



**B.C. LACROSSE FIELD DIRECTORATE
2008 SPECIAL SESSION**

Saturday, April 19, 2008

Douglas College, New Westminster, B.C.

In Attendance: Cliff Pascas (Chair), Barb Calve, Les Smith, Kathy Baseden, Terry Kirstiuk, Sam Hofer, Rick Higgs, Paula West-Patrick, Barry Kelly, Stacy Wickett, Ron Schell, Sym Smith, Doug Simons, Dave Haller, Denise Forlin, Daphne Leclair, John Robbie, Cass McClarnon, Paul Sahota, Glenn Pollock, Elisabeth Thomas, Kevin Floyd, Colleen Fulford, Wes Landels, Jason Lewis, Jason Kump, Dirk Rachfall, Shawn Bowden, Ken Passfield, Rob Cook, Brad Hara, David Lancaster, George Lott, Doug Deschner, David Soul, Martin Gilder, Justin Bosher, Mike Hall, Jamie Stewart, Roger Patterson

1. Call to Order at 10:15 AM.

2. Attendance/Accreditation and Introductions

<u>Members</u>	<u>Potential Votes</u>	<u>Actual Votes</u>
BCLA Executive	2	2
Field Directorate	5	4
Senior Men's /Masters	21	5
Women's Field	14	3
Youth Field	36	24
TOTAL	78	38

3. Approval of August 11, 2007 Field Directorate Special Session Minutes

Motion to Accept: Sym Smith Seconded: Denise Forlin **Carried**

4. Business Arising from Minutes

Integration of New Youth Season of Play – Cliff Pascas reviewed what has transpired in the past year regarding the integration of the shortened playing season, and that we had extended this until this upcoming season to allow association to be more prepared with Field Changes etc. There is a proposal on this subject so we will have further questions when this comes up.

5. Reports

Chair - Attached

Vice Chair – Youth Field - Attached

Vice Chair – Men's Field- Attached

Vice Chair – Women's Field -Attached

BCLA Field Registrar - Attached

BCLCA Vice Chair – Men's Field

BCLCA Vice Chair – Women's Field

BCLOA Vice Chair – Men's Field-Attached

BCLOA Vice Chair – Women's Field

6. Operating Policy Proposed Amendments

Proposed by Cliff Pascas, Field Directorate Chair

REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS, Paragraph #9, Lines 1 and 2 currently read:

The Chair, Vice Chair - Women's Field and the Secretary shall be elected for two-year terms in odd numbered years. The Vice Chair - Youth, and the Vice Chair - Men' shall be elected in two-

year terms in even-numbered years.

Amend REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS, Paragraph #9, Line 1 and 2 that would read:

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Rationale: Housekeeping – this change brings the terms into the years as they are currently written in BCLA By-Law X.3. (b).

MOTION by Les Smith Seconded by Sam Hofer CARRIED

Proposed by Toni Lowe, Canada West Field Lacrosse League Commissioner

Add new REGULATION 3: PLAYER REGISTRATION, 3.01-3.04 that would read:

REGULATION 3: PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 3.01 Each team will be required to submit a completed BCLA Registration form for each player on the team along with the appropriate BCLA fee prior to the registration deadline as per BCLA General Operating Policy Regulation 7.01.
- 3.02 In the event that a team does not meet the deadline date for registration as outlined by the Division level, the BCLA Field Directorate has the option to disperse those individual players that have met the registration requirements amongst the remaining teams within the league at their sole discretion. Players are not considered transferred to the new team they have been placed with. The registration cards and fees must be paid prior to placement.
- 3.03 Players that are placed by the BCLA Field Directorate with another team within the league may participate in the Provincial Championships providing they meet the qualifications of the league or division for a combined minimum number of games with the original registered team and the placement team.
- 3.04 The original team will remain suspended until such time as the registration cards and fees have been submitted to the BCLA for any remaining players on record as playing in a minimum of one league game. Any applicable league fees must also be paid in full for a team to be considered back in good standing. Players who have not paid their team fees to the suspended team shall remain suspended and may not register with any subsequent team until the payment has been made and is on record with the BCLA Field Directorate. Team and player suspensions will carry forward into the next season(s) until paid in full.

Rationale: With events that took place with a team suspension this year, it will put procedures to be followed on record within the Field Operating Policy. **Please Note: Re-number current Regulations 4 to 11.**

MOTION: Denis Forlin, Seconded: Glenn Pollock to entertain this proposal

MOTION: Glenn Pollock Seconded: John Robbie to move this Proposal from General to the Men's Division of the operating Policy- ADD to Regulation 29.08 (a), (b), (c), & (d) CARRIED

MOTION: Denise Forlin Seconded: John Robbie- to accept this proposal- 4 in favour 2 opposed-CARRIED

Proposed by Cliff Pascas, Field Directorate Chair

REGULATION 11: PLAYING DIVISIONS, 11.01 currently reads:

11.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in the following divisions: Junior U19 Field Under 19 years Midget Field Under 16 years Bantam Field Under 14 years PeeWee Field Under 12 years Novice Field Under 10 years Tyke Field Under 8 years Mini-Tyke Field Under 6 years

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Tiering of teams to be only in the Bantam, Midget, Junior and U19 Divisions.

Rationale: This change is aimed at raising the age of serious competitive play to over 12 years of age. Let the younger ones mix and enjoy the game at a less-intense level.

MOTION: Doug Deschner Seconded: Les Smith - DEFEATED

Proposed by Cliff Pascas, Field Directorate Chair

REGULATION 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.03 currently reads:

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Amend REGULATION 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.03 that would read:

12.03 (a) At the scheduled meetings, the Field Directorate may decide the number of teams to enter the Provincial Championships.

(b) *All leagues will play down to the following allotted number of teams per tier:*

<i>Lower Mainland</i>	<i>5 Teams</i>
<i>Vancouver Island</i>	<i>2 Teams</i>
<i>Interior</i>	<i>1 Team</i>

(c) *Numbers may be altered by the Field Directorate to fill any vacancies or to make allowances for participation by leagues in developing areas.*

Rationale: This gives a consistent guideline so the leagues know in advance the number of spots available for their teams.

MOTION: Paul Sahota Seconded: Sam Hofer- CARRIED

Proposed by Roger Paterson, North Shore Director of Field Lacrosse

REGULATION 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.15 currently reads:

12.15 Youth Provincial Championships must be held on a non-conflicting weekend than the Senior Men's or Masters Provincial Championships and will be held on or prior to the 2nd weekend in December.

Amend REGULATION 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.15 that would read:

12.15 Youth Provincial Championships must be held on a non-conflicting weekend than the Senior Men's or Masters Provincial Championships and will be held on or after the last week of February and not later than the last weekend of March.

Rationale: For some associations within the PCFLL, the compressed season schedule will be difficult to manage with regard to obtaining additional field time for home game and practice times. In some cases, the current number of teams may need to be reduced (or team growth restricted) in some associations to make up for the lack of available field time. There is also a possibility that there could be a drop in registration numbers (and at minimum, a drop in game and practice attendance) as players may be forced to pick between field lacrosse and other sports. Both these issues go counter to the BCLA goal of trying to increase player registration. Should it turn out that the above concerns are found to be valid, it will not be possible for some associations within the PCFLL to get the field time that was given up back.

It would be favourable if Youth Provincials could at some point be regularly held in the last week of February or first week of March. This would avoid the lengthy layoff some divisions are currently experiencing between the completion of league play and Provincials. It would also reduce conflict with the Box Lacrosse season.

This motion also affects – Regulation 22: Youth Timeline (p. 91) - The timeline would stay the same (as shown in the revised October 2007 edition) with the exception that it should read "March: Youth Provincials all month". Currently it reads "April: Youth Provincials all month". Perhaps this was a typo.

**MOTION: Paul Sahota Seconded: Roger Paterson- CARRIED
16 in Favour 9 Opposed**

Outcome: After great discussion on this proposal the season will revert back to the September to March playing season, with Provincials being held no earlier than the last week of February and no later than the end of March.

Proposed by Kathy Baseden, Field Directorate Registrar

REGULATION 18: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION, 18.05 currently reads:

18.05 The Club/Association must submit one copy of each player's BCLA-approved, completed Youth Field registration form along with a team list generated from the on-line database and required fees to the BCLA Office by October 2 of each playing year (Sept-Aug). Additional Youth Field players may be added up to November 30.

Amend REGULATION 18: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION, 18.05 that would read:

18.05 The Club/Association must submit one copy of each player's BCLA-approved, completed Youth Field registration form along with a team list generated from the on-line database and required fees to the BCLA Office by September 15 of each playing year

(Aug-Dec). Additional Youth Field players may be added up to October 15.

Rationale: To reflect the changes of the new youth field season.

This motion also affects: Regulations 18.07 (a) and (c) on page 89.

WITHDRAWN

Proposed by Cliff Pascas, Field Directorate Chair

Add new REGULATION 22: YOUTH – COACHES, 22.01 that would read:

22.01 All leagues are required to have a position of “Coaching Coordinator”. This person’s role will be responsible:

For the liaison between the BCLCA Vice-Chair Men’s Field and the respective Association or Club Coaching Coordinators

To forward all coaching requirements and/or problems to the BCLCA.

To participate in selection of zone coaches for zone “All-Star” teams when required.

To ensure all deadlines are adhered to by the Association or Club Coaching Coordinators

To act as a member of the Discipline Committee when required.

To attend all meetings of the BCLCA.

Rationale: This provides a position at the league level to oversee and co-ordinate all coaching-related activities.

This motion also affects – Renumbering of Regulation 22 – Youth Timeline to Regulation 23.

MOTION: Les Smith Seconded: Paul Sahota- CARRIED

Proposed by Cliff Pascas, Field Directorate Chair

REGULATION 22: YOUTH TIMELINE currently reads:

December 31 Date for determining age level of playing year. (General Reg. 10, FD 2.01 & 11.01)

January Provincial Declaration Forms due (2nd Friday in January)

April Youth Provincials all month. (FD 12.12)

April Field Directorate Special Session (FD 10.01)

June 15 Applications for hosting tournaments for upcoming player year due.

August 15 Applications for hosting Youth Provincials in next playing year. (FD 12.07)

September 1 Deadline for ratification of playing rules. (FD 13.01)

September First Nations Trophy - Labour Day Weekend

September 30 Last date for cross-over players (FD 13.03)

October 1 Deadline for coaches Form 100M and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine. (BCLCA 1.02, 11.03)

October 2 Youth registration cards and fees due to BCLA Office. (FD 18.05)

October 11 Final date of registration of coach for playoffs (BCLCA 2.03, 11.03)

November 30 Youth registration closed. (FD 18.05, 18.07)

Exact dates to be determined by the Field Directorate Executive (April, *Sept*)

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12.06)

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November Provincial Declaration Forms due (1st Friday in November)

December Youth Field Provincials (FD 12.15)

Exact dates to be determined by the Field Directorate Executive (April)

Rationale: This brings the dates in line with the new season.

WITHDRAWN

7. Financial – 2008-2009 Proposed Budget

- Cliff read over the proposed budget explaining that this is being done sooner than in previous years, and we have yet to received the final expenditures from Provincials and such things to show the funds that may be require to propose for next season. We seem to be comfortable with the previous numbers and are carrying them through the upcoming year. The only change is the elimination of travel allowances paid to each Provincial team for travel. This is because they are now receiving gaming money, which will help to offset costs.

8. Election of Officers

a) Chair- Nomination for Cliff Pascas, and with no other nominations Cliff Pascas is Chair by Acclamation- Secretary cast the vote

b) Vice Chair – Women’s Field- Nomination for Adrienne Gadd- (letter received from Adrienne accepting nomination was received), with no other nominations Adrienne Gadd is Vice Chair- Women’s Field by Acclamation- Secretary cast the vote.

c) Secretary- Nomination for Barb Calve- with no other nomination Barb Calve is Secretary by Acclamation.

Motion by Les Smith to destroy the ballots Seconded by Kathy Baseden- Carried

9. Nationals

- The Ross and Victory Cup Senior Men’s Nationals are being held this October in Calgary. Representation this year is the Coquitlam Beerhunters, and Ladner Pioneers
- The First Nations Cup and the Alumni Cup U19 and U16 Field Nationals are being held in Edmonton this September, and we will be sending two Selects (U-16 & U-19) and 2 Stars (U-16 & U-19) teams.

10. U-19 World Championships Update

- Seventy-five more days! July 3rd to 12th.
- Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster.
- Most games will be Web-Cast; this will be a pay preview option, costing \$9.95 to watch.

11. New Business

- Appointment of this years registrar- Cliff Pascas appointed Kathy Baseden as Registrar,

12. Motion to Adjourn – 1:00PM