



BC Lacrosse Officials Association

Minutes of the 2014 BCLOA Special Session – Saturday September 13th Executive Inn Burnaby

Attendance: Craig Baldrige, Lee Brien, Cam Comeau, Chris Comeault, Andrew Corbould, Ken Downey, Terry Foulds, Jodi Fulton, Keith Gagne, Gray Goff, Matt Grzebinski, Thomas Kearns, Jacoby Krassman, Sean Lehman, Riley Lo, Cam McCulloch, Perry McCulloch, Bill Mosdell, Ryan Nose, Dan Ovenden, Gord Patrick, Doug Pringle, Kyle Shanks, Joe Smith, Gary Spaven, Dave Van De Leur, Jody Weatherby, Braden Wilkins, Keith Williams, Joe Wong, Doug Wright

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM with Chair Lee Brien presiding.
2. **Introduction of Head Table.** There were 31 officials in attendance
3. ***It was moved by Kyle Shanks, seconded by Sean Lehman that the 2013 BCLOA Special Session minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.***
4. **Reports**
 - (a) **Chair - Lee Brien** - Report attached. Key points of progress needed for next year:
 - 1) moving from minor to senior, Level 3 to 4 and 5; and
 - 2) Importance of mentoring and training.
 - (b) **Vice Chair - Minor - Kyle Shanks** - Report attached.
 - 1) Importance of actively involved head referee
 - 2) Professionalism on and off the floor needs to be emphasized in next year's clinics
 - 3) Writing of game reports has improved - quality and description - was a focus at box clinics in 2014 and it did help.
 - 4) Contributions of officials at provincials and nationals was noted.
 - (c) **Vice Chair - Senior - Joe Wong** - Report attached
 - 1) Framework in place to negotiate with senior leagues. Lee informed group of negotiations with WLA and process.
 - 2) Thanks to Nick Thomas for RIC work at Intermediate Provincials
 - 3) Low number of game reports at senior level; Noted by coaches association as well
 - 4) Improvement of evaluation program but need more to do it effectively
 - 5) Provide the feedback necessary to assist in decisions on allocations.
 - 6) Question about allocation of games
 1. Some officials didn't get assigned many – question – how can we change this?
Some officials turned back games – a real problem
So some officials weren't assigned (skipped) because of their games being returned
 2. Availability not being entered in Arbiter
Referee choice about not doing certain leagues
Communication of items of concern should be in writing - "You are not being assigned games because...."
 3. Question about referee being informed about the ranking they are given
Official should know why they are being only assigned to certain games/levels
Is it possible at the start of the season to tell a referee how he is ranked and what the plans are for levels to be officiated?
Lee – will try to do this next year
More transparency of process requested
 - (d) **Vice Chair - Men's Field - Ryan Nose** - Report attached
 - 1) Clinics happening now

- 2) Lack of field refs in BC interior
- (e) **Vice Chair - Women's Field - Andrea Jones** - Report attached.
 - (f) **BCLA Technical Directorate - Dave Showers** - Report attached.
 - (g) **RIC Provincial Reports** were also included.

It was moved by Joe Wong, seconded by Keith Williams that the reports be accepted as circulated. CARRIED.

5. **Operating Policy Changes** - none brought forward. Lee encouraged officials to look at our operating policy and make suggestions for improvements in language and context. Jamie Graham, Doug Wright. Lee Brien to work on this (per discussion in 2013).

6. **Election of Officers**

- (a) **Vice Chair - Minor** (two year term). Kyle Shanks accepted the nomination. The secretary cast one vote. ELECTED: Kyle Shanks.
- (b) **Vice Chair - Senior** (two year term). Joe Wong and Sean Lehman were nominated. Both let their names stand. ELECTED: Joe Wong.
- (c) **Vice Chair - Field** (two year term). Ryan Nose accepted the nomination. The secretary cast one vote. ELECTED: Ryan Nose.

It was moved by Dan Ovenden, seconded by Gary Goff that the ballots be destroyed. CARRIED.

7. **New Business**

(a) **Clinic Comments**

- Tests should be marked by the clinicians – provide feedback to officials
- There is a part of learning that happens from looking at the errors made on the test
- There is an on floor component through which we need to support officials
- Look at how much time we are spending teaching - How long a day; start level 2 officials first at 9 AM then entry levels at 10 AM.

(b) **Structure of Instruction**

- Group work looking at questions
- Rule search for information to familiarize rule book
- Small booklet created by a league back east – like a “how to” book (Gagne)
- The small points that make refereeing easier – “Coles’ notes version”

(c) **Concern about how much work is being put on to the head referees**

- Follow NOCP guidelines for sending officials to clinics
- Need for on floor evaluation

8. **Old Business -2013 follow up** - Helmet committee follow up – not done.

9. *It was moved by Terry Foulds that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 12:11 PM.*

Minutes taken by BCLOA Secretary Andrew Corbould.