



**B.C. LACROSSE COACHES ASSOCIATION
2009 SPECIAL SESSION
Saturday, September 12, 2009
Douglas College, New Westminster, B.C.-Lecture Room # 2201**

9:00 AM-10:30 AM - COACHES AND OFFICIALS JOINT SESSION

-Brent Boutilier started off discussion with some difficult situations that we dealt with through the season

starting with a relatively new problem *CYBER-BULLYING*. Harassment by computer! There were

Several occurrences of this problem during the season and we must be vigilant about this problem.

-Coaches Association pledged to continue to work with the Referees Association to improve coach's attitudes and behaviour.

-Coaches felt the electronic game reporting was a useful tool for keeping bad coaches under their radar and a good Coaches Filing System has been added too. Coaches want to stop re-offenders by keeping paperwork on abusive and chronic offenders in the coaching ranks.

-A warning system for coaches was discussed whereby coaches are given 1) warning 2) bench minor 3) expulsion if bad behaviour continues. Jody Weatherby assured coaches that this 3 STRIKE APPROACH already exists in their referee clinics.

-Referees have an evaluation system in place to improve their referees. Complaints against referees are dealt with in a mentorship system.

-Brent explained the new proposal the coaches are promoting at this AGM. The DOORMAN ISSUE. This is a program to try and have everyone on the player's bench having certification including the DOORMEN.

-Education will consist of a Code of Ethics program, explaining roles of doormen and risk management and rules of conduct on line program.

-Doug Wright discussed the negative effects of the cutting back of funding of gaming grants by our provincial government. The "Senior" side of the game will suffer more but there will be a 'trickle down' effect most certainly. All lacrosse people contact your MLA's and expresses your genuine concerns of damage to our National Summer Sport as a result of loss of funding capital.

BC LACROSSE COACHES ASSOCIATION SPECIAL SESSION (10:30AM-12:30PM)

1) **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 10:37 AM, with Chair DENNIS QUIGLEY presiding.

2) **Approval of Minutes.** It was moved by Terry Kirstiuk, seconded by Gord Cawthorne that the minutes for the Sept. 9/2008 BCLCA Special Session be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.

3) **REPORTS:**

a) Chair Update (Dennis Quigley)-circulated

b) Vice Chair Minor (Brent Boutilier)-Spoke on Cyber Bullying. Reporting to Police might have to help resolve problem. Supporting game officials and Commissioners was an important concern for Coaches Ass'n. Doorman proposal mentioned and support was obvious among coaches in attendance.

c) Vice Chair Senior-Vacant

d) Vice-Chair-Field Men (Adam Smith). Some increase in suspensions noted this season.

e) Vice-Chair-Field Women (Karen Blake)-Absent-Report circulated

- f) Master Box Facilitator (Bill McBain)-Report circulated
- g) BCLA Regional Coach-Okanogan (Bill McBain)-Report circulated
- h) BCLA Regional Coach-Vancouver Island (Bryan Baxter)-Report circulated.
- i) BCLA Regional Coach-Greater Victoria-Absent-Report submitted
- j) BCLA Regional Coach-Northern BC- (Bill Barwise)-Absent-Report submitted
- j) BCLA Regional Coach-Lower Mainland Box-(Mike Marshall)-Report submitted
- k) BCLA Regional coach-Lower Mainland Field (Ray Comeault)-Report circulated.
- l) BCLA Technical Director (Darcy Rhodes)-Report circulated.

OPERATING POLICY-MOTION REGULATION 7.03

It was moved by Brent Boutilier, seconded by Bryan Baxter:

Amend **REGULATION 7: BENCH RULES, 7.03** which would read:

7.03 All bench personnel must meet the following requirements to participate in any BCLA sanctioned games:

- b) All bench door people must comply with a minimum BCLA standard of certification as a doorman or as a trained coach.*
 - 1) Minimum standard of certification will be achieved by completing and passing the online doorman course.*
 - 2) All successful door people will be issued a certification card and number for a period of one year.*
 - 3) Minimum standard of certification must be met before participating on the bench.*
 - 4) All persons operating as door people must be registered on the form 100B, including a payment of a registration fee of \$ 5.00.*
 - 5) In the event that the registered doorman is unavailable, the team may substitute by adding another certified doorman. This change must be noted on the game sheet by adding the doorman's name and certification number in the Notes section of the form.*

CARRIED.

Rationale: In the 2009 season, 17% of Official's Reports generated regarding bench behaviour were as a result of door people with no training in their role. It is felt that by training, testing and certifying this important position in the future, a decrease in Abuse of Officials will result.

Currently door people have never received any job description or training in order to perform this role. It is not fair to expect conforming behaviour from these volunteers when no training is available to enable them to do this job.

The training will be on-line and involve:

- Clear understanding as to what is expected when volunteering as a doorman.
- Ethics
- Risk Management
- Testing to ensure that the volunteer is clear as to what the role involves and doesn't involve.
- Receiving a numbered Card

This provides due diligence for the BCLCA and BCLA by ensuring that only those volunteers that have received training are allowed to work with the athletes, thus ensuring a safer playing environment.

Election of Officers:

Chair: Bill McBain
Vice Chair Minor: Brent Boutilier
Vice Chair Sr: Dennis Quigley
Vice Chair Mens Field: Adam Smith
Vice Chair Womens Field – Vacant
Secretary: Mike Marshall

New Business: Collection of fees for Form 100 – Doormen \$5.00 annual fee

Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Quigley, Seconded by Adam Smith time 12:15PM

Minutes taken by Dan Wray
Minutes typed and emailed and faxed by Dennis Quigley

Awards Luncheon followed.