1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM, with Chair Dirk Rachfall presiding.

   - There are a total of 33 out of a possible 82 voting delegates in attendance
   - Dirk outlined the purpose of the Field Directorate: to develop the game, implement and monitor policy.

3. Approval of 2018 Field Directorate Special Session Agenda
   a. Nationals
   b. Volunteers and Officials
   c. Game Sheet input for both Youth/Men's and Women's
   d. Provincial Dates

   It was moved by Trevor Webber, seconded by Dave Goulet that the Agenda be accepted as presented. CARRIED

4. Approval of April 8, 2017 Field Directorate Special Session Minutes
   - Change in Attendance, Susan Atkinson represented Victoria Field not Pac Rim as noted.

   It was moved by Trish Keizer, seconded by Glen Bzowy, that the Minutes of the 2017 Field Directorate Special Session be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

5. Business Arising from Minutes
   (a) Level 2 Coaching requirements for U15 level and above. This was implemented this year to great success. The limitation is the stress on the facilitators due to an increased number of coaches needing training
   (b) Talk with Dave Showers if you have questions on how to get access to level 2 training for coaches.
6. Reports – Appendix A
   a) Chair (Dirk Rachfall)
   b) Vice Chair – Youth Field (Beth McLucas)
      - 2018 U18/U15/U13/ Tiers 1/2 Youth Field Provincial Report (Trish Keizer)
      - 2018 U15/U12 Women’s Field Provincial Report (Kellie Ohlmann and Wendy Thomson)
      - 2018 U11 Provincial Tournament Report (Cal Davies and Dirk Rachfall)
      - Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse League Chair (Trish Keizer)
      - Vancouver Island Field Lacrosse League Chair (Tammy McDougall)
      - Interior Field Lacrosse Chair (Wuilbert Jaramillo)
   c) Vice Chair – Men’s Field (Mary Clare)
      - Canada West Field Lacrosse League
   d) Vice Chair - Women’s Field Lacrosse – Kellie Ohlmann
   e) BCLA Field Registrar (Corinne Perriman)
   f) BCLCA Vice Chair – Men’s Field (Glenn Bzowy)
   g) BCLCA Vice Chair – Women’s Field (Jason Bishop)
   h) BCLOA Vice Chair – Men’s Field (Ryan Nose)
   i) BCLOA Vice Chair – Women’s Field (Michelle Bennett)
   j) Team BC – Field Lacrosse Program (Rey Comeault)

   - Note that RIC report submitted for the U11 Tournament should state a Provincial Tournament not a Provincial Championship.
   - RIC Report for High School Provincials was discussed and the concern about the breakage in policy noted, in particular the amount of games per day that the officials refereed. This could result in the loss of insurance coverage and is a major concern. Also discussed were the concern over lack of officials and volunteers.
   - Michelle Bennett – BCLOA Vice Chair – Women’s Field - added comment that her Provincial UIC report was not included though it was submitted. ACTION: Tricia to contact BCLA to confirm it was received and ask for the report to be distributed.

   It was moved by Margo Gallant and seconded by Dennis Santucci, that the reports be accepted as presented – CARRIED

7. Operating Policy Amendments

   Motion Proposed from the Floor: Proposed by Randy Radonich, seconded by Trish Keizer

   To approve all motions that is identified as housekeeping

   CARRIED

   Proposed by Beth McLucas, housekeeping only - passed by group motion to:

   Amend REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS VICE CHAIR – YOUTH to read:

   VICE CHAIR - YOUTH
   • Will be the contact for all youth teams for the BCLA Field Directorate
   • Will assist in the development of youth programs in BC
   • Make sure that all provincials run smoothly by working with the host association
   • Will be the liaison between the BCLA Field Directorate and the Leagues
   • Will oversee the U18, U15, U11, U9 and U7 age divisions
   • Will be elected for a two-year term in odd numbered years.

   CARRIED
Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, housekeeping only - passed by group motion to:

Amend REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS VICE CHAIR – WOMEN’S FIELD to read:

VICE CHAIR - WOMEN'S FIELD
- Will be the contact for all women’s teams for the BCLA Field Directorate
- Will assist in the development of women’s programs in BC
- Make sure that all provincials run smoothly by working with the host association
- Will be elected for a two-year term in even numbered years.

CARRIED

Proposed by Beth McLucas, housekeeping only – passed by group motion to:

Amend REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS COMMISSIONERS to read:

COMMISSIONERS
- Rule on disciplinary matters for their division assigned, following the Field Directorate Disciplinary rules and the commissioner’s package.
- Ensure all teams are tiered properly. Watch for inequality of teams within their league and decide on placement and movement with assigned league committee.
- Making and/or confirming the league schedules for their playing division for their league.
- Any communication between division commissioners and the coaches regarding coach suspensions should include the head coach of the appropriate association and the Vice Chair Men’s/Women’s Field of the BC Lacrosse Coaches Technical Support Group.

CARRIED

Proposed by Dirk Rachfall, seconded by Dylan Taylor to:

Add REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS to read:

FIELD DIRECTORATE PAST CHAIR
- Shall act as a liaison between the previous and current Field Directorate
- Will help maintain the continuity and direction of the Field Directorate, and will act as mentor to the newly elected Field Directorate Chair and Vice Chair when necessary
- This position will be immediately following the individual’s final term as Chair
- Is a voting member of the Field Directorate

CARRIED

Proposed by Tricia Rachfall, housekeeping only – passed by group motion to:

Amend REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS (Following the listing of all Job Descriptions) to read:

All elections will be held at the Field Directorate Special Session. The Field Registrar will be an appointed position for a one-year term at the Field Directorate Special Session, and will not carry a vote.

Voting members can only vote on General Field Directorate Operating Policies REGULATIONS 1-12, and the area they represent.

CARRIED
Proposed by Beth McLucas, Seconded by Trevor Webber to:

Amend REGULATION 2: COMMISSION STRUCTURE AND LEAGUE GOVERNANCE, 2.02 to read:

2.02 These leagues should consist of:
(a) Chair
(b) Vice Chair
(c) Secretary
(d) Treasurer
(e) Registrar
(f) Female Field Co-ordinator
(g) Immediate Past Chair

CARRIED

Proposed by Trish Keizer, Seconded by Karen Peterson to:

Amend REGULATION 12: SUSPENSIONS, 12.09 to read:

12.09 (a) A suspended player may only serve the suspension during games played by the team the player is officially registered with.

   (b) While under suspension, a suspended player cannot be on the players’ side of the field prior to or during his/her team’s game(s). The suspended player can watch the game, with the spectators, from the opposite side of the player’s bench.

CARRIED

Proposed by Trish Keizer, Seconded by Brande Terris to:

Amend REGULATION 12: SUSPENSIONS, 12.10 that would read:

12.10 (a) A suspended coach may only serve the suspension during games played by the team the coach received the suspension for; however, a coach is suspended from all bench activities until such suspension is served.

   (b) While under suspension, a suspended coach cannot be at the game venue prior to or during his/her team’s game(s).

CARRIED

Proposed by Beth McLucas, seconded by Brande Terris and moved to amend by Randy Radonich, seconded by Dylan Taylor to:

Add REGULATION 13: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION, 13.10 to read:

13.10 The Club Registrar shall provide Team Rosters for all club teams to League Commissioners by the end of October 31st. League Commissioners are responsible to report discrepancies between association-supplied rosters and team-supplied rosters (game sheet roster) to the Association President as well as their League Chair.

Amendment CARRIED to add by the end of October 31st.

Amended Motion CARRIED
Proposed by Mary Clare, motion by Beth McLucas, seconded by Trish Keizer to:

Amend REGULATION 20: YOUTH – OFFICIALS, 20.02 to read:

20.02 All associations must ensure that they have a minimum of one referee per age group, or equivalent, all of which must be certified as a field lacrosse referee for the current playing season. An exception may be brought to the field directorate prior to September 15th for those associations experiencing difficulties in adhering to this rule.

Motion by Trevor Webber to Table the motion – DEFEATED

Initial Motion: CARRIED

Proposed by Mary Clare, motion by Beth McLucas, seconded by Kellie Ohlmann and moved by Greg Toll, seconded by Beth McLucas to split the amendment to:

Amend REGULATION 20: YOUTH – OFFICIALS, 20.05 to read:

20.05 An official shall not referee a sibling, child, parent or immediate relation whether by blood or by relationship, OR an official who is an association executive member may not referee any team within his home association, except in extenuating circumstances and agreed to by both teams. Both coaches must sign the top of the scoresheet to verify agreement prior to the start of the game.

Motion to split the amendment to read:

20.05 a) An official shall not referee a sibling, child, parent or immediate relation whether by blood or relationship except in extenuating circumstances and agreed to by both teams. Both coaches must sign the top of the scoresheet to verify agreement prior to the start of the game.

b) An official who is an association executive member may not referee any team within his home association, except in extenuating circumstances and agreed to by both teams. Both coaches must sign the top of the scoresheet to verify agreement prior to the start of the game.

Motion to split - CARRIED
Motion to Table 20.05a by Beth McLucas – CARRIED
Motion to accept 20.05b - DEFEATED

Proposed by Tricia Rachfall, seconded by Beth McLucas to:

Amend REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES, 21.04 to read:

21.04 No team or player may be scheduled for, or play in, more than two regulation length games per day, and no more than three mini-games (2 x 25 minute halves) per day. Exceptions for goalies may apply.

CARRIED

Proposed by Ryan Nose, BCLOTG, seconded by Dylan Taylor to

Add REGULATION 21.10: YOUTH PLAYING RULES to read:
21.10 If a game cannot be completed (weather, lighting, medical, etc.) it will be considered completed if 3 complete quarters or 75% of the playing time has elapsed. A game that has not reached the 75% requirement, is considered a suspended game, and if this game is replayed on another day it must be replayed from the beginning. The final decision on whether a game is complete or suspended is made by the game official and must be noted and initialed on the game sheet by the official making the ruling.

**CARRIED**

*Proposed by Tricia Rachfall, seconded by Wuilbert Jaramillo to:*

Amend the title REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS to read:

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT

CARRIED.

*Proposed by Tricia Rachfall, seconded by Wuilbert Jaramillo to:*

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 22.01 to read:

22.01 (a) The Provincial championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the U18, U15 and U13 series in Tier 1 and Tier 2, if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.

(b) A Provincial tournament shall be held for all teams in BC at the U11 age division, if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.

CARRIED

*Proposed by Tricia Rachfall, seconded by Beth McLucas to:*

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 22.10 to read:

22.10 Declaration Forms

The BCLA Office must receive declaration forms for provincials along with an attached roster and payment for entry into Provincial Playdowns by the date set by the Field Directorate for the playing season. Failing this will result with the said team becoming ineligible for the provincial playdowns and provincials of the playing year.

If a team withdraws from participating in the Provincial Championship Tournament after declaring, the parent club shall be subject to a $1,500.00 fine per team that withdraws. Additionally, if a team withdraws within 14 days prior to the start of the Provincial Championship Tournament, the parent club shall be subject to a $3,000.00 fine per team that withdraws. Outstanding fines not paid by the first day of registration of the following season will result in all player registrations for that association to be suspended until the fine is paid.

If a team withdraws from the U11 Provincial tournament after declaring, the parent club shall be subjected to a $500 fine per team that withdraws if that team withdraws less than 14 days prior to the start of the tournament. Outstanding fines not paid by the first day of registration the following season will result in all player registrations for that association to be suspended until the fine is paid.

Declaration forms will not be accepted if the team has declared to play in a division lower than their League placement.
The registered player names recorded on the declaration form will form the final roster for Provincial Championships and the only changes permitted will be to delete registered players who will not be participating due to not meeting qualification requirements, injury, etc. or to add any call-up players who have met the minimum requirements of the youth league.

CARRIED

Proposed by Ryan Nose, seconded by Beth McLucas to:

Add REGULATION 31.08: SENIOR PLAYING RULES to read:

31.08 If a game cannot be completed (weather, lightening, medical, etc.) it will be considered completed if 3 complete quarters or 75% of the playing time has elapsed. A game that has not reached the 75% requirement, is considered a suspended game, and if this game is replayed on another day it must be replayed from the beginning. The final decision on whether a game is complete or suspended is made by the game official and must be noted and initialed on the game sheet by the official making the ruling.

CARRIED

Proposed by Dirk Rachfall, seconded by Trish Keizer to:

Amend REGULATION 32: SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, 32.11 to read:

32.11 Declaration Forms.
Declaration forms for provincials attached with a roster and payment of the entry fee payable to the Host Association of said teams to enter Provincial Playdowns not received by the BCLA Office by the set date by the Field Directorate for the playing season will result in the team being declared ineligible for the Provincial Playdowns and Provincials of the current playing season.
Declaration forms will not be accepted if the team has declared to play in a division lower than their League placement.

If a team withdraws from participating in the Provincial Championship Tournament after declaring, the club shall be subject up to a $1,500.00 fine for each team that withdraws. Outstanding fines not paid by the first day of registration of the following season will result in all player registrations for that club to be suspended until the fine is paid.

The registered player names recorded on the declaration roster form must be submitted to the BCLA Office no later than 14 days prior to the Senior Men’s Field Provincial Championships and will form the final roster for Provincial Championships. The only changes permitted will be to delete registered players who will not be participating due to not meeting qualification requirements, injury, etc. or to add any call-up players who have played a minimum of three games in the league as supported by game sheet records

CARRIED

Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Michelle Bennett to:

Amend REGULATION 35: WOMEN’S PLAYING DIVISIONS, 35.01 to read:

35.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in the following divisions (as per Regulation 3.01)
Senior Women’s  20 years and over
U19 Women’s Field  Under 19
U15 Women’s Field  Under 15
U12 Women’s Field  Under 12
U8 Women’s Field  Under 8 and 5 years old as of January 1 of the playing year

All ages are determined as of January 1 of the playing year.

CARRIED

Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Brian Borkowsky to:

Add REGULATION 36.03: WOMEN’S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION to read:

36.03 The onus of being properly registered is the responsibility of the Associations or teams, and not the BCLA.

CARRIED

Re number old 36.03 to 36.06

Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Brian Borkowsky to:

Add REGULATION 36.04: WOMEN’S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION to read:

36.04 Each Association is responsible to enter and maintain the Association’s players on the BCLA on-line player database. Associations with less than 40 players are encouraged to use the BCLA on-line registration system, and those with 41 or more players are required to use the BCLA on-line registration system (whereby parents register on-line with their local Field Lacrosse Association).

CARRIED

Re number old 36.04 to 36.05

Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Brian Borkowsky to:

Amend REGULATION 36: WOMEN’S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION, 36.05 that would read:

36.05 (a) U8 teams must have a minimum number of four (4) registered players; U12 teams must a minimum number of eight (8) players and U15 and U19 teams must have a minimum of ten (10) players by the start of the playing season; otherwise, that team will be disallowed from the regular scheduled games.
(b) Any team found guilty of playing an unregistered player during a regularly scheduled game shall forfeit all games won during which said player was a participant.
(c) Any team may register more players until October 31 of the playing season, and at that time, an updated team list must be sent to the BCLA Office.
(d) All players must be registered on-line and their registration cards must be in to the Field Registrar within forty-eight (48) hours of their first game.
(e) To register these late players, the association will obtain approval from the League Commissioner. The Association Registrar or the League Registrar will provide an electronic copy of the registration to the Field Directorate Registrar supplying the player’s name, address, birthdate, medical number, insurance waiver, and applicable team information. The Field Directorate Registrar will add
the player’s name to the appropriate team list and update the registration database. Within five (5) days the Association Registrar or the League Registrar will provide to the BCLA Office the original registration forms.

CARRIED

**Renumber 36.05 to 36.07**

*Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Beth McLucas to:*

Amend REGULATION 36: WOMEN'S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION, 36.06 to read:

36.06 No player may sign with two associations in any year (unless properly released). Exception: A female wishing to play Youth Field Lacrosse and Women’s Field Lacrosse may do so within the same playing season, provided they are registered for both disciplines with their home association.

CARRIED

**Renumber 36.06 to 36.08**

**Renumber 36.07 to 36.09**

*Proposed by Trish Keizer, seconded by Michelle Bennett to:*

Add REGULATION 36.08: WOMEN'S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION to read:

36.08 The club Registrar shall provide Team Rosters for all club teams to League Commissioners by the end of October 31st. League Commissioners are responsible to report discrepancies between association-supplied rosters and team-supplied rosters (game sheet roster) to the Association President as well as their League Chair.

Friendly amendment to add …by the end of October 31

CARRIED

**Renumber 36.08 to 36.10**

*Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Brian Borkowsky to:*

Amend REGULATION 37: WOMEN'S TEAM SIZE, 37.02 to read:

37.02 The U15 and U19 division teams must have a minimum of ten (10) registered players per team up to eighteen (18) (Rule 5, page 19, FIL Women’s Official Rules). The U8 division team must have a minimum of four (4) registered players. The U12 division must have a minimum of eight (8) registered players.

CARRIED

*Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, housekeeping only – passed by group motion to:*

Amend REGULATION 39: WOMEN’S MOVEMENT – U19 TO SENIOR to read:

39.01 No player qualified to play within the jurisdiction of the U19 Division shall sign a senior player registration form. She may have her registration form transferred to the Vice
Chair – Women’s Field after the following conditions are met:

Letters of agreement to the transfer, from the player, the player’s parent/guardian, the player’s home association and the Senior team the player wishes to transfer to, along with a letter requesting approval, shall be forwarded to the Field Directorate, and shall notify the appropriate Commissioner.

39.02 Notwithstanding the forgoing, a U19 Field player may play up in a higher league with permission of the U19 player’s coach, who must notify the Vice Chair of Women’s Field.

Violation of any of the above shall result in suspension of the player and the coach of the Senior team for whom she played.

CARRIED

Proposed by Dirk Rachfall, seconded by Michelle Bennett to:

Amend REGULATION 42: WOMEN’S PLAYING RULES, 42.08 to read:

42.08 Players within the Women’s league may use a crosse which is FIL approved provided the crosse is deemed permissible by the Umpire during the stick-check prior to any league or Provincial game.

CARRIED

Proposed by Dirk Rachfall, seconded by Kellie Ohlmann to:

Amend REGULATION 43: WOMEN’S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS, 43.10 to read:

43.10 Declaration Forms.
Declaration forms for provincials attached with a roster and payment to the BCLA of said teams to enter Provincial Tournaments/Championships not received by the BCLA Office by the set date by the Field Directorate for the playing season will result with the said team becoming ineligible for the provincial playdowns and Provincial Tournament or Championship of the playing year.

If a team withdraws from participating in the Provincial Championship Tournament after declaring, the parent club shall be subject to a $1,500.00 fine per team that withdraws. Additionally, if a team withdraws within 14 days prior to the start of the Provincial Championship Tournament, the parent club shall be subject to a $3,000.00 fine per team that withdraws. Outstanding fines not paid by the first day of registration of the following season will result in all player registrations for that association to be suspended until the fine is paid.

The registered player names recorded on the declaration form will form the final roster for Provincial Tournaments/Championships and the only changes permitted will be to delete registered players who will not be participating due to not meeting qualification requirements, injury, etc. or to add any call-up players who have played a minimum number of games in the league to meet the qualification.

CARRIED

8. Election of Officers – Elections were conducted by Greg Toll, BCLA VP Operations.
   a) Chair (2-Year Term) Dirk Rachfall was nominated by the Field Directorate Nomination Committee and won by acclamation - Secretary to cast one ballot.
b) **Vice-Chair – Women’s Field** (2-Year Term) Kellie Ohlmann was nominated by the Field Directorate Nomination Committee and won by acclamation – Secretary to cast one ballot.

c) **Secretary** (2 Year Term) Tricia Rachfall was nominated by the Field Directorate Nomination Committee and won by acclamation – Secretary to cast one ballot

9. **2018-2019 Provincial Championship Tournaments**

Dirk brought forth the idea of set dates for Provincial Championships and Tournaments – U11 Tournament; Women’s and Youth Provincials and asked for discussion and feedback.

**Discussion:**
- U11 is finished in December on Vancouver Island and it was suggested having the U11 Tournament in December.
- There should be no box mandatory try-outs prior to Field Provincials, if this is a concern, please let your league chair aware who will then contact the FD Chair. The FD Chair discusses with the Minor Directorate Chair when made aware of box try-outs infringing on the Field season. The Minor Directorate Chair then discusses with the appropriate league Chair for follow up.
- There was support of setting dates for the different Provincial Championships/Tournaments. This would help associations when requesting field time to host.
- Idea suggested to think about pushing Provincials back into March as it used to be
- Set dates could eliminate some organizations or leagues from hosting because of lack of field availability due to soccer
- 3-day weekend allows for less time off of school/work – February Family Day weekend.
- Do not want all 3 or preferably not even 2 of the championships on the same weekend
- This information will be considered for future planning by the FD for the 2020 season onward

10. **New Business**

(a) **Nationals**
- BC Hosting Men’s Nationals – location currently will be Coquitlam Town Centre October 6, 7, and 8.
- BC is on the rotation to host Youth Nationals for 2019.
  - May FD meeting to determine location
  - Labour Day weekend 2019
- CLA is reviewing the National Championships format for all Field Nationals

(b) **Volunteers and Officials**
- On-going shortage of officials and volunteers
- All organizations need to recruit volunteers and organizations
- Time needs to be put into training and support of officials, money such as paying for training

(c) **Game Sheet input for both Youth/Men’s and Women’s** – FD seeking feedback by those in attendance on possible changes to the game sheets in both Youth/Men’s and Women’s. Sheets were distributed to each table and suggestions collected for review by the FD.

(d) **BC Summer Games** – Cowichan, BC - July 19-22; May 3 deadline for applications for players; 6 teams for field, 8 for box. Great opportunity for kids to experience a large scale event.

(e) **BCLA Awards** - Forms are available on BCLA website, recommend to complete nominations now while Field lacrosse is still fresh in everyone’s minds. We would like to see an increase in the amount of nominations out of the field sector, we were really light at the 2018 BCLA AGM

11. **Motion to Adjourn.** *It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Margot Gallant that the meeting be adjourned.* Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.