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**BC Lacrosse Association  
2019 Minor Directorate Special Session Minutes  
October 18-19, 2019  
Whistler Conference Centre, Whistler, BC**

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**Friday, October 18, 2019**

1. **Call Meeting to Order/Welcome.** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, with Chair Gord McIntosh presiding. Gord did a brief introduction of himself to the members in attendance, followed by a review of the agenda. *It was moved by Richard Paciejewski, seconded by Wilson Louie that the Agenda be accepted as circulated. CARRIED*
2. **Team BC Program** - Tyson Leies, BCLA VP Performance Programs and Jeff Gombar, BCLA Marketing and High Performance Director. Tyson provided an overview of the past season highlights -- Bantam & Midget – Female – Won Gold; Pee Wee/Bantam/Midget – Won Silver. Tyson also thanked all of the Co-ordinators and Coaches. Jeff thanked everyone involved. 550 athletes were identified in 2019, the largest number to date; we are building consistency with the coaches. The national experience was incredible, hosting all age groups together. Special thank you to Garrett Ungaro, Dean Favaro and Gord Kask.
3. **Minor Directorate Reports.** Gord showed members in attendance where reports can be found in the Annual Report. Questions could be asked of members tomorrow.
4. **Rationale for Proposed Amendments** (two minutes/proposal). Gord read through the proposed amendments and explained that members would be able to ask questions tomorrow. Members were given up to two minutes/proposal to discuss tonight.
5. **2020 Provincials.** Provincials Selections were announced:

<b>Provincials</b>	<b>Host</b>
Pee Wee July 16-19	North Okanagan Minor
Bantam July 9-12	Prince George Minor
Midget July 2-5	Comox Valley Minor
Female July 16-19	Coquitlam Minor

6. *It was moved by Jeff MacAulay, seconded by Rob Arden that the meeting be recessed until Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 9:00 AM. CARRIED*

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting called to order at 9:04 AM, with Chair Gord McIntosh presiding. Introductions took place and Gord reviewed the format/ballots for the meeting today.
2. **Attendance - Accredited Minor Voting Delegates.** There were 112 voting delegates present out of a possible 129 voting delegates.
3. **Minutes of the October 12-13, 2018 Special Session, Whistler, BC.** *It was moved by Richard Paciejewski, seconded by John Stevens that the Minutes of the October 12-13, 2018 BCLA Minor Directorate Special Session be approved as circulated. CARRIED.*

4. **2020-2024 BCLA Strategic Plan Overview** – Drew Mitchell, Facilitator  
Area of recruitment and retention - as we move forward, how do we engage participants in the sport? Building the inclusion part in the sport; need increased coaching development, mentoring and resources; how do we increase officiating? Lacrosse is coming back to Canada Games in 2021; Physical Literacy programs; Relationship with the local Sport Communities – need to be engaged and involved in the development of facilities and how do we get sports back to be a single season sport
  
5. **CLA Box Sector Chair** – Ron McQuarrie  
Thanked the Nationals Host Committee, the RIC, four conveners and BC Lacrosse for hosting the Nationals in Coquitlam. Looking to host a midget event in 2020 for the Canada Summer Games trail; 2020 will be the last year for Pee Wee Nationals, will be reformatted to the old format of Pee Wee Nationals; Enforcement of O/D at National Championships, BC has been the leader in removing that strategy at the Midget age; 2020 is the rule review and change year. There is an opportunity to submit proposed changes; Competitive Development Certified is being offered; Working towards having Lacrosse in the 2028 Olympic Games; Abuse of Officials – Developing a series of videos about Respect in Lacrosse
  
6. **Reports**
  - a) Minor Directorate Chair – Gord McIntosh
  - b) BCLA Registrar – Minor Box - Corinne Perriman
  - c) Zone 1 Representative – Karyn Yasinsky
  - d) Thompson-Okanagan Minor Lacrosse Commission/Zone 2 – Brook Webster/Wuilbert Jaramillo
  - e) Lower Mainland Minor Lacrosse Commission – Beth McLucas
  - f) Zone 3 Representative – Gordon Miller
  - g) Zone 4 Representative – Michael O'Connor
  - h) Zone 5 Representative – Mary Clare
  - i) Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Commission/Zone 6 – Brian Boas/Shane Mellish
  - j) Zone 7 Representative – Tyrone Yee
  - k) Zone 8 Representative – John Stevens/Richard Paciejewski
  - l) Female Box Lacrosse Chair – Diane Blair
  - m) 2019 Minor Box Provincials – Pam Mason, Minor Directorate Provincial Director
  - o) 2019 Minor Box Tournaments – Gordon Miller

*It was moved by Sean Reid, seconded by John Stevens that the Minor Directorate reports be accepted as circulated. CARRIED.*

**7. Proposed Amendments.**

*It was moved by Shane Mellish, seconded by Dylan Taylor that REGULATION 3: REGISTRATION, 3.11 be amended to read:*

- 3.11 In recognition of BCLA Operating Policy Regulation 16: Concussion Awareness and Education:
  - (a) Member Associations must develop and have an active policy that establishes a “Concussion Policy”. This policy should contain training for coaches and trainers (where applicable), a reporting process and return to play guideline.
  - (b) Optional for the 2019 Season, and mandatory thereafter.

**CARRIED.**

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**Pam Mason withdrew the proposed amendment of REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES, 4.07 Part 1 – Playing Up (a).**

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***It was moved by Brian Boas, seconded by Michael O'Connor that REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES, 4.07 Part II – Playing Down (b) be amended to read:***

- (b) Upon approval, the request must be forwarded to the Minor Directorate for approval.
- Players granted an opportunity to play down, will have their players statistics reviewed during the season of play (for penalties, scoring, etc). The MD will communicate the names of players playing down to the League Commissioners, who will need to keep statistics and report to the MD any anomalies seen during review of game sheets, or at a game. Upon review by the Minor Directorate, a previously approved application to play down from Minor to Minor can be reversed at any time during the season of play.
- An over-age player MAY be eligible for playdowns, playoffs, Zone/Commission Championships or for Provincial Championships play. The MD determination will include at least the following; penalties review, scoring, participation.

**CARRIED.**

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***It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Shane Mellish that REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES, 4.07 Part II – Playing Down (b) be amended to read:***

- (b) Players granted an opportunity to play down, will have their players statistics reviewed during the season of play (for penalties, scoring, etc). The MD will communicate the names of players playing down to the League Commissioners, who will need to keep statistics and report to the MD any anomalies seen during review of game sheets, or at a game. Upon review by the Minor Directorate, a previously approved application to play down from Minor to Minor can be reversed at any time during the season of play.
- On application to the Minor Directorate, by May 31 of the playing year, an over-age player MAY be eligible for playdowns, playoffs, Zone/Commission Championships or for Provincial Championships play. The MD determination will include at least the following; penalties review, scoring, participation.

**CARRIED.**

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***It was moved by Matt Taylor, seconded by Wilson Louie that the first paragraph of REGULATION 5: COMMISSION COMPETITION, 5.04 be amended to read:***

- 5.04 In Midget, Bantam and PeeWee, where “C” leagues are formed, no association may declare a “C” calibre team with more playing experience than the following, ***not including years of play in Mini Tyke or Tyke:***

**CARRIED.**

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***It was moved by Shane Mellish, seconded by Michael O'Connor that REGULATION 5: COMMISSION COMPETITION, 5.04 be amended to read:***

5.04 In Midget, Bantam and PeeWee, where "C" leagues are formed, no association may declare a "C" calibre team with more playing experience than the following:

- PeeWee – 2 years times the number of registered players except the 3 most experienced players.
- Bantam – 3 years times the number of registered players except the 3 most experienced players.
- Midget – 4 years times the number of registered players except the 3 most experienced players.

Example (PeeWee) 15 registered players  
Total number of years of experience is 24 years:  $(15-3) \times 2 = 24$ .

A team list, ***from the online database***, including player's years experience, must be sent to the League Commissioner by the Association Registrar by May 7 of the playing year, who must in turn notify the Association President if the numbers are not in compliance.

Failure to comply with sending in a team list with years experience may result in the Home Association being fined \$100.00 per day that it is late, up to a maximum of \$500.00, ***and may result in the team's removal from league play until in compliance with above years' experience is received.***

**CARRIED.**

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**Andy Reynolds withdrew the proposed amendment of REGULATION 5: COMMISSION COMPETITION, 5.04.**

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***It was moved by Lauri Kerr, seconded by Matt Taylor that REGULATION 5: COMMISSION COMPETITION, 5.05 be amended to read:***

5.05 In Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, and Novice, "A1", "A2", "B", and "C" leagues may be formed and are the required declarations to be used for league and tournament play. In Female Junior, Female Midget, Female Bantam, Female Pee Wee and Female Novice, an A and B league may be formed and are the required declarations to be used for league and tournament play. Where an association has two or more teams in any one league, those teams must be equally balanced by calibre and strength, with the exception of "A1" with the local commission approval. Failure to obtain approval before the start of the season from the local commission will make the teams ineligible for Playdowns and Provincial Championships. ***If an Association properly declares at the start of the season and a team is ordered to move up (or down) a tier by their local Commission, and the Association already has a team in the tier they are being ordered to move to, those teams affected do not need to be re-balanced.*** In PeeWee and above, "A1", "A2" and "B" leagues shall be recognized by the BCLA for Provincial Championship purposes. All Female teams must be balanced when in a non-tiered league

**CARRIED.**

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***It was moved by Curtis Smith, seconded by Michael O'Connor that REGULATION 7: MOVEMENT – SENIOR BOX TO MINOR, 7.02(e) be amended to read:***

- (e) An over-age player MAY be eligible for playdowns, playoffs, Zone/Commission Championships or for Provincial Championships play. The Minor Directorate determination will include at least the following: penalties review, scoring, participation.

**CARRIED.**

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***It was moved by John Stevens, seconded by Dylan Taylor that REGULATION 8: MOVES, 8.10 be amended to read:***

- 8.10 For those players attending a specialized school (i.e., hockey school) that is far enough from their principle residence that they must live away from their immediate family and be billeted, will provide proof of school attendance in way of a school transcript. The billeted address will be recorded in the comments section in the registration database if the home address is being used as the address. The player will be placed where the commission feels it would be in the best interest of the **player** and then the **league**. At the end of the school year, if the player wishes to move back to his/her original home association before the June 20<sup>th</sup> deadline, 8.06 shall apply.

**DEFEATED.**

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***It was moved by Rob Cook, seconded by Dylan Taylor that REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.05(a) be amended to read:***

**12.05 Eligibility.**

- (a) To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship tournament, a player must have played in a minimum of four league, sanctioned tournament games or play-off games, or combination of, during the current year with the team they are registered with. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.

***In the case of Female Junior-age players, the four (4) game requirement may be waived under the following circumstances:***

- (a) A written request must be sent by the player to the Female Box Lacrosse Chair and the Provincial Playoff Director no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of Female Box Lacrosse Provincials.***
- (b) A copy of the player's school records must be submitted for review.***
- (c) The player must have been registered with the team prior to May 7 of the current playing season.***
- (d) If approved, the written notification (CoP or E-mail) must be submitted with the team's verification roster at the time of the Provincials Coaches meeting.***

In addition, for call-ups to be eligible, they must have

- (i) Played 4 games in total at a higher division and/or calibre than the team they are registered with. In the case of Female Junior-age players, the four (4) game requirement may be waived under the following circumstances:
  - (a) A written request must be sent by the player to the Female Box

Lacrosse Chair and the Provincial Playoff Director no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of Female Box Lacrosse Provincials.

- (b) A copy of the player's school records must be submitted for review.
  - (c) The player must have been registered with the team prior to May 7 of the current playing season.
  - (d) If approved, the written notification (CoP or E-mail) must be submitted with the team's verification roster at the time of the Provincials Coaches meeting.
- (ii) Proof of game sheets must be provided to the Playoff Director.
  - (iii) A maximum of two (2) "A" players may be added to a "B" or "C" roster after June 1<sup>st</sup> to play in their provincials. This includes call-ups for provincial play.

**CARRIED.**

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*It was moved by John Stevens, seconded by Tom Kellett that REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.05(a) be amended to read:*

**12.05 Eligibility.**

- (a) To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship tournament, a player must have played in a minimum of four league, sanctioned tournament games or play-off games, or combination of, during the current year with the team they are registered with. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting. In addition, for call-ups to be eligible, they must have
  - (i) Played 4 games in total at a higher division and/or calibre than the team they are registered with, ***of which one game must have been with the team that they are participating in provincials with.*** In the case of Female Junior-age players, the four (4) game requirement may be waived under the following circumstances:
    - (a) A written request must be sent by the player to the Female Box Lacrosse Chair and the Provincial Playoff Director no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of Female Box Lacrosse Provincials.
    - (b) A copy of the player's school records must be submitted for review.
    - (c) The player must have been registered with the team prior to May 7 of the current playing season.
    - (d) If approved, the written notification (CoP or E-mail) must be submitted with the team's verification roster at the time of the Provincials Coaches meeting.
  - (ii) Proof of game sheets must be provided to the Playoff Director.
  - (iii) A maximum of two (2) "A" players may be added to a "B" or "C" roster after June 1<sup>st</sup> to play in their provincials. This includes call-ups for provincial play.
  - (iv) ***For all circumstances – a maximum of 4 players may be added to roster for provincial play.***

**CARRIED.**

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*It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Tim Frost that REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.05(h) be amended to read:*

- (h) Any team ratified by the Minor Directorate and allowed to carry more than **20** players for regular league play will only be permitted to bring **20** players to Provincials and may be permitted to use call-up players for the Provincial Tournament with the permission of the Provincial Director.

**CARRIED.**

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**Gord McIntosh withdrew the proposed amendment to REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.12(a)(i).**

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**8. Election of Officers. Myrna Cable conducted the elections.**

- a) **Vice Chair (Two-Year Term)** – Pam Mason was elected. The secretary was asked to cast one ballot.
- b) **Female Box Lacrosse Chair (Two-Year Term)** – Diane Blair was elected. The secretary was asked to cast one ballot.

*It was moved by Richard Paciejewski, seconded by Wilson Louie that the secretary destroy the ballots. CARRIED.*

**9. New Business:**

a) **Provincials Selections Announced**

<b>Provincials</b>	<b>Host</b>
Pee Wee July 16-19	North Okanagan Minor
Bantam July 9-12	Prince George Minor
Midget July 2-5	Comox Valley Minor
Female July 16-19	Coquitlam Minor

- b) **2020 Minor Box/Female Box Lacrosse Nationals** - Hosts have not been named at this time.
- c) **Novice Place and Push Discussion** – Gord provided an overview of the Islands Novice Place and Push program. Shane Mellish offered if anyone is interested in the details of the programs, to please reach out to him.
- d) **2020 BC Summer Games** – Greg Toll - Maple Ridge is the host. There will be an all-Indigenous Team in 2020. There will be try outs.
- e) **Coaches Resources** – Russ Shephard. Proposing a new data bases and funding for coaching resources. An example would be, and potential partner, Alberta Lacrosse TV.

**10. Adjournment. It was moved by Richard Paciejewski, seconded by Shane Mellish that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM.

## Saturday, October 18, 2019

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Gerry Van Beek, BCLA President  
Greg Toll, BCLA VP Operations  
Russ Sheppard, BCLCG  
Rob Arden, BCLCG  
Kelly Fines, BCLCG  
Wilson Louie, BCLOG  
Meaghan Snow, BCLOG  
Brian Lister, BCLOG  
Dylan Taylor, BCLOG  
Rob Cook, BCLOG  
Nicole Kokoska, Mission  
Gord McIntosh, MD Chair  
Pam Mason, MD Vice Chair  
Dee Bowley-Cowan, MD Secretary  
Karyn Yasinsky, MD Zone 1  
Wuilbert Jaramillo, MD Zone 2  
Michael O'Connor, MD Zone 4  
Mary Clare, MD Zone 5  
Shane Mellish, MD Zone 6  
Richard Paciejewski, MD Zone 8  
Diane Blair, Female Box Chair  
John Stevens, GWNLC  
Beth McLucas, LMMLC  
Brook Webster, TOMLC  
Brian Boas, VIMLC  
Terri Abrams, Abbotsford  
Becky Topnik, Abbotsford  
Tom Kellett, Burnaby  
Susan Kirkby, Burnaby  
Michelle Romano, Burnaby  
Liz Lego, Burnaby  
Simon Gee, Burnaby  
Justine Taylor, Campbell River  
Mark Taylor, Campbell River  
Chris Charlton, Chilliwack  
Chris Veenstra, Chilliwack  
Angie Wolfe, Chilliwack  
Geoff Garbutt, Comox Valley  
Garrett Ungaro, Coquitlam  
Rita Isaacs, Coquitlam

Mark Lacroix, Coquitlam  
Connor Hollingshead, Coquitlam  
Chris Mehnert, Coquitlam  
Monica Reis, Coquitlam  
Mike Quinn, Coquitlam  
Chad O'Brien, Cowichan Valley  
Dallas Lister, Cowichan Valley  
Lorne Winship, Cowichan Valley  
Matt Taylor, Delta  
Curtis Smith, Delta  
Amanda Douglas, Delta  
Greg Leong, Delta  
Ryan Hyland, Juan de Fuca  
Liz Hyland, Juan de Fuca  
Andrea Harvey, Juan de Fuca  
Evelyn Sutton, Juan de Fuca  
Kevin Bankier, Kamloops  
Karen von Hollen, Kamloops  
Jessica Nakashimada, Kamloops  
Andy King, Kelowna  
Rob Zumbo, Kelowna  
Sandra Margetson, Langley  
Troy Margetson, Langley  
Darren Buchan, Langley  
Cou Lai, Langley  
Wendy Thomson, Langley  
Jeff MacAulay, Mission  
Jamie Hooper, Mission  
Andy Reynolds, Nanaimo  
Lonny Sullivan, Nanaimo  
Damian Sutton, Nanaimo  
Lisa Sutton, Nanaimo  
Rich Catton, New Westminster  
Kevin Stewardson, New Westminster  
Karen Poole, New Westminster  
Bill Tyler, New Westminster  
Jason Plante, New Westminster  
Casey Sherriff, North Okanagan  
Mark Birrell, North Shore

Gord Withers, North Shore  
Cameron Miller, Oceanside  
Phil Di Battista, Peninsula  
Ruth Saunders, Peninsula  
Josh Wahl, Port Coquitlam  
Mike Newton, Port Coquitlam  
Stacy Hemmerling, Port Coquitlam  
Chad Miller, Port Coquitlam  
Jennifer Lambert, Port Coquitlam  
Brent Thompson, Port Moody  
Allen Wales, Port Moody  
Bob Bradley, Port Moody  
Scott Brown, Prince George  
Alex Miller, Richmond  
Lauri Kerr, Richmond  
Curtis Todd, Ridge Meadows  
John Olson, Ridge Meadows  
Robb Alexander, Ridge Meadows  
Rich Bonner, Ridge Meadows  
Kyle McIntosh, Ridge Meadows  
Curt Malawsky, Ridge Meadows  
Jaime Yerbury, Ridge Meadows  
Marcello Gonzales, Ridge Meadows  
Andy Stuart, Saanich  
James Scott, Saanich  
Sharon Allen, Saanich  
Rob Baker, Semiahmoo  
Maury Pearson, Semiahmoo  
Heather Davis, Shuswap  
Dean Mural, Sunshine Coast  
Sean Reid, Surrey  
Ryan Paddon, Surrey  
Jeff Glass, Surrey  
Karen Piper, Surrey  
Michael Hagel, Vancouver-Killarney  
Mark Collett, Vancouver-Killarney  
Bruce Alexander, Victoria-Esquamalt