



B.C. Lacrosse Association
2009 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Whistler Conference Centre, Whistler, B.C.
Saturday, October 17, 2009 – 1:30 PM – Rainbow Theatre

1. **Welcome/Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 1:31 P.M. with President Sohen Gill presiding. Sohen introduced the executive and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes of the October 19, 2008 BCLA Annual General Meeting.**
It was moved by Dave Wilkie, seconded by Bill Dawes that the minutes of the B.C. Lacrosse Association 2008 Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED
3. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**
There was no old business.
4. **Executive Reports – All reports contained in the 2009 BCLA Annual Report**
 - a) President and CLA Report: Sohen Gill
 - c) Secretary: Mike Hall
 - d) Vice President – Administration: Gerry Van Beek
 - e) Vice President – Operations: Greg Toll
 - f) Vice President – Promotions/Public Relations: Ron McQuarrie
 - g) Vice President – Development: Terry Mosdell
 - h) Director at Large: David Jenkins*It was moved by Al Lang, seconded by Greg Toll to accept the reports as circulated.*
CARRIED
 - b) Treasurer: David Soul
It was moved by Bill Dawes, seconded by Christine Pollock to accept the Financial Report as circulated.
CARRIED
5. **Directorate/Technical Support Group Reports**
 - a) Senior Directorate (Christine Pollock) – Judy Regier was re-elected as Secretary for a two year term and Bill Dawes was re-elected as Vice-Chair for a two year term
 - b) Minor Directorate (Dave Wilkie) – Peter Frey was re-elected as Vice-Chair for a two year term and Ed Ponsart was re-elected as Female Box Chair for a two year term. The Secretary position is vacant and Dave thanked Lori Ross for her many years as Secretary.
 - c) Field Directorate (Deb Stocks) – as circulated in the 2009 Annual Report. Their special session was held on April 18, 2009. John Robbie was elected as the Vice-Chair Men's Field and Wes Landis was elected as the Vice-Chair Youth. Deb thanked Terry Kirstiuk for his past service as Vice-Chair Men's Field.
 - d) Volunteer Leadership Technical Support Group (Angie Schwan) – Angie Schwan was elected as the Chair, Doug Simons was re-elected as Vice-Chair and Roxanne Seaton was re-elected as Secretary.

e) BCLCA (Dennis Quigley) – as circulated in the 2009 Annual Report. Their special session was held on September 12, 2009. Bill McBain was elected as Chair and Dennis Quigley is the Vice-Chair Seniors. The BCLCA introduced a new tracking system for coaching infractions in 2009 and has instituted on-line training for door persons.

f) BCLOA (Doug Wright) – as circulated in the 2009 Annual Report. Their special session was held on September 12, 2009. Doug was re-elected as Chair, Lee Brien was re-elected as Secretary and Andrea Jones was elected as Vice-Chair Women’s Field. Doug commented on the low attendance at the special session and said they had to work on retention of officials.

6. Credentials Report (Mike Hall)

There are 365 possible votes and there are 230 voting delegates attending this AGM. The breakdown is as follows:

Executive	8	out of a possible	8
Coaches	5	out of a possible	13
Officials	5	out of a possible	22
Vol Tech	3	out of a possible	6
Seniors	77	out of a possible	123
Minors	105	out of a possible	129
Field	34	out of a possible	64
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>237</u>		<u>365</u>

7. Proposed Amendments

a) Constitution and By-Laws

It was moved by, Bill Dawes, seconded by Judy Regier to amend BY-LAW NUMBER I: DEFINITIONS, 7. to read:

7. League Games – are ***scheduled*** games played between teams in a league ***prior to league playoffs***.

CARRIED

It was moved by Judy Regier, seconded by Bill Dawes to add a new BY-LAW NUMBER I: DEFINITIONS, 8. that would read:

8. ***League Playoff Games – are games played between teams in a league at the conclusion of their scheduled league games and may be used to determine the League Champion.***

CARRIED

Re-Number remaining points.

It was moved by Greg Toll, seconded by Dave Wilkie to add a new BY-LAW NUMBER I: DEFINITIONS, 15. that would read:

15. Sanctioned Event -- An event (tournament, program, promotion, etc.) approved by the respective Governing Body (i.e., BC Lacrosse Association Directorates, Technical Support Groups, BCLA Executive) within the auspices of the BC Lacrosse Association organizational structure.

CARRIED

It was moved by Greg Toll, seconded by Sean Lehman to amend BY-LAW NUMBER V: OFFICERS, by renaming the Vice President position to read:

1. The officers of the Association shall be:
 - President
 - Immediate Past President
 - Vice President Performance Programs**
 - Vice President Development
 - Vice President Operations
 - Vice President Planning/Administration
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Director at Large
2. (a) All officers, other than the Immediate Past President, shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual Meeting.
(b) In the event that there is but a single nominee for an office, the secretary shall cast one vote for such nominee.
3. The President, Vice President Development and the Vice President Planning/Administration shall be elected for two year terms in even-numbered years. The Vice President Operations, **Vice President Performance Programs**, the Treasurer and the Secretary shall be elected to two year terms in odd-numbered years. The Director at Large will be elected annually for a one-year term. The term of the Immediate Past President will be limited to two years.

The Executive shall appoint a Nominating Committee to present to the Annual Meeting at least one name for each office. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

CARRIED

It was moved by Dave Wilkie, seconded by Ron McQuarrie to amend BY-LAW NUMBER VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS 3. to read:

3. The Vice President **Performance Programs** – *Working collaboratively with the respective BCLA Executive Members, Committees, Directorates and Technical*

Support Groups, and BCLA Staff, responsible to oversee the BCLA's performance programs including the Team BC – Box and Field Programs, the Volunteer Leadership Program, and any other performance programs as designated by the BCLA Executive.

CARRIED

Please Note: the BCLVLA Regulation 5.02 will be amended by changing VP-Administration to VP-Performance Programs.

It was moved by Peter Frey, seconded by Doug Wright to amend BY-LAW NUMBER IX: COMMITTEES, 2.(i) by adding the VP – Performance Programs to read:

2. The Association shall have the following Standing Committees:

(i) **Team BC Committee**

- (i) The members of the Team BC Committee shall be the ***BCLA VP – Performance Programs***, BCLA Vice President – Operations, the BCLCA Chair, the BCLCA Vice Chair – Minor, the BCLCA Vice Chair – Men's Field, the BCLOA Vice Chair - Minor, the BCLOA Vice Chair – Field, the Minor Directorate Chair, the Field Directorate Chair, the BCLA Technical Director and the BCLA Regional Coaches.
- (i) This committee is responsible for ensuring that all administrative and technical requirements are met by published deadlines in order to provide the applicable Provincial Teams for U19 and under categories in Field, and for Midget and under categories in Box.

CARRIED

Please Note: the Minor Operating Policy Regulation 13.02 and the BCLCA Operating Policy Regulation 9.01 will be changed to suite the wording in By-Law IX, (i), (i).

It was moved by Angie Schwan, seconded by Greg Toll to amend BY-LAW NUMBER X: DIRECTORATES/TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUPS, 7. THE BRITISH COLUMBIA LACROSSE VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION, (a) to read:

- (a) The BCLVLA executive shall consist of:
 - The Chair
 - ***Vice Chair***
 - Secretary
 - ***Regional Representatives – minimum of 4; maximum of 8***

CARRIED

It was moved by Angie Schwan, seconded by Christine Pollock to amend BY-LAW NUMBER X: DIRECTORATES/TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUPS, 7. THE BRITISH COLUMBIA LACROSSE VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION, (i) to read:

- (i) *The Chair and the Secretary shall be elected for two-year terms in odd-numbered years. The Vice Chair shall be elected in two-year terms in even-numbered years.*

The Regional Representatives shall be appointed by the BCVLA Executive and sanctioned by the BCLA Executive for two-year terms from the date of the appointment.

CARRIED

- b) BCLA General Operating Policy

It was moved by David Soul, seconded by Greg Toll to amend REGULATION 5: TRAVEL, 5.01 (iv) to read:

- 5.01 (iv) Other travel --as authorized by the Executive, and in the amount of:
Mileage – Local travel (city driving) - .49c per km
Mileage – Long distance (highway) travel - .30c per km
Every effort must be made to keep costs down when traveling to and from meetings, events, etc. It is expected that if air travel and/or renting a vehicle is less expensive than per km expenses, that people will make the more economical travel arrangements. If more than one person is traveling from the same area, every effort must be made to car pool.
When practical, use of telephone conferencing should be considered as a substitute for in-person attendance at regular meetings.
Please Note: That rate increases for kilometre expenses be left to the discretion of the BCLA Executive.
Ferry-- actual cost
Other fares -- actual cost
Meals -- up to \$40.00/day
Accommodation -- up to \$100.00/day

CARRIED

It was moved by Greg Toll, seconded by Ron McQuarrie to amend REGULATION 5: TRAVEL, 5.02 to read:

- 5.02 Out of Province and Out of Country Travel Permit
- (i) An application form for travel outside of province or country must be completed and submitted to the BCLA for approval within the following time lines:

Inter-Provincial Tournament	7 days before the event
Out of Country	14 days before the event

- (ii) All teams traveling out of country must arrange travel ***and additional medical insurance for out of country medical needs.***
- (iii) Only teams made up of players and coaches duly registered with the British Columbia Lacrosse Association (in the same discipline) ***or teams made up of players and coaches duly registered under a sanctioned BCLA program*** can obtain a travel permit. A list of the team roster including coaches must accompany this travel permit. Coaches are to be identified by NCCP number and certification level.
- (iv) Traveling teams may only compete against teams or in tournament events approved in this permit. Games must be sanctioned by the recognized lacrosse governing body ***for that region.***
- (v) Traveling teams must adhere to the rules of the competition in which it is participating.
- (vi) Teams participating in any tournament or exhibition series shall abide by the rules of the Host in regards to any minor and major suspensions, which may be more or less severe than BCLA suspensions guidelines. Teams must ensure any suspensions in force from their local association are served during the games with game sheets marked accordingly on tournament games covered by this Permit. Suspensions may not be served during exhibition games. Any new suspensions received at the tournament shall be carried over and served during subsequent BCLA sanctioned games.
- (vii) Submission of a copy of all game sheets to your local commissioner within three (3) days of returning home from the tournament is required. Failure to do so may result in additional disciplinary action / suspension of the coach.
- (viii) Traveling teams shall remain subject to the BCLA Operating Policies & Codes of Conduct in regards to disciplinary matters and behavioural conduct. Teams are representing their local association and the BCLA, therefore, the conduct of the team must be indicative of this responsibility.
- (ix) ***Teams traveling outside of Canada must follow all CLA and BCLA policies as these teams are now representing the Canadian Lacrosse Association and the BC Lacrosse Association.***

CARRIED

8. Election of Officers

- a) Slate of Officers presented by Nominations Committee (Sohen Gill)

b) Election by Position:

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| 1. VP - Operations | Greg Toll | (The Secretary cast one ballot) |
| 2. VP – Performance | Ron McQuarrie | (The Secretary cast one ballot) |
| 3. Treasurer | David Soul | (The Secretary cast one ballot) |
| 4. Secretary | Myrna Cable | (The Secretary cast one ballot) |
| 5. Director at Large | David Jenkins | (The Secretary cast one ballot) |

It was moved by Bill Dawes, seconded by Greg Toll to destroy the Ballots.

CARRIED

9. New Business

- a) Sohen announced that the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame dinner will be November 14, 2009 and to call him for tickets.
- b) Paul Rowbotham noted that the dental insurance coverage was not always adequate and wanted to know how to add a procedure for periodic checks to see if limits need to be increased. David Soul responded that liability limits are discussed with the insurance company annually. David will investigate the cost to increase dental coverage limits and will report back to the membership.
- c) Denise Forlin asked why receipts were not sent out for all payments to the BCLA and why they were handwritten when issued. David Soul replied that in business transactions the invoice is the receipt.
- d) Rochelle thanked everyone for attending the AGM and advised them that the year end video would be available in the hotel lobby on Sunday morning. She also asked for a show of hands if the AGM should be held in Whistler in 2010 and the majority said yes. Tom Kellet comment on the cost savings to members if the AGM was held in the Lower Mainland. David Soul replied that the cost to the BCLA was much less in Whistler and expressed concerns about liability if people drive home after the banquet and the low attendance at some sessions in past AGM's in the Lower Mainland.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Bill Dawes to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 P.M.