Junior U19** and younger divisions.
10. **Minor Divisions** --
Midget and younger age groups; **Junior U19** and younger divisions in Field Lacrosse.

CARRIED

It was moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Barb Calve to add a new BY-LAW NUMBER I: DEFINITIONS, 12 that would read:

12. **Recreation Player** --
Any player of any age who is participating as a member of a team/league/program that is not governed by the Senior, Minor or Field Directorates, as defined by the Bylaws and Operating Policies of those Directorates.

CARRIED

Re-number subsequent definitions.

It was moved by Keith Armstrong, seconded by Bill Dawes to amend BY-LAW NUMBER II: MEMBERSHIP, 2. by removing (ii) from (a) and adding to (b) that to read:

2. (a) **The following may apply for membership:**
- (i) Minor Box and Youth Field lacrosse associations
 - (ii) Individual Senior lacrosse clubs or teams
 - (iii) Individuals who are interested in the general work of the Association and who are not members of any other lacrosse club, team or association. Such individuals shall be Associate Members and shall not have voting privileges unless elected or appointed to recognized positions.
 - (iv) Individuals who are part of a school program. Such individuals shall be Affiliate Members and shall not have voting privileges unless elected or appointed to recognized positions.
 - (v) Schools and recreation centres that provide Inter-Crosse development programs may apply as affiliate members, and shall not have voting privileges.

(b) The following shall be members and shall not be subject to membership fees:

- (i) The Executive, the Operations Committee, and Chairs of Commissions with more than two associations.
- (ii) **Individuals elected to Directorate or Technical Support Group positions and the eight (8) Zone Directors of the Minor Directorate who are appointed and/or elected.**
- (iii) Individuals appointed by the Executive to recognized positions. Such individuals shall be Associate Members, and shall not have voting privileges unless filling one of the above voting positions.

CARRIED

It was moved by Myrna Cable, seconded by David Soul to amend BY-LAW NUMBER II: MEMBERSHIP, 5. that would read:

5. Applications for membership must be in the **BCLA Office** no later than the first day of **November**, and membership shall run to the following Annual Meeting. The right to approve applications for membership rests with the Executive. **Membership is not automatically renewed, but must be reapplied for annually. Membership automatically expires at the aforementioned Annual Meeting if an application for renewal is not received by the deadline.**

CARRIED

It was moved by Jacquie Hawkins, seconded by Lee Loftus to amend BY-LAW NUMBER IV: MEETINGS, 1. and 2. by adding "e-mail" that would read:

1. **The Annual Meeting** of the Association shall be held during the month of **October** in each and every year; such date to be set by the Executive, and in the event of their failure to act, by the President.

Notice of such meeting must be forwarded by mail *or e-mail* a **minimum of thirty days** prior to the date of said meeting to each member of the Association for the time being, stating:

- (a) the place of the meeting
 - (b) the date of the meeting
 - (c) the agenda for the meeting
 - (d) the proposed amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws.
2. **Special Meeting** -- any meeting other than the Annual Meeting shall be a Special Meeting. The President may call a Special Meeting of the Association at any time, either himself or upon request of not less than ten percent of the members of the Association in good standing. Notice of such Special Meeting must be forwarded by mail *or e-mail* a minimum of fourteen days prior to the date of such meeting, to all members of the Association, and such notice shall set forth the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

CARRIED

It was moved by Reg Thompson, seconded by Bill Dawes to Amend BY-LAW NUMBER IV: MEETINGS, 5. Voting that would read:

- At all Annual and Special meetings of the Association, members in good standing will have the following voting rights:

- (a) District lacrosse associations (box and field) may seat one accredited delegate with one vote for every one hundred Minor players, or portion thereof, registered in the previous playing season; plus one accredited delegate with one vote for every Senior team (box and field) registered in the previous playing season.
- (b) Each accredited delegate of the BCLOA, **BCLVLA**, and the BCLCA Technical Support Groups, as defined in By-Law X, Section 4(g), **By-Law X, Section 6(c)** and By-Law X, Section 5(b) shall have one vote.
- (c) Each elected **or appointed** member of a Directorate (Senior, Minor, **Recreation** and Field) as described in By-Law X, Section 1(b), Section 2(b), Section 3(b), **Section 4(a)** and the eight (8) Zone Directors as appointed and/or elected by the Minor Directorate, shall have one (1) vote each.
- (d) All other members in good standing, other than Associate Members **and Affiliate Members**, will have one vote each.

CARRIED

It was moved by Reg Thompson, seconded by Christine Pollock to Amend BY-LAW NUMBER VII: THE BCLA REGISTRAR that would read:

The BCLA Registrars shall consist of a Senior Box, Minor Box, **Recreation** 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

It was moved by Jacquie Hawkins, seconded by Barb Laprise to Amend BY-LAW NUMBER IX: COMMITTEES, (b) The Disciplinary Committee (Applies to Code of Conduct Only), (i) that would read:

- (b) The Disciplinary Committee (Applies to Code of Conduct Only)
 - (i) The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the Vice President - Operations or a designate, the Chair of the Minor, Senior, **Recreation** and Field Lacrosse Directorates or their designates, the Chairs of the B.C. Lacrosse Officials Association, **the B.C. lacrosse Volunteer Leadership Association** and the B.C. Lacrosse Coaches Association or their designates.

CARRIED

It was moved by Jacquie Hawkins, seconded by Greg Toll to Amend BY-LAW NUMBER IX: COMMITTEES, (f) (iii) The Development Committee that would read:

- (iii) The Development Committee shall consist of members of the Executive, Vice President Development; Chair of the Minor Directorate, or designate; Chair of the Senior Directorate, or designate; Chair of the Field Directorate or designate; **Chair of the Recreation Directorate, or designate**; Chair of the BCLOA or designate; Chair of the BCLCA or designate; Regional Development Directors (representing each zone or region), a Schools, Athlete, Women's and Inter-Lacrosse representative. If delegates are not appointed, the Chair of the Development Committee can appoint any member to fill the vacancy.

CARRIED

It was moved by Jacquie Hawkins, seconded by Lorraine Kirstiuk to Amend BY-LAW NUMBER IX: COMMITTEES, 2. (f) The Development Committee, (iii) that would read:

(f) The Development Committee

- (iii) The Development Committee shall consist of members of the Executive, Vice President Development; Chair of the Minor Directorate, or designate; Chair of the Senior Directorate, or designate; Chair of the Field Directorate or designate; Chair of the BCLOA or designate; Chair of the BCLCA or designate; **Chair of the BCLVLA or designate**; Regional Development Directors (representing each zone or region), a Schools, Athlete, Women's and Inter-Lacrosse representative. If delegates are not appointed, the Chair of the Development Committee can appoint any member to fill the vacancy.

CARRIED

It was moved by Reg Thompson, seconded by Greg Toll to amend BY-LAW NUMBER IX: COMMITTEES, 2. (h) The Operations Committee, (i) that would read:

- (i) The members of the Operations Committee shall be the Vice President Operations, the Vice President Development, the Field Registrar, the Minor Box Registrar, the Senior Box Registrar, Chair of the Minor Directorate or a designate, Chair of the Senior Directorate or a designate, Chair of the Field Lacrosse Directorate or a designate, **Chair of the Recreation Directorate, or a designate**, Chair of the BCLOA or a designate, and Chair of the BCLCA or a designate.

CARRIED

It was moved by Dave Wilkie, seconded by Sean Lehman to Add a new BY-LAW NUMBER IX: COMMITTEES, 2. (i) The Team BC Committee. It was moved by Cliff Pascas, seconded by Reg Thompson to amend the by-law to read:

(i) The Team BC Committee

- (i) The members of the Team BC Committee shall be the BCLA Vice President - Operations, **the BCLCA Chair, the BCLCA Vice-Chair Minors, the BCLCA Vice-Chair Men's Field**, the BCLOA Vice Chair – Minor, the BCLOA Vice Chair -

Field, the Minor Directorate Chair, the Field Directorate Chair, the BCLA Technical Director and the BCLA Regional Coaches.

- (ii) This committee is responsible for ensuring that all administrative and technical requirements are met by published deadlines in order to provide the applicable Provincial Teams for U-19 and under categories in Field and for Midget and under categories in Box.

CARRIED as amended

Note –A note will be placed in Field policy regulation 19 that in any conflict By-Law IX supersedes Regulation 19.

It was moved by Cliff Pascas, seconded by Peter Frey to Amend BY-LAW NUMBER X: DIRECTORATES/TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUPS 3. THE FIELD LACROSSE DIRECTORATE (a) that would read:

- (a) The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair Youth, Vice Chair Men’s, Vice Chair Women’s and Secretary, and League Chair or designate of each League. ***The voting members shall consist of the above listed and the BCLOA Vice Chair Men’s Field, the BCLOA Vice Chair Women’s Field, BCLCA Vice Chair Men’s Field, the BCLCA Vice Chair 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.

CARRIED

It was moved by Doug Wright, seconded by Sean Lehman to Amend BY-LAW NUMBER X: DIRECTORATES/TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUPS 4. BCLOA (a) that would read:

- (a) The BCLOA executive shall consist of the Chair, the Secretary, ***Immediate Past Chair***, and four vice chairmen representing Minor Box lacrosse, Senior Box lacrosse, Women’s lacrosse and Men’s Field lacrosse.

CARRIED

It was moved by Doug Wright, seconded by Sean Lehman to Add a new BY-LAW NUMBER X: DIRECTORATES/TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUPS 4. BCLOA (f) that would read:

- (f) ***The BCLOA Immediate Past Chair, upon election of a new Chair, shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years.***

CARRIED

It was moved by Christine Pollock, seconded by Jacquie Hawkins to Amend BY-LAW NUMBER X: DIRECTORATES/TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUPS 7. VACANCIES that would read:

7. VACANCIES

In the event a Chair of any of these Directorates, BCLCA, BCLVLA or BCLOA not be elected at the Special Session of these Directorates or Technical Support Groups, the Executive, on the recommendation of the Vice President Operations, shall appoint a Chair within sixty (60) days of the Special Session, for the remainder of the term.

CARRIED

b) BCLA General Operating Policy

The amendment REGULATION 5: TRAVEL, 5.01 (iv) was withdrawn.

It was moved by Bill Dawes, seconded by Lorraine Kirstiuk to Amend REGULATION 8: Jurisdiction which would read:

The Senior Directorate shall have jurisdiction over all Box Lacrosse players over the age of sixteen as at January 1 of each playing year, **registered with teams/leagues as defined in the Senior Operating policy.**

The Minor Directorate shall have jurisdiction over all Box Lacrosse players sixteen years and under as at January 1 of each playing year, including all Female Box lacrosse **Junior age and below, registered with teams/leagues as defined in the Minor Operating policy.** Box players of 17 years of age may be covered under the Minor Directorate as per conditions set up in Regulation 7 of the Minor Operating Policy.

The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall have jurisdiction over all Field Lacrosse players, **registered with teams/leagues as defined in the Field Operating policy.**

The Recreation Directorate will have jurisdiction over all players on teams, in leagues or in programs not under the jurisdiction of the Senior, Minor or Field Directorates.

CARRIED

It was moved by Bill Dawes, seconded by Lissa Punnett to Amend REGULATION 11.01: Suspensions and Discipline that would read:

11.01 All BCLA members shall recognize that all disciplinary actions and suspensions given in the Field Directorate, Senior Directorate, Minor Directorate, **Recreation Directorate**, B.C. Lacrosse Coaches Association, **B.C. Lacrosse Volunteer Leadership 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.

CARRIED

It was moved by Jim Ross, seconded by Jacquie Hawkins to Amend GENERAL OPERATING POLICY APPENDIX A: BCLA APPEALS PROCESS, 1st paragraph that would read:

“Member” is defined as a person, association, club, league, etc. from all sectors including Minor, Senior, Field and **Recreation** Directorates, the B.C. Lacrosse Coaches Association, **B.C. Lacrosse Volunteer Leadership Association** and the B.C. Lacrosse Officials Association.

*If a member wishes to appeal a decision/ruling made by the appropriate Commission (Minor and Field) or Commissioner (Senior) or the **Recreation Directorate**, the following will apply:*

CARRIED

It was moved by Judy Regier, seconded by Christine Pollock to Amend GENERAL OPERATING POLICY APPENDIX A: BCLA APPEALS PROCESS, (b) Request for Appeal, 3. a) that would read:

3. a) **Within fourteen (14) days** of the date of written notification, written request for appeal to the Directorate Chair or delegate, clearly stating the basis of the Appeal. **NOTE:** Only matters stated in writing will be allowed to be addressed during the **appeal**.

CARRIED

It was moved by Judy Regier, seconded by Reg Thompson to Amend GENERAL OPERATING POLICY APPENDIX A: BCLA APPEALS PROCESS, (d) Selection of Members to Hear Appeal, 3. that would read:

3. The Directorate Chair shall use his/her best judgment in selecting the members to hear this matter, realizing any perceived, real or imagined, conflict of interest. It shall be the responsibility of the Directorate Chair or delegate to notify, communicate and secure the reports, records, witnesses, concerned parties, and all other pertinent materials as required for the **Appeal** as needed and requested.

CARRIED

*It was moved by Judy Regier, seconded by Ernie Meyers to **remove** GENERAL OPERATING POLICY APPENDIX A: BCLA APPEALS PROCESS, (d) Selection of Members to Hear Appeal, 5. in its entirety:*

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.

CARRIED.

It was moved by David Soul, seconded by Jacquie Hawkins that Player Registration Fees, as outlined in Appendix B, be increased in the amount of \$4.00 per player for the seasons beginning January 1, 2009 as follows:

BOX LACROSSE PLAYER REGISTRATION – 2009 Season			
	TEAM FEE	INSURANCE	REGISTRATION
Senior A	\$250	\$385	\$53/Player
Senior B	\$150	\$385	\$53
Senior C	\$150	\$385	Year 1 \$15 Year 2 \$25 Year 3 \$53
Junior A	\$150	\$220	\$49
Junior B	\$100	\$220	\$49
Juvenile	\$100	\$220	\$29
Intermediate A	\$100	\$176	\$45
Intermediate B	\$100	\$176	\$45
Midget/Junior (Minor/Female)			\$43
Bantam (Minor/Female)			\$43
PeeWee (Minor/Female)			\$43
Novice (Minor/Female)			\$42
Tyke			\$42
Mini-Tyke			\$39
Female Box Lacrosse Recreational			\$15
Minor Box (First year associations)			\$15
Minor Box (Second year associations)			\$22
<i>Masters (Field and Box)</i>			\$20
<i>School Affiliate (Field and Box)</i>			\$ 0

RECREATIONAL – Senior Box Lacrosse			
	TEAM FEE	REGISTRATION	
Senior Box	\$385	Year 1 \$15	Year 2 \$25 Year 3 \$53
Junior Box	\$220	Year 1 \$15	Year 2 \$25 Year 3 \$49
Intermediate Box	\$176	Year 1 \$15	Year 2 \$25 Year 3 \$45

FIELD LACROSSE PLAYER REGISTRATION – 2008-2009 Season (Note: Change – 2009-2010)

	REGISTRATION	
	2008-2009	2009-2010
Senior	\$45	\$49
Youth	\$40	\$44
Girls Field Lacrosse (Fall Leagues only)	\$15	\$15
Youth Field (first year associations)	\$15	\$15
Youth Field (second year associations)	\$22	\$22

CARRIED

It was moved by Gerry Van Beek, seconded by Doug Wright to Amend GENERAL OPERATING POLICY APPENDIX B: 2008-2009 FEE SCHEDULE, Player Registration – 2009 Season by adding RECREATIONAL AFFILIATES – Box and Field and moving Masters (Box and Field), Senior Female Box Lacrosse and School Affiliates to this new

category. It was moved by Karen Blake, seconded by Cliff Pascas to remove the word “Box” from the Senior female lacrosse category.

SENIOR AND MINOR BOX LACROSSE PLAYER REGISTRATION – 2008 Season			
	TEAM FEE	INSURANCE	REGISTRATION
Senior A	\$250	\$385	\$49/Player
Senior B	\$150	\$385	\$49
Senior C	\$150	\$385	Year 1 \$15 Year 2 \$25 Year 3 \$49
Junior A	\$150	\$220	\$45
Junior B	\$100	\$220	\$45
Juvenile	\$100	\$220	\$25
Intermediate A	\$100	\$176	\$41
Intermediate B	\$100	\$176	\$41
Midget/Junior (Minor/Female)			\$39
Bantam (Minor/Female)			\$39
PeeWee (Minor/Female)			\$39
Novice (Minor/Female)			\$38
Tyke			\$38
Mini-Tyke			\$35
Female Box Lacrosse Recreational			\$15
Minor Box (First year associations)			\$15
Minor Box (Second year associations)			\$22

FIELD LACROSSE PLAYER REGISTRATION – 2007-2008 Season	
	REGISTRATION
Senior	\$45
Youth	\$40
Girls Field Lacrosse (Fall Leagues only)	\$15
Youth Field (first year associations)	\$15
Youth Field (second year associations)	\$22

DEVELOPMENT			
SENIOR BOX LACROSSE PLAYER REGISTRATION – 2009 Season			
	INSURANCE FEE	REGISTRATION	
Senior Box	\$385	Year 1 \$15	Year 2 \$25 Year 3 \$49
Junior Box	\$220	Year 1 \$15	Year 2 \$25 Year 3 \$45
Intermediate Box	\$176	Year 1 \$15	Year 2 \$25 Year 3 \$41

Please Note:

- 1) *Senior Clubs/Leagues who declare as recreational teams are not allowed to participate in any provincial championships.*
- 2) If a new Senior League starts up from an area that does not currently have any organized Senior lacrosse, then they will start at Year 1 registration fees and graduate up to full fees after three years. They will be required to pay full insurance and team fees from Year One on.
- 3) If a new Senior League starts up from an area that currently does have organized Senior Lacrosse, then they will start at registration fees of Year 2, and graduate up the following year to full fees. They will be required to pay full insurance and team fees from the start.

4) If a recreational team starts a Senior League or joins an existing Senior League, then they will continue to pay full team and insurance fees.

**RECREATIONAL
OTHER LACROSSE PLAYER REGISTRATION – 2009 Season**

	REGISTRATION
Recreational (Non-School)	\$20/player
Masters Box	
Masters Field	
Senior Female Lacrosse	
School Affiliate	\$ 0

CARRIED as amended

It was moved by Karen Blake, seconded by Lorraine Kirstiuk to Amend APPENDIX B: FEE SCHEDULE, FIELD LACROSSE PLAYER REGISTRATION that would read:

Senior	\$45
Youth	\$40
Girls Field Lacrosse (<i>House League – U19 and Below</i>)	\$15
Youth Field/Girls Field (first year associations)	\$15
Youth Field/Girls Field (second year associations)	\$22

CARRIED

It was moved by Denise Tregear, seconded by Cliff Pascas to Amend APPENDIX B: FEE SCHEDULE, FIELD LACROSSE PLAYER REGISTRATION that would read:

FIELD LACROSSE PLAYER REGISTRATION – 2008-2009 Season

	REGISTRATION
Senior	\$45
Youth	\$40
<i>Female Field Lacrosse Recreational</i>	<i>\$15</i>
Youth Field (first year associations)	\$15
Youth Field (second year associations)	\$22

DEFEATED

It was moved by Doug Wright, seconded by Frank Pongracz to increase APPENDIX B: FEE SCHEDULE, BC Lacrosse Officials Association Senior Box Level 3 Clinic Fee from \$110.00 to \$120.00.

CARRIED

It was moved by Judy Regier, seconded by Reg Thompson to Amend GENERAL OPERATING POLICY APPENDIX D: CONDUCT OF HEARINGS BEFORE VARIOUS LACROSSE TRIBUNALS that would read:

**APPENDIX D:
CONDUCT OF HEARINGS/APPEALS BEFORE VARIOUS LACROSSE TRIBUNALS**

For those individuals who preside at the hearings/*appeals* of various lacrosse tribunals, there are four cardinal principles. They are as follows:

1. Process is the most important factor in such hearings/*appeals*. The process is how the hearing/*appeal* is conducted. The most important factor is not who wins or loses.
2. The process must be fair.
3. Those who preside must come to the hearing/*appeal* with an open mind.
4. Be polite (even if it is difficult).

There are twelve specific rules which ought to be adhered to. They are as follows:

1. Read over the rules which apply to the particular case before you. You may think you know these rules without reference. You are wrong. Bring the rule book with you. Also bring paper and a pen or pencil.
2. Before the hearing/*appeal* begins, read all the material which has been filed. Note particular questions you may have in the margin.
3. Arrive in good time for the hearing/*appeal*. Do not arrive late.
4. Before the hearing/*appeal* starts, do not talk to the parties who appear before you, unless it is to say simply “hello” or to advise someone where the washroom is. Nothing is more disconcerting to the other side than to see a member of the tribunal in conversation with the other side, even if it only relates to pleasantries.
5. Make sure that the room where the hearing/*appeal* is to take place is properly set up before the hearing/*appeal* starts. If the furniture needs to be rearranged, do this before the scheduled time for the commencement of the hearing/*appeal*.
6. Call the hearing/*appeal* to order, describe the procedure to be followed. Introduce everybody. Although some organizations have both parties in the room at the same time, this may lead to outbursts and could intensify antagonism between the two parties. You may find it preferable to listen to and question each party separately.
Make sure both parties understand the procedure to be used. Whoever has the onus of establishing the facts is heard first.
7. At the end of each side’s presentation, if you have a question, ask it then. Do not interrupt the presentation unless absolutely necessary for purposes of clarification.
8. Have paper and pencil available. Make a note when something strikes you as important.
9. The members of the tribunal should retire to consider their decision. This means you must have your own room for your deliberations in the absence of the parties. This may be done by moving into another room or by asking the parties to leave the room you are in.
10. Write out your decision promptly. Give reasons. The reasons may be set up as follows:
 - Describe the issue
 - Set forth the relevant facts
 - Summarize in brief form each side’s argument
 - State your findings
 - State your decisionThe reasons do not need to be long, but they must be clear and deal with the issues raised.
11. The written decision should be delivered (by hand, e-mail or mail) to the individual facing the disciplinary action. They should also be advised at that time of the appeal procedure available to them within your organization or through the BCLA.
12. At the end, leave and go home. Do not talk to the parties prior to the decision being delivered.

REMEMBER: At the end, it is important that both sides feel they have been given a fair opportunity to state their case.

CARRIED

It was moved by Doug Wright, seconded by Greg Toll to Add a new Operating Policy Section to the BCLA Operating Policy after the Field Directorate Operating Policy titled RECREATION DIRECTORATE OPERATING POLICY. It was moved by Mike hall, seconded by Dave Wilkie to add a new 4.05 and 4.06 to the policy to read:

REGULATION 1: STRUCTURE

1.01 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The RECREATION DIRECTORATE

- (a) Governs lacrosse for all players registered as “recreation” and playing on teams/*leagues* or in programs not governed by the Senior, Minor or Field Directorates.
- (b) Collects and monitors the league agreements/policies/methods of operation of the individual recreational leagues/groups.
- (c) Provides assistance as necessary to those leagues/groups.

The RECREATION DIRECTORATE CHAIR

- (a) Shall preside at all Recreation Directorate meetings
- (b) Shall ensure the affairs of the Directorate are being carried out
- (c) Shall ensure the procedures as set out in the By-Laws and Constitution are being carried out.
- (d) Is responsible to call meetings of the Directorate.

The RECREATION DIRECTORATE VICE-CHAIR

- (a) Shall attend all Recreation Directorate meetings
- (b) Shall assist the Chair as requested.
- (c) Will preside over meetings when the Chair is not available.

The RECREATION DIRECTORATE SECRETARY

- (a) Shall record the minutes of all Recreation Directorate meetings
- (b) Shall distribute the minutes and other information to the Recreation Directorate members and to any other parties as necessary

TEAMS / LEAGUES / PROGRAMS

- (a) Shall provide the Recreation Directorate with all necessary contact information
- (b) Shall provide league agreements/rules/methods of operation annually to the Recreation Directorate two months prior to start of play

REGULATION 2: PLAYING DIVISIONS

- 2.01 As defined by the individual leagues or programs

REGULATION 3: REGISTRATION

- 3.01 The onus on being properly registered is the responsibility of the leagues, teams or programs and not the BCLA.

- 3.02 Each league/team/program is responsible to enter and maintain their players on the BCLA on-line player data base.
- 3.03 Each league/team/program will submit to the BCLA Office, prior to start of play, one copy of each player's BCLA-approved, completed registration form along with a team list generated from the on-line database, along with the appropriate registration fee.
- 3.04 Player registrations and team lists are to be updated, and sent to the BCLA office, along with the appropriate registration fee, as new players are registered with the league/team/program.

REGULATON 4: ELIGIBILITY

- 4.01 All players on recreation teams/programs as defined by the by-laws and operating policies must register as a recreation player, regardless if they are also registered through the Senior, Minor or Field directorates.
- 4.02 Players registered with the Recreation Directorate cannot play on teams under the jurisdiction of the Senior, Minor or Field Directorates unless properly registered on the appropriate forms as a player with those directorates.
- 4.03 Call-ups from the Recreation Directorate are not allowed unless regulation 4.02 is adhered to.
- 4.04 Recreation teams cannot be affiliated with Senior Directorate teams.
- 4.05 *Recreation teams are not allowed to compete against teams registered in the Senior Directorate, Minor Directorate or Field Directorate in league, tournament or championship play.*
- 4.06 *Recreation teams/leagues will not be allowed if they conflict with or are detrimental to teams/leagues registered in the Senior Directorate, Minor Directorate or Field Directorate. The Senior Directorate, the Minor Directorate or the Field Directorate will be consulted about possible conflicts.*

REGULATION 5: CONDUCT

- 5.01 It shall be considered an offence against the membership to violate the BCLA Lacrosse Code of Conduct.
- 5.02 Actions contrary to the BCLA Code of Conduct, the BCLA Constitution, By-Laws and Operating Policy -- especially profane or obscene language or gestures; threats and threatening gestures; and verbal abuse of any lacrosse participant, official, supporter or spectator in a public environment -- will be cause for investigation by the Recreation Directorate.

REGULATION 6: AMENDMENTS

- 6.01 The Operating Regulations of the Recreation Directorate shall not be altered except at the BCLA Annual General Meeting and shall be made only by a majority vote of the members voting thereon.

- 6.02 Notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in writing to the BCLA Office at least forty-five days before the day of the Annual Meeting and the proposed amendments shall be circulated to the members at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.

CARRIED as amended

It was moved by Jacquie Hawkins, seconded by Frank Pongracz to Add a new Section, OPERATING POLICY – BRITISH COLUMBIA LACROSSE VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION to the BCLA Operating Policy:

OPERATING POLICY

BRITISH COLUMBIA LACROSSE VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION

REGULATION 1: OBJECTIVES

- 1.01 To improve the level of volunteerism and community leadership by:
- Providing workshops and clinics, both theoretical and technical.
 - Making volunteering resources available.
 - Registering lacrosse volunteers in British Columbia
 - Providing a system for disciplinary action where applicable and for an appeal process for all members.
- 1.02 To improve the game of lacrosse by:
- Promoting good fellowship among Association members.
 - Creating and encouraging constructive communication strategies and relationships among BCLVLA members.
 - Promoting and maintaining high standards of relationship with Association members and volunteers of the various levels of teams and leagues with whom the BCLVLA shall make its services available;
 - Upholding the BCLA Lacrosse Constitution, By-Laws and Operating Policies including the Code of Conduct.

REGULATION 2: JURISDICTION

- 2.01 The jurisdiction of this organization shall extend to all organized lacrosse within the Province of British Columbia as described in the BCLA Constitution and By-Laws.
- 2.02 No rule or regulations in this operating policy will override provisions of the BCLA By-Laws or General Operating Policy. Any conflict will be resolved in favour of the superior regulations.

REGULATION 3: MEMBERSHIP

- 3.01 Membership in the BCLVLA is automatic for all persons providing volunteer leadership services in any BCLA membership class as defined in the following BCLA BY-Law Number II: Membership classes:
- a) Section 2 (a)
 - b) Section 2 (b)
- 3.02 To be an active member of the BCLVLA, a volunteer must:

- a) Be a member of the BCLVA pursuant to regulation 1.01(b); or
 - b) If a member of the BCLVA pursuant to regulation 1.01(a) the volunteer must be registered with the BCLA through their organization submitting their name annually for inclusion in the BCLA directory.
- 3.03 All active members of the BCLVA have the privilege of voting at the BC Lacrosse Volunteer Association Special Session held each year.
- 3.04 All active members of the BCLVLA are entitled to insurance coverage, as outlined in the BCLA Operating Policy: Section 6.
- 3.05 All BCLA member associations shall name a Volunteer Coordinator to be the prime contact between the BCLVLA and their organization. For Minor and Youth Field Associations, it is recommended that the Volunteer Coordinator be a board level position separate from other elected or appointed positions.

REGULATION 4: ORGANIZATION

- 4.01
- a) The Executive Committee of this organization is as defined in BCLA By-Law X Section 6 (a) and elected as BCLA By-Law X Section 6 (b).
 - b) All officers shall be elected by secret ballot at the BCLVLA Special Sessions.
 - c) In the event that there is but a single nominee for an office, the secretary shall cast one vote for such nominee.
 - d) The Chair, Vice Chair – Women’s Field, and the Secretary shall be elected for two-year terms in odd-numbered years. The Vice Chair – Minor, Vice Chair – Senior, and the Vice Chair – Field shall be elected in two-year terms in even-numbered years.
 - e) In the event that a member of the executive of the BCLVLA is not able to complete his/her duties or is compelled to resign, the remaining members of the executive will appoint a replacement who will serve until an election can be held at the next Special Session of the BCLVLA.
- 4.02 The BCLVLA shall be under the leadership of the Chair who will be responsible for directing the duties of the Executive obtain the objectives of the BCLA and attain continuity of volunteering throughout the Province.
- 4.03 In the event that a member of the executive of the BCLVLA is not able to complete his/her duties or is compelled to resign, the remaining members of the executive will appoint a replacement who will serve until an election can be held at the next Special Session of the BCLVLA.

REGULATION 5: THE EXECUTIVE

- 5.01 The Executive of the BCLVLA, as defined in the By-Laws, will meet as a group a minimum of two (2) times per year:
- (a) As called by the Chair
 - (b) Special Session at the BCLA AGM for an annual workshop and election of executive.

The BCLVLA will appoint task forces to conduct investigations, project recommendations, project reviews or any other tasks delegated by the membership. These task forces may conduct meetings as required throughout the year. Any motions resulting from these task forces will have the voting done by correspondence to the appropriate membership.

5.02 **Job Description - Chairperson:**

- Responsible to the BCLA Vice President – Administration for the administration of the BCLVLA.
- Responsible for the supervision of the Executive of the BCLVLA.
- To act as direct liaison with the BCLVLA Executive and the Executive Director.
- Ensure that the BCLVLA is represented at all BCLA meetings where the BCLVLA is a member or where their input or presence has been requested.
- Ensure that the BCLVA operates within the approved BCLVLA budget.
- To oversee all projects of the BCLVLA.
- Represent the BCLVLA at the BCLA Annual General Meeting.
- To chair or delegate a replacement chair for the BCLVLA Special Session and all other BCLVLA sponsored meetings or conferences.

5.03 The duties of the Vice Chairs are as follows:

a) **Vice Chair - Senior**

- Will liaise with all member groups to ensure that there is proper recruitment, training and continual excellence in volunteering.
- Will liaise with the Chair and perform all duties that are assigned.

b) **Vice Chair - Minor**

- Will liaise with all member groups to ensure that there is proper recruitment, training and continual excellence in volunteering.
- Will liaise with the Chair and perform all duties that are assigned.

c) **Vice Chair – Men’s Field**

- Will liaise with all member groups to ensure that there is proper recruitment, training and continual excellence in volunteering.
- Will liaise with the Chair and perform all duties that are assigned.

d) **Vice Chair – Women’s Field**

- Will liaise with all member groups to ensure that there is proper recruitment, training and continual excellence in volunteering.
- Will liaise with the Chair and perform all duties that are assigned.

REGULATION 6: VOTING PRIVILEGES

- 6.01 (a) Refer to the By-Laws of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association.
(b) All members of the BCLVLA in good standing will cast one vote per person at BCLVLA general meetings.

REGULATION 7: CONDUCT

- 7.01 It shall be considered an offence against the membership to violate the BCLA Lacrosse Code of Conduct.

- 7.02 Actions contrary to the BCLA Code of Conduct, the BCLA Constitution, By-Laws and Operating Policy -- especially profane or obscene language or gestures; threats and threatening gestures; and verbal abuse of any lacrosse participant, official, supporter or spectator in a public environment -- will be cause for investigation by the BCLVLA.

REGULATION 8: VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

- 8.01 The BCLVLA, with the assistance of the BCLA Executive Director, will be responsible for the Volunteer Development program including training and volunteer development projects and programs.
- 8.02 The BCLVLA, with the assistance of the BCLA Executive Director, shall be responsible for ensuring all deadlines are adhered to.

REGULATION 9: AWARDS

- 9:01 The Volunteer Leadership Association will not have an award structure of its own as all members are eligible for existing BCLA Awards.

REGULATION 10: AMENDMENTS

- 10.01 The Operating Regulations of the BCLVLA shall not be altered except at a Special Session of the BCLVLA and shall be made only by a majority vote of the members voting thereon.
- 10.02 Notice of the proposed amendments shall be given in writing to the BCLA Office at least forty-five days before the day of the Special Session and the proposed amendments shall be circulated to member clubs at least thirty days prior to the Special Session.

REGULATION 11: DUES

- 11.01 There will be no separate dues structure for membership in the BCLVLA.
- 11.02 Fees for specific training sessions and other programs designed for the benefit of individual members may be set by the BCLA Executive in conjunction with the Executive Director as deemed necessary to recover a portion/all of costs.

REGULATION 12: DISCIPLINE & CONDUCT COMMITTEE

- 12.01 The BCLVLA Chair shall form Discipline and Conduct Committees as required, and shall appoint committee members to carry out necessary investigations and render disciplinary action recommendations to the Chair.
- 12.02 The Executive Committee shall compile a list of nine (9) people from which the Chair will draw to form Discipline and Conduct Committees.
- 12.03 Three (3) members from this list shall serve as the Committee for any given disciplinary act that falls under the auspices of the BCLVLA. Committee members must be neutral; no person from the list shall participate on a Committee if the issue involves the person's own Association/Club or if the issue involves a relative.

REGULATION 13: CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE

- 13.01 It shall be the duty of every member of this organization to display a conduct at all times that furthers the best interests of the membership, that assists fellow members wherever possible to improve the standard of volunteering and that ensures the respect of all participants and fans.
- 13.02 See General Operating Policy Regulation 11 for the Code of Conduct and other regulations.

CARRIED

At this point, Reg Thompson asked about the Junior A preamble motion that was ruled out of order in the Senior Directorate Special Session and referred to the General Session. The President stated the if introduced at the General Session it would be ruled out of order as sufficient notice had not been provided as required by the General operating policy.

8. Election of Officers

a) Slate of Officers presented by Nominations Committee (Mike Hall)

b) Election by Position:

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| 1. President | Sohen Gill | (The Secretary cast one ballot) |
| 2. VP – Administration | Gerry Van Beek | (The Secretary cast one ballot) |
| 3. VP – Development | Terry Mosdell | (The Secretary cast one ballot) |
| 4. Director at Large | David Jenkins | (The Secretary cast one ballot) |

It was moved by Christine Pollock, seconded by Doug Wright to destroy the Ballots.

CARRIED

9. New Business

a) *It was moved by Gene Bellamy, seconded by Wilson Louie that the BCLA mandate a zero tolerance policy for chewing tobacco for minor players.*

CARRIED

b) Richard Appels read a statement regarding the Jack Crosby Endowment Fund. Gloria Seigner spoke in rebuttal to the statement.

c) Rochelle thanked the delegates, executive and staff. She announced that the year end DVD was available after the meeting.

d) Peter Frey commented that we should be look at getting more athletes into the game.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Bill Dawes to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED
The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM.