

**Minutes of the 2008 Minor Directorate Special Session
October 17th and 18th, 2008 – Whistler, B.C.**

In Attendance:

Designate, President, BCLA
Corinne Almas, VP Development, BCLA
Dave Wilkie, Chair, Minor Directorate
Lori Ross, Secretary, Minor Directorate
Keith Armstrong, Zone 3 Director
Jacquie Hawkins, Zone 5 Director
Richard Paciejewski – Zone 8 Director
Eugene Bellamy – GWN Commission
Dan Chetner – Thompson/OK Commission
Brent Boutilier – Vice-Chair, BCLOCA
Tim Craggs – Zone 6 Rep, BCLCA
Paul Paone – Zone 6 Minor, BCLOA
Sean Beasley – Abbotsford Minor
Bev Gilliam – Burnaby Minor
Arrienne Crosby – Burnaby Minor
Paula Marks – Campbell River Minor
Ryan mulligan – Chilliwack minor
Noreen McCaffrey – Comox Minor
Lance Hofseth – Coquitlam Minor
Bobby Garrison – Coquitlam Minor
James Abbott – Coquitlam Minor
Denise McIntosh – Coquitlam Minor
Terry Durant – Cowichan Valley Minor
Derek Harris – Cowichan Valley Minor
Darren Alexander – Delta Minor
Melissa Haller – Delta Minor
Christine Mavin – Juan de Fuca Minor
Wilson Louie – Juan de Fuca Minor
Justin Boshier – Kamloops Minor
Richard Townley – Kelowna Minor
Sandra Margetson – Langley Minor
Krys Meadows – **Observer** Langley Minor
Jeff MacAulay – Mission Minor
Carrie Lundgren – Nanaimo Minor
Warren Goss – New Westminster Minor
Kevin Balance – New Westminster Minor
S. Shanks – New Westminster Minor
Kelly MacKay – New Westminster Minor
Mike Dobie – North Delta Minor
Rob Seaton – North Okanagan Minor

Mike Hall, Secretary, BCLA
Greg Toll, VP Operations, BCLA
Pete Frey, Vice Chair, Minor Directorate
Doug MacFarlane, Zone 2 Director
Janet Schulstad, Zone 4 Director
Carmen Schmidbauer – Zone 6 Director
Ed Ponsart, Female Box Chair
Jennifer Johnson – LM Commission
Dennis Quigley – Chair, BCLCA
Derek Milani – Zone 3 Rep, BCLCA
Sean Lehman – Vice-Chair Minor, BCLOA
Jeannette Mackenzie – Abbotsford Minor
Susan Kirby – Burnaby Minor
Lee Loftus – Burnaby Minor
Sheryl Hudspeth – Burnaby Minor
Tracy Marriott – Campbell River Minor
Barb Mulligan – Chilliwack Minor
Melanie Davies – Comox Minor
Cristina Stroup – Coquitlam Minor
Karolina Abbott – Coquitlam Minor
Mike Kemp – Coquitlam Minor
Jim McIntosh – Coquitlam Minor
Lissa Punnett – Cowichan Valley Minor
Karen Keith – Delta Minor
Ruth Alexander – Delta Minor
Keith Hagedorn – Juan de Fuca Minor
Sandy Hagedorn – Juan de Fuca Minor
Joanne Boshier – Kamloops Minor
Michelle Townley – Kelowna Minor
Don MacDonald – Langley Minor
John Richardson – Langley Minor
Scott Wortley – Mission minor
Gord Cawthorne – Nanaimo Minor
Ken Grewal – Nanaimo Minor
Jamie Stewart – New Westminster Minor
Sula Sandhuss – New Westminster Minor
Dean Malcom – New Westminster Minor
Jagrup Bains – North Delta Minor
Roxanne Seaton – North Okanagan Minor
Caitlin Hawkins – North Shore Minor

Charlie Randle – Oceanside Minor
Alex Young – Peninsula Minor
RW – Penticton Minor
Gord McIntosh – Port Coquitlam Minor
Dan Vegh – Port Coquitlam Minor
Colleen Fulford – Port Coquitlam Minor
Scott Stuart – Port Moody Minor
Gene Bellamy – Prince George Minor
Myrna Cable – Prince George Minor
Angie Schwan – Richmond Minor
Lance Andre – Ridge Meadows Minor
Tony Bell – Ridge Meadows Minor
Art Takahara – Ridge Meadows Minor
Chris Jackson – Saanich Minor
Rob Wicks – Saanich Minor
Trevor Young – Semiahmoo Minor
Jody Weatherby – Surrey Minor
Chantale Fournier – Vancouver/Killarney Minor
Rob Barr – Vic-Esquamalt Minor
Vicki White – **Observer** Vic-Esquamalt Minor

Rick Fedrigo – Peninsula Minor
Carl Walton – Penticton Minor
David Clarke – Port Coquitlam Minor
Elisabeth Thomas – Port Coquitlam Minor
Craig Labranche – Port Coquitlam Minor
Jed Sigfussion – Port Moody Minor
Sandy Roy – Port Moody Minor
Myrna Cable – Prince George Minor
Shawn Young – Quesnel Minor
Pam Mason – Richmond Minor
Dave Bailuk – Ridge Meadows Minor
Rob Kujala – Ridge Meadows Minor
Dale Douglas – Saanich Minor
Andy White – Saanich Minor
Terry Willis – Semiahmoo Minor
Sandra Prance – Surrey Minor
Dennis Ewen – Surrey Minor
Wayne McDonald – Vancouver/Killarney Minor
Kevin Bendall – Vic-Esquamalt Minor

Friday, October 17, 2008

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

Dave Wilkie, Chair spoke briefly explaining the purpose of tonight's meeting is to hear the proposed changes to the BCLA Minor Directorate Operating Policy and the Rationale for these changes to be voted on in the Saturday afternoon meeting. Dave Wilkie announced that there are speakers for tonight to explain what has taken place during the 2008 Season and what to look forward to for the 2009 Season.

Jeff Gombar Marketing Director, BCLA spoke briefly on what he does at BCLA:

External media relations

- Lacrosse had 26 weeks of coverage in the Province Newspaper for 2008 Season
- Lax Talk - We invite your ideas - Focus on BC as a publication
- Liase weekly with TV, Radio, Newspapers
- Send in media releases
- Weekly National Rankings into newspaper
- Utilize in the outlying areas TV and Radio
- Get to know your media people in your area
- Take advantage of winners, tournaments
- BCLA has a list of media people all over BC

Sponsors – Warrior Sports Canada – signed 3 year agreement

- Grassroots involved in Box and Field
- Trix for Stix, Medals
- Team BC Program – sponsored Uniforms – Jerseys and Shorts
- Christmas Drive – helped in sending sticks and balls to our troops overseas
- Subway
 - Provides \$5.00 cash card to each player for Provincials Box and Field
- Pepsi has been a sponsor with BCLA for 15 years
 - Signed another 3 year program
 - Provides Provincial – MVP Awards for Box and Field
 - Annual Golf Tournament
- Wilson – provides T-shirts, sweatshirts sold at Provincials for Box and Field
- Sport Team Accommodation

In closing Jeff announced that BCLA is always willing to take in new ideas or if you need help in getting to touch base with the media in your area to give him a call.

David Soul, Treasurer BCLA spoke briefly on:

- Proposed fee increase
- Communication to each other
 - Community Practice – COP
 - New Best Practices Website
 - 16,000 players
 - 7,000 volunteers
 - 200 plus clubs and associations
 - 36 Governance bodies to administer lacrosse in BC
- Volunteer Technical Support Group
 - Learn about their positions
 - Eg. Registrar leaves an association and no one knows how to do the job.
 - Multiple sessions for opportunities
- **COP** – talk to others about a topic
 - Eg. Presidents talk to another Association for brainstorming ideas
- Best Practice
 - Eg. Teams starts at the beginning of season – where are they as players and a team at end of the season.
 - Jumping to the next level

Greg Toll, VP Operation, BCLA spoke briefly on:

- 4 year plan
- Large number of minors coming of out minor associations with no place to play
- Forming a Recreation Directorate
 - Recreations are not competitive
 - Set guidelines
- Promoting volunteers in their job description

Bill McBain, Pacific Sport Regional Lacrosse Coach, BCLA spoke briefly on:

- Programs developed
 - Recruiting coaches is a problem
- Apprentice Program
 - 14 years and up
 - Opportunity to apply through BCLA
 - To help learn to be a coach (2 yr apprentice program)
 - BCLA will then have a list to draw from if an Association is in need of a Coach or an apprentice.
 - Community Development Coach
 - Associations can purchase the manuals that the apprentice needs.
 - This program will help communities with their Coaching needs.
- On-line System
 - CAC streamline
 - Pay fees receive a password
 - Precourse material
 - Drill manual
 - Can do workbook online

Mike Marshall, Coaching Association spoke briefly on:

- Offence and Defence Rules including at the National Leven no longer in use.
- Mike Marshall, then introduced the new Vice-Chair Minor, BCLCA – Brent Boutilier, Mission Association.
- Nationals
 - Peewees won the gold medal by 2 goal spread
 - Bantam won the bronze medal by 1 goal spread
 - Midget won the silver medal
- \$220,000 spent on Nationals for 2008 Season
 - Would like to see the Nationals become Regional
- For 2009 Season Bantam Female Nationals will come on Board and the Field Stars and Selects will come under Team BC Banner.
- There was 19 teams participating that is including the Summer Games
- By 2010 there will be 37 teams in BC participating in the Nationals and Summer Games.

- A Committee has been established so that Box and Field camps for Nationals will be done under one roof.

Dave Wilkie then introduced Sean Lehman as the new elected Vice-Chair Minor BCLOA.

Sean Lehman Vice-Chair Minor, BCLOA is a man of few words. Asked everyone to read Doug Wright's report as the former Vice-Chair, BCLOA and if they had any questions – he would be happy to address them throughout the weekend.

Dave Wilkie, Chair Minor Directorate spoke briefly on:

This is 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 the 2008 Provincials – **Campbell River Association** – Bantam all levels, **Coquitlam Minor Association** – hosting Midget A1 and A2, **Terrace Minor Association** – hosting Midget B and C, **Chilliwack Minor Association** for hosting Peewee all levels, **Port Coquitlam Minor Association** for hosting Female Provincials all levels.

These Provincials were proven to be very successful with the help of all the volunteers.

Dave Wilkie announced the Hosts for 2009 Provincials as:

Dates and Locations

Peewee Provincials – July 8th -12th, 2009 – Prince George, BC
All Divisions – A1, A2, B, C

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Overview of Proposed Changes to MD Operating Policy

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

In discussion Dave Clarke who proposed the Regulation Rule 12.05(c) is to be amended and reworded before Saturday meeting before vote takes place.

Dave Clarke, President Port Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse Association moved, Eugene Bellamy, GWN Commission – Seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm. **MOTION CARRIED**

Saturday, October 18th, 2008

Call to order and Welcome

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

There were 115 votes of a possible 159 votes present at this meeting.

Lee Loftus, 1st Vice-President, Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Association moved, Lance Hofseth, Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse Association, Seconded to adopt the Whistler AGM Minutes of October 12th-13th, 2007 as circulated. **CARRIED**

Jennifer Johnson, LM Commission moved, Sean Lehman, Vice-Chair Minor, BCLOCA, Seconded to adopt the 2008 Reports as read. **CARRIED**

Ratify Zone Directors

Zone 1 – Absent

Zone 2 – Elinor Hinds being replaced by Doug MacFarlane

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.

2008 Proposed Changes to the BCLA Minor Directorate Operating Policy

Proposed by David Soul, BCLA Treasurer

*Tim Craggs, Zone 6 Rep Coaching Rep Moved, Lee Loftus, Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Association
– Seconded* **MOTION CARRIED**

Please Note: This Regulation was dropped off of the latest edition of the Operating Policy, even though it was supposed to remain.

Put REGULATION 3: REGISTRATION, 3.02 back into the Operating Policy that should currently read:

3.02 On or before **March 31** of each year, the **Treasurer** shall invoice each association for 50% of the previous year's registration fees, to be paid by **April 15**.

Amend REGULATION 3: REGISTRATION, 3.02 back into the Operating Policy that would read:

3.02 On or before **January 1** of each year, the **BCLA Office** shall invoice each association for 50% of the previous year's registration fees, to be paid by **March 15** of the current playing year.

Rationale: Minor Box registration is almost complete by March 1st, and moving this date will assist the BCLA with its cash flow.

Proposed by the Doug Clark, Kamloops Minor Lacrosse President

No Mover from Floor or Seconder **MOTION WITHDRAWN**

Add a new REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES, 4.07 (e) that would read:

4.07 e) The definition of playing "up" refers to a player playing on a different team of a lower calibre or division who then plays "up" from that team to a higher division or calibre team on a game-to-game basis. A player may play at a higher level, then be released to a lower level team as long as the BCLA registration deadlines are followed.

Proposed by the Dave Wilkie, Minor Directorate Chair

Richard Paciejewski, Zone 8 Director Moved Jacque Hawkins, Zone 5 Director –Seconded
CARRIED

Add new REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES, 4.13 that would read:

4.13 All players in all divisions under the jurisdiction of the Minor Directorate must have stop signs placed on the back of the jersey, above the number. Please Note: These stop sign crests can be screened onto the jerseys, or crests are available from the BCLA Office.

Rationale: This is a house-keeping item, as this motion was passed at a Minor Directorate Meeting in 2000, but has never been put into the Minor Directorate Operating Policy.

REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.05 (c) currently reads:

12.05 Eligibility.

(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.

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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 take place, established associations with four (4) or more years of playing experience with more than forty-five (45) 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 the “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: This rule would see the lower mainland, and Island 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 the Island have the ability to play within a tiered league, when a level reaches its 4th experienced team, they should be able to compete at the A1 level. 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.

Discussion held.

AMENDMENT

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 "O" 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 take place established Associations with four (4) or more years of playing experience with four (4) or more teams declaring in the same division for Provincial Championship, one of the declaring teams must be "A1".***

Proposed by the BC Lacrosse Coaches Association

Brent Boutillier, Vice-Chair, BCLCA Moved Keith Armstrong, Zone 3 Director – Seconded CARRIED

REGULATION 13: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS currently reads:

- 13.01 The Minor Directorate will be responsible for the national championship competition representative teams.
- 13.02 A committee made of members of the Minor Directorate, will oversee all aspects of our national teams, and report back to the minor directorate in January of each year
- 13.03 The Minor Directorate will recommend from its membership a person to attend all meetings called by the CLA National Championship Committee to the BCLA Executive.

Amend REGULATION 13: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS that would read:

- 13.01 The Chair of the Minor Directorate or his/her delegate is responsible to participate as an active member of the BCLA Team BC Committee.***
- 13.02 The Team BC Committee shall consist of: BCLA Vice President-Operations, the BCLCA Executive, BCLOA Vice Chair-Minor, BCLOA Vice Chair Field, BCLA Technical Director, BCLA Regional Coaches, The Chair Minor Directorate & the Field Directorate Chair.***
- 13.03 The Minor Directorate Chair is responsible to ensure all administrative activities as they pertain to the Team B.C Program are met and that a report is available for the Minor Directorate as required.***

Proposed by the BC Lacrosse Coaches Association

Brent Boutillier, Vice-Chair, BCLCA Moved Jacquie Hawkins, Zone 5 Director – Seconded CARRIED

MINOR DIRECTORATE REGULATION 21: SUMMER GAMES (b) currently reads:

- 21.06 (b) The Zone Director will work with the Presidents of the Associations in their zone to ensure 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 try outs required for declaring the team representing the zone as per the summer game deadlines.

Amend MINOR DIRECTORATE REGULATION 21: SUMMER GAMES (b) that would read:

21.06 (b) *The Zone Director is to ensure that all Presidents within their applicable zone are made aware of the technical support program administered through the Regional Coaches, the BCLA Technical Director and the Team BC Committee.*

Election of Officers

Mike Hall, BCLA Secretary to conduct Elections

Chair – Minor Directorate (2-year term)

Dave Wilkie nominated by Tim Craggs, Zone 6 Rep BCLCA – Let name stand

Hearing 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.

Secretary, Minor Directorate (1 year term)

Lori Ross nominated by Dave Clarke, Port Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse Association – Let name stand

Hearing no other nominations from the floor – Secretary was asked to cast one vote.
Congratulations to Lori Ross for her new position as Secretary, Minor Directorate.

Dave Clarke – President, Port Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse Association moved, Lee Lofthus – 1st Vice-President, Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Association Seconded to destroy the ballots.

CARRIED

New Business

Mike Marshall spoke briefly on Team BC:

- Looking for venues to hold camps for Team BC
- Camp dates May 8, 9, 10th for Bantam and May 19, 20, 21st for Midget
- Peewee Camp to be held in Kamloops – June
- Females Camp will be needed as well
- Boys – 1 District Coach and (12 Head Coaches)
- Assistant Coaches
- Females Coaches will be needed as well.

Coaching applications to be placed on the BCLA Website
Deadline date – December 1, 2008.

Brent Boutilier - Vice-Chair, Minor Coaching Association spoke briefly on:

- Gave a brief explanation regarding himself
- Believes in sportsmanship
- Believer of the game itself
- Absolutely has no tolerance towards the abuse of Officials.

Dave Wilkie then reviewed who will be hosting Provincials for those that were not in attendance for Friday Night's meeting.

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Jennifer Johnson – LM Commission moved, Lance Hofseth, Coquitlam Minor Association
 Seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 pm. **CARRIED**