

**Minutes of the 2007 Minor Directorate Special Session
October 12th and 13th, 2007 - Whistler, B.C.**

In Attendance:

Mike Hall – Secretary, BCLA
Mike Marshall – Chair, BCLCA
Tammy McDougall – Zone 6 Rep, BCLCA
Frank Pongracz – Chair, BCLOA
Sean Lehman – Zone 6 Minor, BCLOA
Lori Ross – Secretary, Minor Directorate
Keith Armstrong – Zone 3 Director
Carmen Schmidbauer – Zone 6 Director
Wayne Clarke – GWN Commission
Doug MacFarlane – Thompson-Ok Commission
Shawn House – Female Box Chair
Susan Kirby – Burnaby Minor
Paula Marks – Campbell River Minor
Noreen McCaffrey – Comox Minor
Stu Routledge – Coquitlam Minor
Cristina Stroup – Coquitlam Minor
Scott Stroup – Coquitlam Minor
Bobby Garrison – Coquitlam Minor
Lissa Punnett – Cowichan Valley
Derek Harris – Cowichan Valley
Ruth Alexander – Delta Minor
Linda Frey - - Delta Minor
Deanna Kirk – Juan de Fuca Minor
Gary Stride – Juan de Fuca Minor
Terry Kirk – Juan de Fuca Minor
Mike Wolfram – Kamloops Minor
Corbie Hewko – Kelowna Minor
Don MacDonald – Langley Minor
Sean Beasley – Langley Minor
Jeff MacAulay – Mission Minor
Debbie Cawthorne – Nanaimo Minor
Kelly Finch – Nanaimo Minor
Kevin Balance – New Westminster Minor
Leah Newcombe – New Westminster Minor
Kelly MacKay – New Westminster Minor
Doug Pringle – North Delta Minor
Sandy Pringle – North Delta Minor
Rob Seaton – North Okanagan Minor
Steve Sharples – Peninsula Minor
Alex Young – Peninsula Minor
Kelly Grimm – Penticton Minor
Colleen Fulford – Port Coquitlam Minor
Renee Gillespie – Port Coquitlam Minor
Jed Sigfusson – Port Moody Minor
Gord McFarland – Port Moody Minor
Corrine Almas – VP Development
Doug Clark – Vice Chair, Minor, BCLCA
Wayne Clarke – Zone 8 Rep, BCLCA
Doug Wright – Vice Chair, Minor, BCLOA
Greg Toll – Chair, Minor Directorate
Dave Wilkie – VC, Minor Directorate
Elinor Hinds – Zone 2 Director
Tim Craggs – Chair, VI Commission
Cindy Partridge - LM Commission
Richard Paciejewski – Zone 8 Director
David Rennie – Abbotsford Minor
Bev Gillam – Burnaby Minor
Tracy Marriot - - Campbell River Minor
Jim McIntosh – Coquitlam Minor
Lance Hofseth – Coquitlam Minor
Denise McIntosh – Coquitlam Minor
Ed Ponsart – Coquitlam Minor
Gary Quaife – Cowichan Valley
Paula Divis – Cowichan Valley Observer
Darron Alexander – Delta Minor
Shawn Wickett – Delta Minor
Ross Sexsmith – Fort St. John Minor
Keith Hagedom – Juan de Fuca Minor
Christine Mavin – Juan de Fuca Minor
Ellie Bradley – Kamloops Minor
Beau Bradley – Kamloops Minor
Corrine Gorges – Kelowna Minor
Bill Mosdell – Langley Minor
Brent Boutilier – Mission Minor
Carrie Lundgren – Nanaimo Minor
Ken Grewal – Nanaimo Minor
Warren Goss – New Westminster Minor
Dirk Rachfall – New Westminster Minor
Jan Flintoff – New Westminster Minor
Al Varley – New Westminster Minor
Michael Dobie – North Delta Minor
Lesley Landels – North Okanagan Minor
Donna Jablonski – North Shore Minor
Deb Maloney – Peninsula Minor
Dan Chetner – Penticton Minor
David Clarke – Port Coquitlam Minor
Dan Vegh – Port Coquitlam Minor
Craig Labranche – Port Coquitlam Minor
Rod Tomkins – Port Moody Minor
Myrna Cable – Prince George Minor

Mark McFadyen – Port Moody Minor
Angie Schwan – Richmond Minor
Lisa Nielson – Richmond Minor
Ron Kajula – Ridge Meadows Minor
Tony Bell – Ridge Meadows Minor
Rob Wickes – Saanich Minor
Brian Mayzes – Saanich Minor
Amy Drabiuk – Shuswap Minor
Jehn Ewart – Surrey Minor
Kelly Ewart – Surrey Minor
Melissa Haller – Vancouver-Killarney Minor
Rob Barr – Victoria-Esquamalt Minor

Shawn Young – Quesnel Minor
Debbie Vincent – Richmond Minor
Andrew Wianowski – Ridge Meadows Minor
Kelly Scott – Ridge Meadows Minor
Dale Douglas – Saanich Minor
Kathy Scott – Saanich Minor
Terry Willis – Semiahmoo Minor
Beth McLucas – Surrey Minor
Jody Weatherby – Surrey Minor
Marcus Robinson – Vancouver-Killarney Minor
Dave Haller – Vancouver-Killarney Minor
Vicki White – Victoria-Esquamalt

Friday, October 12, 2007

Greg Toll, Chair Minor Directorate called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Greg Toll then welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

Greg Toll, Chair spoke briefly explaining the purpose of tonight's meeting is to hear the Proposed changes to the BCLA Minor Directorate Policy and the Rationale for these changes to be voted on in the Saturday afternoon meeting. Greg Toll announced that there are speakers to explain what has taken place during the 2007 Season and what to look forward to for the 2008 Season.

Lisa Hardin, BCLA spoke briefly on what her role is with the BCLA and gave an outline of her background.

Lisa, has taken on the role with BCLA as Community Leadership Coach. What does this mean. It means that Lisa is there to help associations with Volunteer retention, recruiting, training and recognition. She is there to help Associations with their needs and what resources they have to work with. So if you need help or have any ideas to help in the capacity of recruiting, retention give Lisa a call at the BCLA Office.

Doug Clarke, Kamloops – recently elected as the Vice-Chair Minor – Coaches Association – spoke briefly.

Asked if there were Questions of the Coaches Association -

1. What are the Goals of Coaches and Coaches Conduct
2. Coaching Association what do they of Offence/Defence
 - needs to be documented
 - need to understand what actually is offence/defence?
 - There will be alot more discussion on offence/defence in the future.

Doug spoke briefly regarding the National program as he was the Head Coach – Peeewe National Team.

Selection of team is very difficult to make especially when you are playing the teams from the East and how they are coached..

Tremendous experience for the players.

Doug Wright – Vice Chair Minors, BCLOA spoke briefly on the following:
Doug began by welcoming Doug Clarke to the Coaches Association and is looking forward to working with him.

Doug oversees the training and development of Refs in the Province. There are 1,087 refs in the Province this number includes Senior Refs as well. There was a strong growth in Zone 3 and Zone 6 for Refs..

The Challenges for the 2007 Season –

- interesting session took place with Coaches at the Special Session
- Joint Community between Coaches/Officials.
- Suggestion that Coaches stand on the floor and be yelled at and then ask why Refs quit.

Hi-lights of the 2007 Season for Refs was the online support system that allowed Ref Reports to be done worked well, once all the bugs were worked out.
There is a lack of experienced level 2 and 3 Refs. Its time to recruit at the Level 2 and 3 as more Refs are becoming needed in this area.

Statistics from the On-Line Reporting:

Abuse of Officials	77
Majors/Game Misconducts	205
Match Penalties	62
Other Infractions	26

Reports filed on paper are not included in these stats.

Provincial Championships went fairly smooth in allocating all our refs to cover all the Provincials at all levels. Doug received a number of compliments on the reffing that took place at Provincials.

Suggestion is to have volunteers that help coordinate Refs to help watch your refs within your Association.

Corrine Almas – VP Development, BCLA spoke briefly on what is going on with development in the Province.

The past year has been quiet with the only new area requesting a development session was Clearwater. Bill McBain, was invited to Bella Coola where he conducted lacrosse camps in July.

Creston expressed an interest for box lacrosse development, but has not followed through with setting up a program.

Cranbrook developed and hosted their first annual Spring Box Lacrosse Camp. There has been some attempt to further develop in Zone 1 by the people of Nelson.

Terrace organized a Female Box lacrosse Camp to build their female program.

Girls Field Lacrosse was a big goal for the lower mainland.

Greg Toll, Minor Directorate Chair's Report

Peewee Provincials - were held in Port Coquitlam this year. Thank you for Port Coquitlam for another well run Provincial. Many positive comments came my way from parents, coaches, and players about their experience over the weekend.

Bantam Provincials – were held in Langley this year. Thank you to Langley for putting on a well run Provincial.

Midget Provincials – were split across two hosts this year, New Westminster hosted the A1/A2 Provincials and the B/C Provincials were hosted by Saanich and Peninsula Associations. Thank you to the Associations for hosting well run Provincials for A1/A2 and B/C Provincials.

Female Provincials – were hosted in Nanaimo this year . This was a first time that the Junior Girls have participated in Provincials and a good time and memories were made from their time there. Kudos goes to Nanaimo for a well run Provincial and all those who attended had a great time.

On the whole all the Provincial Championships were ran very smoothly this year. A big thank you to those who participated, volunteered countless hours in making the Provincials a success for the players.

Summer Games – This was an off year with no games being held, but the organizers in Kelowna are already preparing for the games in 2008. Congratulations to Dan Wray for volunteering to be the local Sport Chair for Box Lacrosse in 2008. Application forms are posted on the website for coaching, players and Officials for those interested. The big news is that the Summer games will be used as the Selection Camp for the 2008 Midget Nationals which will be held in conjunction with the Minto Cup in Alberta.

I would like to congratulate Ryan Zoehner from Zone 3 on being awarded the Pepsi Player of the year award. I would also like to congratulate the other zone winners as well, each has contributed in their own way to the clubs that they play for as well as Lacrosse as a whole.

All Zone Director's, Commissioners and Lower Mainland Commissioner – Cindy Partridge's reports can all be read in full detail in the Whistler Annual Report Manual. Greg Toll, thank them as well for their endless hours of volunteer services.

Provincial Championship Director Report – Dave Wilkie

This an extremely busy job and a lot of work goes into getting the Provincials Organized. I would like to thank the following Hosts for Hosting 2007 Provincials – Port Coquitlam, Langley, New Westminster, Saanich and Peninsula and Nanaimo for Hosting Female Provincials.

I would like to thank the Provincial Playoff Directors – Myrna Cable, Carmen Schmidbauer, Elinor Hinds, Shelly Anderson, Tim Craggs, Jacquie Hawkins, Richard Paciejewski, Janet Schulstad, Linda Hargitt, Shawn House and Greg Toll.

The officiating of the Provincials under the supervision of Doug Wright – Vice Chair, BCLOA had the following people help;

Female Box Lacrosse RIC - Sean Lehman assistant RIC – Joe Wong
Peewee RIC – Gil Lowe
Bantam RIC – Jamie Grahame
Midget A1 & A2 RIC – Doug Wright
Midget B & C RIC - Sean Lehman

A job well done by all, with bringing a large number of officials from throughout the Province to officiate at the games.

Female Box Chair – Shawn House

2007 Season saw Female only lacrosse increase in participation yet again. The girls played in competitive divisions from Novice through Junior playing a full schedule of 2 games a week followed by play-downs and Provincials.

Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse held “Adanac Challenge” jamboree to start off the season. New Westminster Minor held a tournament as well accommodating 32 teams in all five divisions. Teams came from Nanaimo, Vernon and Edmonton to play.

Unfortunately, both tournaments had to turn away teams for lack of space. This means that there is a need for more tournaments for Female Lacrosse. To be held.

Thank you to Nanaimo for doing an outstanding job hosting the Provincials. The lacrosse games were exciting, energy high and everyone had a good time.

Mike Marshall National Report

Team BC Peewee Coaches – 4 District Camps were held throughout the province in Armstrong, Port Coquitlam, Langley and Nanaimo. The final main Camp held in Kamloops with Coach – Doug Clark and his assistants selecting 21 players to form Team BC. Team BC came home with a Silver Medal.

Team BC Bantam Coaches – held 4 district camps, with the main camp held in Langley directed by Head Coach Sean Beasley. The Bantams brought back the Bronze Medal.

Team BC Midget Coaches – Midget Canadian Championships will be implemented next year with the format being held at the same time and venue as the Minto Cup in Calgary, Alberta the last week in August. Midget Player Identification will be done during the BC

Summer Games and then a mini-camp held immediately after the Summer Games in the same city.

A big thank you to Jim Gow, Manager for both National Teams – Peewee and Bantam will not be available next year. Thank you for all your hard work in organizing events for players and overseeing the teams.

Doug Wright moved to adopt the Minor Directorate Reports as read, Dave Wilkie Seconded. Motion **CARRIED**.

Overview of Proposed Changes to MD Operating Policy

Greg Toll, explained that tonight's meeting was to read over motions and to give the individual who proposed the motion to explain their rationale. He advised those to review proposals, challenge them, think hard on answers and provide constructive feedback so that all would benefit from the changes.

In discussion Pete Frey who proposed the new Regulation 13 is to reword new Regulation before Saturday meeting before vote takes place.

Wayne Clarke moved, Keith Armstrong Seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Saturday, October 13th, 2007

Call to order/Welcome

Greg Toll, Chair – called meeting to order at 1:00 pm and asked all attending delegates to sign-in and shows their voting cards. Greg then welcomed everyone to the Whistle AGM meeting and introduced the Minor Directorate. No further votes were to be registered after Greg announced the last call.

There were 112 votes of a possible 146 votes present at this meeting.

Wayne Clarke, Great White North moved, Lance Hofseth – Coquitlam Seconded to accept the Minutes of the 2006 AGM and 2006 Reports as read. **CARRIED**

Ratify Zone Directors

Zone 1 – Absent

Zone 2 – Elinor Hinds

Zone 3, 4, and 5 – awaiting AGM to be held

Zone 6 – awaiting AGM to be held

Zone 7 – awaiting AGM to be held

Zone 8 – awaiting AGM to be held

Once all Zone Directors are in place, please forward the information to the Minor Directorate so that they can be ratified.

BC Lacrosse Association – 2007 Proposed Changes to the BCLA Minor Directorate Operating Policy

Proposed by the Minor Directorate - Dave Wilkie, Vice-Chair, Minor Directorate moved, Keith Armstrong, Zone 3 Seconded **CARRIED**

Remove REGULATION 3: Commission Competition, 3.08 that currently reads:

3.02.1 To register these later players, the association will forward one copy of the player's registration form to the League Commissioner who will add the player's name to the appropriate team list and will forward the information to the BCLA Office for addition to their appropriate lists.

Re-Number 3.09 to 3.08

Rationale: Housekeeping. This policy was revised last year and is listed as 3.07.

Proposed by David Clarke, Pt. Coquitlam Minor President – WITHDRAWN by Dave Clarke – President Port Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse Association

REGULATION 5: Commission Competition, 5.03 currently reads:

5.03 In Commissions that form all leagues in PeeWee, Bantam and Midget Divisions, all movement of teams by the Commission must be completed by June 7th. After June 7th, no team shall be moved for league or Provincial Championships play.

Amend REGULATION 5: Commission Competition, 5.03 that would read:

5.03 In Commissions that form all leagues in PeeWee, Bantam and Midget Divisions, all movement of teams by the Commission must be completed by June 7th. After June 7th, no team shall be moved for league or Provincial Championships play. *In Commissions that have an interlocking A1 and A2 schedule for PeeWee, Bantam and Midget Divisions, all movement of these teams by the Commission must be completed by June 20th. After June 20th, no team shall be moved for league or Provincial Championship play.*

Rationale: The Lower Mainland is attempting to have interlocking play between A1 and A2. Interlocking play will help develop players and the overall level of lacrosse within the province. It is our hope that extending the deadline will allow commissioners more time to access the competitiveness of teams. This date change would also help the Island

in assessing the ability to compete against lower mainland teams and give Island commissioners a better chance to assess their teams as well. The ultimate goal is to provide all players with a better chance to improve their overall skill level, and for coaches to be given more time to train their respective teams to compete at a higher level.

Proposed by David Clarke, Pt. Coquitlam Minor President
Keith Armstrong – Zone 3 Director moved Craig Labranche – Head Ref, Port Coquitlam Minor – Seconded – CARRIED WITH AMENDMENT

REGULATION 5: Commission Competition, 5.04 currently reads:

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 2 most experienced players.
- Bantam – 2.5 years times the number of registered players except the 2 most experienced players.
- Midget – 3 years times the number of registered players except the 2 most experienced players.

Example (PeeWee) 15 registered players
Total number of years of experience is 26 years: $(15-2) \times 2 = 26$.

This must be sent to the League Commissioner by May 7 of the playing year.

Amend REGULATION 5: Commission Competition, 5.04 that would read:

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Example (PeeWee) 15 registered players
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This must be sent to the League Commissioner by May 7th of the playing year, ***who must in turn notify the Association President if numbers are not in compliance.***

Wayne Clarke, Great White North moved amendment Tim Craggs, Chair Vancouver Island Commission – Seconded

AMENDMENT READS AS FOLLOWS: – CARRIED

This must be sent to the League Commissioner ***by the Association Registrar*** by May 7th of the playing year, who must in turn notify the Association President if numbers are not in compliance.

ENTIRE MOTION – CARRIED WITH AMENDMENT

Rationale: If an association has not been notified of their eligibility for C Provincials then the President cannot make the necessary changes to the roster. Association player databases may not match BCLA databases and this may inadvertently disqualify players from Provincials. Housekeeping and communication.

*Proposed by the Minor Directorate –Tim Craggs, Chair Vancouver Island Commission
moved Richard Paciejewski, Zone 8 Director Seconded
CARRIED WITH AMENDMENT*

REGULATION 8: Moves, 8.01 currently reads:

8.01 All players must sign and play with the association that administers lacrosse within the boundaries in which that player resides.

Amend REGULATION 8: Moves, 8.01 that would read:

8.01 All players must sign and play with the association that administers lacrosse within the boundaries in which that player resides. ***Upon request, a parent may be required to provide two (2) of the residency validation documentation below, if requested by the association registrar or commission. All bills must be current. Accepted documentation are:***

- 1. Property tax bill***
- 2. Hydro bill***
- 3. Gas bill***
- 4. Cable or satellite bill***

Tim Craggs, Chair Vancouver Island Commission Sean Lehman, Head Referee – Nanaimo Seconded

AMENDMENT READ AS FOLLOWS: - CARRIED

8.01 All players must sign and play with the association that administers lacrosse within the boundaries in which that player resides. Upon request, a parent *or legal guardian* may be required to provide two (2) of the residency validation documentation below, if requested by the association registrar or commission. All bills must be current. Accepted documentation are:

1. Property tax bill
2. Hydro bill
3. Gas Bill
4. Cable or satellite bill

ENTIRE MOTION - ***CARRIED WITH AMENDMENT***

Rationale: To introduce a list of acceptable forms for proof of residency.

*Proposed by David Clarke, Pt. Coquitlam Minor President
Lance Hofseth, Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse moved Craig Labranche, Head Referee Port
Coquitlam Minor Seconded **MOTION DEFEATED***

REGULATION 8: Moves, 8.02 currently reads:

8.02 If a player who has played the two previous consecutive seasons with the same association, other than the one where he/she current resides, and during that time, either met the release requirements described in Minor Directorate Regulation 8.07 or lived within that association's boundaries, the player is considered grandfathered with that association and has the option of signing with that association as a grandfathered player or registering with his/her new home association, where they currently reside.

Amend REGULATION 8: Moves, 8.02 that would read:

8.02 If a player who has played the two previous consecutive seasons with the same association, ***and has met the requirements described in Minor Directorate Regulation 8.01, relocates to another association's boundaries***, the player is considered grandfathered with the original association and has the option of signing with that association as a grandfathered player or registering with his/her new home association, where they currently reside.

Rationale: Associations that are building programs require the right to recall players that live within their boundaries, regardless of the fact they may have released a player for two consecutive years. This will reduce unfair player movement within the lower mainland. Player movement should only be acceptable under rule 8.07 and not for calibre.

*Proposed by the Minor Directorate Dave Clarke, President POCO Minor Lacrosse moved
Dave Wilkie, Vice-Chair Minor Directorate Seconded - CARRIED*

REGULATION 12: Provincial Championships, 12.05 under Eligibility currently reads:

12.05 (c) In zones where associations run “house league” teams and no sanctioned leagues *of “A” calibre* are run, the four-game rule will not apply for “A” Provincials. Players added from house league teams or lower divisions must be sanctioned by the Zone Director.

In zones where tiering does not take place, established Associations with four (4) or more years of playing experience, with more than thirty (30) players, in the same division excluding players with “0” experience (i.e., PeeWee, Bantam, Midget), the first declared team for the Provincial Championship must declare at an “A” level. In extenuating circumstances, with rationale, an Association may request and must receive authorization from the Minor Directorate to play at a lower level.

Amend REGULATION 12: Provincial Championships, 12.05 under Eligibility that would read:

12.05 (c) In zones where associations run “house league” teams and no sanctioned *tiered* leagues are run, the four-game rule will not apply for Provincials. Players added from house league teams or lower divisions must be sanctioned by the Zone Director.

In zones where tiering does not take place, established Associations with four (4) or more years of playing experience, with more than thirty (30) players, in the same division excluding players with “0” experience (i.e., PeeWee, Bantam, Midget), the first declared team for the Provincial Championship must declare at an “A” level. In extenuating circumstances, with rationale, an Association may request and must receive authorization from the Minor Directorate to play at a lower level.

Rationale: In zones that run house leagues, the four-game rule rarely applies.

*Proposed by David Clarke, Pt. Coquitlam Minor President Keith Armstrong, Zone 3
Director moved, Warren Goss, New Westminster Minor Lacrosse Seconded
DEFEATED*

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In zones where tiering does not take place, established Associations with four (4) or more years of playing experience, with more than thirty (30) players, in the same division excluding players with “0” experience (i.e., PeeWee, Bantam, Midget), the first declared team for the Provincial Championship must declare at an “A” level. In extenuating circumstances, with rationale, an Association may request and must receive authorization from the Minor Directorate to play at a lower level.

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In zones where tiering does not take place, established associations with four (4) or more years of playing experience, with more than thirty (30) players, in the same division excluding players with “0” experience (i.e., PeeWee, Bantam, Midget), the first declared team for the Provincial Championship must declare at an “A” level. *In addition, zones where tiering does not take place, established associations with four (4) or more years of playing experience with 5 or more teams in the same division, the first declared team for Provincial Championship must declare at the A1 Level.* In extenuating circumstances, with rationale, an Association may request and must receive authorization from the Minor Directorate to play at a lower level.

In zones where tiering does take place, established associations with four (4) or more years of playing experience with 4 or more teams in the same division, the first declared team for Provincial Championship must declare at the A1 Level. In extenuating circumstances, with rationale, an Association may request and must receive authorization from the Minor Directorate to play at a lower level.

Rationale: The Province is struggling to have Provincials at A1 due to teams not declaring at that level even when they have 5 or more teams. This rule would balance the A1 and A2 program requiring more teams to play a higher calibre ball. This rule would see the lower mainland, and outlying regions declare more A1 teams. More minor athletes playing at the A1 level will give kids a greater opportunity for advancement in the game, creating opportunities in Provincial and National programs, getting the recognition they deserve. Given the lower mainland and Island have the ability to play within a tiered league, we should require associations to develop their programs, removing the focus of winning and establishing a mandate for development. This will leave a greater possibility of developing associations to compete at the A2 level to develop their players. This rule at the Minor Directorate level would then supersede the lower mainland and the Island, making the job of the commissioners easier with more established guidelines.

Pat Dobie, North Delta requested a count on the vote. Count was taken 57 against and 48 for. **Motion Defeated.**

*Proposed by Peter Frey, Lower Mainland Midget B Commissioner
Carmen Schmidbauer, Zone 6 Director moved Myrna Cable, Prince George Minor
Seconded – CARRIED WITH AMENDMENT*

Add new REGULATION 13: National Championships that would read:

13.01 The Minor Directorate will be responsible for the selection of teams entering National Championship Competition.

13.02 The Minor Directorate will appoint, from its members, a committee to look into all aspects of our National Team commitment and report back to the Minor Directorate every year in January.

13.03 The Minor Directorate will appoint one member of the Minor Directorate to be on the National Championship Committee of the Canadian Lacrosse Association.

Re-number Regulations 14 to 21.

Pete Frey, Zone 5 moved amendment Keith Armstrong, Zone 3 Director Seconded
AMENDMENT Read as follows: - CARRIED

13.01 The Minor Directorate will be responsible for the National Championship Competition representative for teams.

13.02 A committee, made up of members of the minor directorate, will oversee all aspects of our National Teams, and report back to this minor Directorate in January of each year.

13.03 The minor directorate will *recommend* from it's membership a person to attend all meetings called by the CLA National Championship Committee to the BCLA Executive.

Entire Motion – **CARRIED WITH AMENDMENT**

Re-number Regulations to 14 to 21.

Rationale: Nowhere in any of the operating policies, except for the Coaches Operating Policy, are there rules and regulations governing National Championships for Minor teams. This regulation will give minor associations a way to have input into the make-up of teams and the rules and regulations governing those teams.

Proposed by Greg Toll, Minor Directorate Chair - Pete Frey, Zone 5 Elinor Hinds, Zone 2 Director – Seconded **CARRIED**

REGULATION 20: Summer Games, 20.06 currently reads:

- 20.06 (a) The Minor Directorate will advise the Provincial Advisor as to what division and calibre will be participating, ensuring that the choice will allow representation from all zones.
- (b) The Zone Directors will declare the team representing the zone as per B.C. Summer Game deadlines.

Amend REGULATION 20: Summer Games, 20.06 that would read:

- 20.06 (a) The Minor Directorate will advise the Provincial Advisor as to what division and calibre will be participating, ensuring that the choice will allow representation from all zones.
- (b) The Zone Directors will *work with the Presidents of the Associations in their zones to insure that all players willing to participate in the Summer Games team are informed of the player application procedures and will work with the Coaching Zone Director to schedule sufficient team tryouts required for declaring the team representing the zone as per BC Summer Game deadlines.*
- (c) *The Zone Directors are responsible to enter the final team roster and coaches per BC Summer Games policy into the BC Summer Games online registration database by the date determined by the Provincial Advisor each year of the Games.*

(d) The Zone Directors are responsible to ensure that all monies to register teams with BC Summer Games and any Jersey fees are collected and into the BCLA office at least 7 days before the Summer Games registration deadline.

(e) The Provincial Advisor is responsible to ensure that all Officials (both referees and other official Representatives) are entered into the BC Summer Games Registration Database per the BC Summer Games deadlines.

(f) The Provincial Advisor is responsible to ensure that all Players, Coaches and Officials are registered with the BCLA in the current year of the games and have met any criteria of participation required by the BC Summer Games. This must be verified in the Online Database before the deadline date set by the BC Summer Games.

Rationale: This to ensure that new procedures to register players for Summer Games online are completed on time by the responsible party per the BC Summer Games Agreement signed by the BCLA on behalf of the Minor Directorate.

Proposed by the Minor Directorate Dave Wilkie, Vice-Chair Minor Directorate moved Shawn House, Chair Female Box Lacrosse Seconded - CARRIED

REGULATION 21: Timeline will be updated with the following changes that would read:

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| May 21 | One copy of each player's registration form and all copies of Team Registration Lists submitted to BCLA Office (MD 3.05, 22.03) |
| May 31 | Last date for house league areas to send additional Team Lists for combined teams marked "Tournament/Provincial Team" to BCLA Office (MD 3.04). |
| June | Mid month* is the deadline for Provincial declaration forms to be received at the BCLA office, not to be confused with the May 31 team list requirement. The declaration form is separate and additional. |
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Elections

Mike Hall, BCLA Secretary to conduct Elections.

Chair – Minor Directorate (2-year term)

Dave Wilkie nominated by Tim Craggs - Let name Stand

Stu Routledge – nominated – but did not let his name stand

Don McDonald – nominated – but did not let his name stand

No other nominations from the floor – Secretary was asked to cast one vote.

Congratulations to Dave Wilkie for his new position of Chair, Minor Directorate.

Vice-Chair (2 year term)

Pete Frey nominated by Keith Armstrong - Let name stand

Jane Boutilier nominated by Doug Wright – Will not let name stand

Carmen Schmidbauer – nominated but will not let name stand

No other nominations from the floor – Secretary was asked to cast one vote.

Congratulations to Pete Frey for his new position of Vice-Chair, Minor Directorate.

Female Box Chair – (2 year term)

Ed Ponsart – Coquitlam nominated by Shawn House Let name stand

No other nominations from the floor. Secretary was asked to cast one vote.

Congratulations to Ed Ponsart for his position of Female Box Chair.

Secretary (1 year term) – Lori Ross nominated by Doug Wright – Let name stand.

No other nominations from the floor. Secretary was asked to case one vote.

Congratulations to Lori Ross for returning to her position as Secretary, Minor Directorate.

Motion to destroy the ballots by Myrna Cable, Prince George and Seconded by Tim Craggs, Chair Vancouver Island Commission. **CARRIED**

New Business

Provincial Hosts for 2008:

Bantam Provincials – July 9th-July 13th

Hosting A1, A2, B and C – Campbell River Minor Lacrosse Association

Midget Provincials – July 16th – 20th

Midget A1, A2 – Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse Association

Midget B, C – Terrace Minor Lacrosse Association

Female Provincials – July 17th – July 20th HOSTS STILL NEEDED

Peewee Provincials – July 23rd – July 27th HOSTS STILL NEEDED

Summer Games – July 24th – 27th - Kelowna

Midget age – 15 years old (2nd year) If roster cannot be filled in some Zone then they can use 2nd year Bantam age players.

Box and Field Lacrosse will be played at Summer Games. Players cannot participate in both and will have to pick one.

NAIG Cowichan and Duncan – August 4th – 7th – Victoria

Greg Toll then opened the floor for a general discussion for the Focus of 2008 Season.

1. Registration – getting minitykes and tykes involved to increase registration
2. Cowichan Valley – working on their goal of getting Minitykes/Tyke numbers up.
3. Lance Hofseth – Coquitlam would like to see a hardline on abuse of officials.
4. Parent Conduct towards Coaches/Players
5. Tolls of Officials and how to use them.
6. Communication between Officials and Associations
7. Posters for Zero Tolerance
8. Burnaby Lacrosse would like to see Advertising for Lacrosse ie. Commercials, posters, more games on sport shows, more news articles. So many kids have never heard of our national sport.

In closing Greg Toll thanked everyone for their support over the years, while he was the Chair of the Minor Directorate and wished everyone a safe trip home.

Wayne Clarke, GWN moved to adjourn meeting, Keith Armstrong – Seconded.

MOTION CARRIED