

**B.C. LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
SENIOR DIRECTORATE 2016 SPECIAL SESSION
Friday, October 14, 2016 – Whistler, B.C.**

1. WELCOME

Vice Chair Terry Kirstiuk welcomed everyone to the 2016 Special Session and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. He explained that Chair Harold Corbett was unable to attend due to illness and Terry would be chairing the meetings this weekend.

2. SENIOR REGISTRAR

Judy Regier reported that the past issues are still causing her headaches and this report will be almost the same as last year. Going forward she will only communicate with Commissioners not teams when attempting to get clear information.

- Two leagues are keeping the required documents far too long. The outline in the Operating Policy must be followed.
- Trades and releases were communicated better, but there are still some leagues that don't think this is important.
- Teams and Commissioners should be reviewing the lists that accompany registration forms when they are returned by the Registrar. This is the list that is currently registered with the BCLA for the team.
- Registration forms still being sent incomplete. The player fills it out, a team official signs it and the Commissioner signs it. There is no reason for the forms to be incomplete or incorrect when the Registrar gets them.
- In 2017, no searches will be done for postal codes or phone numbers and the date of signing as a birthdate will not be acceptable. Incomplete forms or incorrect forms will be returned to the Commissioner for completion before the player is registered.
- Medical numbers – this means BC Personal Health Card number, not the extended medical number from an employer.
- Forms are still being forwarded that can't be read.
- Commissioners need to take time to check the forms for completion and legibility before they are sent to the Registrar.

3. DISCUSSION OF MOTIONS

Proposed amendments to the Senior Directorate Operating Policy were discussed and clarification was given as required.

In some cases we have multiple amendments submitted for the same policy. Decide before tomorrow's meeting which one, if any, you want to accept.

4. ELECTIONS

There is an amendment that will be voted on at the AGM tomorrow afternoon to eliminate one Vice Chair from the Senior Directorate executive. During the past season, our second Vice Chair, Bridget Hughes resigned and the Senior Directorate operated with only one Vice Chair. The suggestion from Harold for the election tomorrow is that we will elect one Vice Chair for a one year term. If the amendment does not pass at the AGM, a second Vice Chair will be appointed. There were no objections to this suggestion.

With a motion at 7:40 PM, the meeting recessed, to reconvene at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, October 15, 2016.

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IN ATTENDANCE

Terry Kirstiuk, Senior Directorate Vice Chair	Judy Regier, Senior Directorate Secretary
Terry Mosdell, BCLA VP – Development	Greg Toll, BCLA VP – Operations
Joe Wong, BCLOA Senior Vice Chair	Jim Ross, Port Coquitlam, West Coast Junior B
James Lego, Burnaby, BC Intermediate B	Bonnie-Jean Foulds, Bandits, Prince George Sr C
Sandy Roy, Port Moody, BC Intermediate B	Ernie Truant, Senior A
Denise Forlin, Langley, West Coast Junior B	Lance Andre, Maple Ridge, Senior A
Jeff Hanley, Armstrong, T/O Junior B	Chris Welch, Victoria, Senior A
Andrina Kelly, Richmond, West Coast Junior B	Keith Hagedorn, Saanich, VI Intermediate B
Jane Dixon, Vancouver Island Intermediate B	Lorne McInerney, Victoria, BC Intermediate A
Ken Alexander, Westshore, Pacific NW Junior B	Sam Hofer, Pacific Northwest Junior B
James Abbot, Coquitlam, BC Junior A	Les Wingrove, Langley, Senior A
Chad Pieper, Armstrong, T/O Senior C	Darcy Phillips, Delta, BC Intermediate B
Frazer MacDonald, West Coast Junior B	Rod Wood, Victoria, BC Junior A
Brian Corbett, Juan de Fuca, VI Intermediate B	Terry Foulds, Quesnel, Prince George Senior C
Terry Foulds, Stylers, Prince George Senior C	Jed Sigfusson, Port Moody, West Coast Junior B
Patricia Scott, Assault, Prince George Senior C	Patricia Scott, Devils, Prince George Senior C
Karl Christiansen, BC Junior A	Sohen Gill, BCLA Chair
Scott Liebich, Delta, West Coast Junior B	Lorne Winship, Cowichan Valley, Pacific NW Jr B
Jenn Forlin, Langley, West Coast Senior B	Elinor Hinds, Thompson Okanagan Senior C
Andrew Carr, Ridge Meadows, West Coast Jr B	Jeff Fisher, Ridge Meadows, BC Intermediate A
Roxane Seaton, Vernon, T/O Junior B	Dan Wray, Thompson Okanagan Junior B
Gene Regier, BC Intermediate A	David Bensmiller, Valley, West Coast Senior B
Brad Hara, Burnaby, BC Intermediate A	Ross Frehlick, Ladner, West Coast Senior B
Jamie Scott, Burnaby, BC Junior A	Barb Laprise, BC Intermediate B
Scott Wortley, Coquitlam West Coast Junior B	Kerry McGaffney, Coquitlam, BC Intermediate A
Lance Hofseth, Coquitlam, BC Intermediate A	Darcy Dagan, Richmond, BC Intermediate A
Irene Morrison, Nanaimo Pacific NW Junior B	Dave Rowbotham, Burnaby, Senior A
Dave Bailuk, Ridge Meadows, BC Intermediate B	

1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Terry Kirstiuk, Vice Chair of the Senior Directorate called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

2. ATTENDANCE

Out of a possible 101 delegates, 58 were registered for the AGM. Of the 58 eligible voters, 55 are registered to vote at the Senior Directorate Special Session today

3. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16 – 17, 2015 SENIOR DIRECTORATE SPECIAL SESSION

It was moved by Gene Regier, seconded by Terry Foulds to approve the minutes of the 2015 Senior Directorate Special Session as circulated.

CARRIED

4. LEAGUE REPORTS

All reports are printed in the BCLA 2016 Annual Report book.

It was moved by Joe Wong, seconded by Brian Corbett to accept the League Reports as circulated.

CARRIED

5. SENIOR DIRECTORATE CHAIR'S REPORT

It was moved by Joe Wong, seconded by Brian Corbett to accept the Chair's Report as circulated.

CARRIED

6. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS

It was moved by Joe Wong, seconded by Brian Corbett to accept the Provincial Reports as circulated.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS – SENIOR DIRECTORATE

Moved by Rod Wood, seconded by Denise Forlin to amend REGULATION 4: PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, 4.03 to read:

- 4.03 Each player of Intermediate age must be registered as an Intermediate or Junior player. If a player chooses to register as a Junior player, that player may not go back to Intermediate *during that playing year.*

CARRIED

Both amendments to REGULATION 4: PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, 4.03 proposed by Jane Dixon were withdrawn.

Moved by Karl Christiansen, seconded by Jamie Scott to add new REGULATION 5: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY - GENERAL, 5.08 to read:

- 5.08 Residency is where you primarily and normally live. In the event that a club questions a player's residency, or a player requests to have his residency changed, the Commissioner has the sole and final authority to make a determination as to residency. The onus to prove residency rests with the player, who must provide documentation and information in support of his claim. The player must report their change of address to their league by October 31 of the season prior. The Commissioner is entitled to, but is not restricted to, review the following documents and information to make their determination:

1. A copy of the player's Driver's License;
2. A copy of the player's rental agreement or proof of home ownership;
3. A copy of the player's utility bill;
4. A copy of the player's School records;
5. Any other information or documentation that the Commissioner considers relevant.

If the player is still a minor, then the rental agreement, utility bill, proof of home ownership would be for the parents to provide.

In the event that the player's parents are divorced or separated, the player is required to provide, and the Commissioner is entitled to review:

1. A copy of the Divorce Order or any interim Court Orders regarding custody; and
2. A copy of the Separation Agreement.

Temporary residence to attend high school, college or university may not be used to determine residency, except if the player moves permanently to the City in which the high school, college or university is located and not just for the purposes of attending the school during the school year. The player is required to provide, and the Commissioner is entitled to, but is not restricted to, review the following documents and information to make their final determination:

1. Whether the player has obtained full time employment in the City;
2. Whether the player has purchased a residence or obtained rental accommodation other than residence at the college or university;

Teams within the league may appeal a player's declared residency but will need to provide their case to the commissioner. Should a player or the parents be found to have given false information the player may be suspended by the league in question.

Re-number the rest of Regulation 5.

Motion by Karl Christiansen, seconded by James Lego to amend date from October 31 to December 31

CARRIED

Main motion as amended to read:

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CARRIED

Moved by Rod Wood, seconded by Brad Hara to amend REGULATION 5: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY - GENERAL, 5.09 (c) and (d) to read:

- 5.09 (a) A player who signs a certificate for any team in the Association shall not play or sign with any other team or in any other league without first being properly released by his team of record.
- (b) A player who signs a second certificate shall be deemed an ineligible player until the Chair of the Senior Directorate advises the Commissioner that the issue has been resolved.
- (c) When a first year player *signs a* Junior A or Junior B due to ability, not availability of a team, they *shall* be allowed to move down to a lower division in the following year.
- (d) When a first year Intermediate player signs with a *Junior A or* Junior B team because there is no available Intermediate team, they are allowed to sign with an Intermediate team in the following year.

CARRIED

Moved by Rod Wood, seconded by Loren McInerney to delete REGULATION 5: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY - APPLICABLE TO JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE ONLY, 5.33 in its entirety:

5.33 *Except where there is no Junior team in his/her city, town, municipality, or boundaries set out in ratified league agreements, et cetera for the current season, no player who signed as a Junior in the previous season shall play in any league other than a Junior league.*

Re-number the rest of REGULATION 5.

CARRIED

Proposed by Harold Corbett, seconded by Joe Wong to amend REGULATION 7:
AFFILIATION to read:

BC Lacrosse Association Affiliations

7.01 ~~*Affiliations in British Columbia are to be the same as allowed by the CLA*~~—One affiliation only *is allowed* in each of the lower divisions. That is, each team may be allowed one affiliation to one team in each of the lower category divisions as listed in 7.03.

Affiliation forms supplied by the BCLA are to be completed and filed in the BCLA office by August 1 of the current year.

7.02 Agreements of affiliation shall be signed by each team party to that affiliation. Copies of the agreement shall be forwarded to the BCLA office for approval of the Senior Directorate and distribution to appropriate league Commissioners and the Minor Directorate where applicable.

7.03 **Allowed Affiliations**

Senior A	Senior B	Senior C	Junior A	Junior B
Senior B	Senior C	Junior B	Junior B	Intermediate A
Senior C	Junior B	Intermediate A	Intermediate A	Intermediate B
Junior A	Intermediate A	Intermediate B	Intermediate B	Midget
Junior B	Intermediate B	Midget	Midget	
Intermediate A	Midget			

7.04 If a club enters a team in a higher category or division, such team will be considered as having been affiliated with the team in the lower category or division in the previous playing year.

7.05 Affiliated teams in lower divisions must play four games or more in their BCLA constituted league to be considered a valid or recognized team for affiliation with the teams of a higher classification.

Canadian Lacrosse Association Affiliations – For National Play Only

7.06 Players of affiliated teams shall be eligible to compete with the higher category team in Association play downs provided that a list of applicable affiliations shall be sent to the

National Office by the Member Association on or before August 10. The office shall forward a copy of the list(s) to the CLA Convenor and Series Convenor.

- 7.08 Unaffiliated players can play with teams of higher category as allowed by their Member Association.

CARRIED

Moved by Judy Regier, seconded by Denise Forlin to amend REGULATION 14: CHAMPIONSHIPS, 14.04 to read:

- 14.04 The Vice Chair, *and when necessary, other members* of the Senior Directorate shall be designated as the BCLA Senior Playoff Directors. The Playoff Directors shall ratify players and coaches.

CARRIED

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. Harold Corbett was elected by acclimation for a two year term as Chair – Secretary, Judy Regier cast a ballot. A letter from Harold accepting the nomination is on file.

Don Scott took the chair for the election of a Vice Chair for a one year term.

- b. Terry Kirstiuk and Barb Laprise were nominated from the floor and both accepted the nomination.
A vote by secret ballot resulted in Terry Kirstiuk being elected for the position of Vice Chair.

It was moved by Terry Kirstiuk and seconded by Jamie Scott to destroy the ballots.

Terry Kirstiuk returned to the chair.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Senior C teams to remain for a short meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 9:35 A.M.