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**BC Lacrosse Association  
2015 Minor Directorate Special Session Minutes  
October 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Whistler Conference Centre, Whistler, BC**

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**Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, with Chair Angie Schwan presiding. Angie Schwan then welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and introduced the various members of the Executive of the Minor Directorate in attendance. Angie then thanked the many volunteers attending for their contributions over the past season.
2. Motion to adopt the agenda by Brian Corbett, seconded by Paula Marks. **CARRIED**
3. Drew Mitchell presented the BCLA 4-Year Plan/LTAD/Sport For Life with discussion afterwards.
4. Technical Support Groups Review with discussion afterwards.
5. All received reports are contained within Annual Report
6. Rationale for Proposed Amendments (two minutes/proposal)
7. BCLA Membership: Applications are due and can be received at Saturday's meeting.
8. Review of Provincials: Paula Marks Minor Directorate Vice Chair
9. It was moved by Paula Marks that the meeting be recessed until Saturday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:00am. Seconded by Richard Paciejewski. **CARRIED**

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**Saturday, October 17, 2015**

1. Call to order and welcome. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM with Chair Angie Schwan presiding. Angie asked all attending delegates to sign in and show their voting cards. Angie then welcomed everyone to the Whistler AGM meeting and introduced the executive members of the Minor Directorate. Angie welcomed the members of the BCLA attending. No further votes were to be registered after Angie announced the last call.

2. Attendance/Accreditations. There were 118 out of a possible 148 delegates at the meeting.
3. Minutes of the October Meeting 2014 Minor Directorate Special Sessions: It was moved by Brian Corbett, seconded by Paula Marks that the minutes of the 2014 Minor Directorate Special Session be accepted as circulated.  
**CARRIED**
4. Reports: Reviewed and floor opened up for questions ~ There were none. It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Gord McIntosh that the Minor Directorate Reports be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**
5. Proposed Amendments:

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*Motion by Linda Cretney, seconded by Gord McIntosh*

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**Amend REGULATION 2: PLAYING DIVISIONS, 2.01, Female Box that would read:**

2.01 The ages of players prior to January 1 of each playing year shall be as follows:

**Female Box:**

Junior	under 21 years
Midget	<i>under 17 years</i>
Bantam	under 14 years
PeeWee	under 12 years
Novice	under 10 years
Tyke	under 8 years but at least 4 years old

**CARRIED**

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*Motion by Brian Corbett, seconded by Richard Paciejewski*

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**REGULATION 3: REGISTRATION, 3.02 that would read:**

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

**CARRIED**

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*Motion by Beth McLucas, seconded by Mary Clare*

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**REGULATION 3: REGISTRATION, 3.04 that would read:**

3.03 The Club Registrar shall provide Team Rosters for all club teams to League Commissioners by May *15th*. League Commissioners are responsible to report discrepancies between association-supplied *rosters and* team-supplied *rosters* (game sheet roster) to the Association President *as well as their League Chair*.

**CARRIED**

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*Motion by Sean Lehman, seconded by Gord McIntosh*

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**REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES, 4.05 that would read:**

- 4.05 Team standings in scheduled leagues shall be determined as follows:
- *A defaulted game is defined as; to fail to take part in a scheduled contest. In the case of a 'defaulted' game, two points shall be awarded to the team that was willing and able to take part in the scheduled contest. Teams that are deemed to lose points under a defaulted game, due to extenuating circumstances, can request a reschedule of the game to their Commissioner and Commission Chair within 24 hours of the original game. A decision on the reschedule, once made, is not appealable. Extenuating circumstances may or may not be defined in commission policy, if defined, such definition will be upheld.*
  - *A forfeited game is defined as; to fail to complete a scheduled contest once it has officially started, as called by a game official. In the case of a 'forfeited' game, two points shall be awarded to the team that did not forfeit the contest.*
  - A win shall count for two points
  - All draws or tied games, one point to each team

**CARRIED**

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*Motion by Gord Miller, seconded by Michael O'Connor*

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**REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES, 4.06 that would read:**

- 4.06 The thirty second clock is to be used in *all* league *and tournament* games from Novice age and up, *and the operation of same should be completed by a current CLA certified official.*

**CARRIED**

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*Motion by Brian Corbett, seconded by Linda Cretney*

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**NEW REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES, 4.16 that would read:**

- 4.16 *Per BCLA General Operating Policy Regulation 16.01, the BC Lacrosse Association Minor Directorate supports and promotes the Fair Play Codes as outlined in Appendix C of the General Operating Policy. Breach of the Fair Play Codes shall not be tolerated by Minor Club executives. Per BCLA General OP Regulation 16.02, if required, remedial action from this Code will be deferred to the appropriate Governing Body that has jurisdiction, and the process of investigation and discipline shall apply.*

**CARRIED**

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*Motion by Beth McLucas, seconded by Gord McIntosh, amended motion by Gord McIntosh, seconded by Brian Corbett*

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**REGULATION 5: COMMISSION COMPETITION, 5.05 that would read:**

- 5.05 In Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, *and* Novice, "A1", "A2", "B", and "C" leagues may be formed and are the required declarations to be used for league and tournament play. *In Female Junior, Female Midget, Female Bantam, Female Pee Wee and Female Novice, an A and B league may be formed and are the required declarations to be used for league and*

**tournament play.** Where an association has two or more teams in any one league, those teams must be equally balanced by calibre and strength, with the exception of “A1” with the local commission approval. Failure to obtain approval before the start of the season from the local commission will make the teams ineligible for Playdowns and Provincial Championships. In PeeWee and above, “A1”, “A2” and “B” leagues shall be recognized by the BCLA for Provincial Championship purposes. All Female teams must be balanced when in a non-tiered league

**CARRIED**

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***Motion by Jen Peden, seconded by Ron Williams***

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**Amend REGULATION 5: COMMISSION COMPETITION, 5.05 by adding “Tyke” that would read:**

- 5.05 In Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, Novice, ***Tyke*** and Female Junior, "A1", "A2", "B", and "C" leagues may be formed and are the required declarations to be used for league and tournament play. Where an association has two or more teams in any one league, those teams must be equally balanced by calibre and strength, with the exception of “A1” with the local commission approval. Failure to obtain approval before the start of the season from the local commission will make the teams ineligible for Playdowns and Provincial Championships. In PeeWee and above, “A1”, “A2” and “B” leagues shall be recognized by the BCLA for Provincial Championship purposes. All Female teams must be balanced when in a non-tiered league.

**DEFEATED**

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***Motion by Linda Cretney, seconded by Paula Marks, amended motion by Tom Kellett, seconded by Paula Marks***

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**REGULATION 7: COMMISSION COMPETITION, 7.01 that would read:**

- 7.01 Movement to play down in the Minor Directorate from the Senior Directorate will only be approved under the following conditions:
- i) ***In Zones where an Intermediate/Junior team is available within a two hour drive (as defined by Google Maps) from the player’s home:***
    - (a) The Local Minor Association must approve in writing and forward to their local commission for approval.
    - (b) Upon approval, the request must be forwarded to the Minor Directorate for approval before April 1st of the playing year.
    - (c) Upon approval of the request by the Minor Directorate, it will be forwarded to the Senior Directorate for final approval.
  - ii) ***In Zones where an Intermediate/Junior team is NOT available within a two hour drive (as defined by Google Maps) from the player’s home:***
    - (a) The Local Minor Association must approve in writing and forward to their local commission for approval.
    - (b) Upon approval, the request must be forwarded to the Minor Directorate for approval-
    - (c) Upon approval of the request by the Minor Directorate, it will be forwarded to the Senior Directorate for ***information purposes.***
- 7.02 Criteria for Approval:
- (a) Players must be within 365 days (one year) of Midget eligibility.

- (b) Cannot be from an area where there traditionally is an Intermediate or Junior team already registered. When there is no Juvenile Team: over-age Female Box Players will be permitted to play down; male Box Players with one-year experience or less will be permitted to play down.
- (c-i) ***In Zones where an Intermediate/Junior team is available within a two hour drive (as defined by Google Maps) from the player's home:*** Cannot be more than two (2) over-age players per team unless the Minor Association is less than two (2) years old. If the Association is *less* than two (2) years old, then the maximum number will be four (4).
- (c-ii) ***In Zones where an Intermediate/Junior team is NOT available within a two hour drive (as defined by Google Maps) from the player's home: Cannot be more than four (4) over-age players per team.***
- (d) Over-age players are not eligible for playdowns, *playoffs, Zone/Commission Championships or* for Provincial Championships play.

**CARRIED**

**NOTE: Opposed by Rob Arden**

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***Motion by Beth McLucas, seconded by Brian Corbett, amended motion by Heather Davis, seconded by Farren Ferguson***

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**Amend REGULATION 9: PROOF OF AGE, 9.01 that would read:**

- 9.01 a) All *paper* applications for registrations shall be signed by the Registrar of the association or designate to which the player belongs. In the Minor divisions, a player's age must be verified against one of the documents listed below. A copy of this document can be kept on file with the association in a secure manner or can be visually verified with number recorded on the registration form. If the latter method is used, the number must be recorded in the registration database and parents must be informed they are responsible to provide proof of age, if requested.
- b) ***All on-line applications for registrations shall be signed by the Registrar of the association or designate to which the player belongs. In the Minor divisions, a new player's age must be verified against one of the documents listed below. A copy of this document should not be kept on file, and therefore may be requested in subsequent years.***

***List of Acceptable documents used to verify Proof of Age:***

- Government Birth Certificate
- Certificate of Baptism
- Letter from the Registrar of Births advising that age stated is correct.
- Current Passport *or Nexus Card*
- Certificate of Indian Status Card
- ***BC Identification Card & BC Service Card***

***Note: Birth Certificate numbers shall be a mandatory field of the On-Line Registration process.***

**CARRIED**

**REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.05 Eligibility that would read:**

**12.05 Eligibility.**

- (a) To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship tournament, a player must have played in a minimum of four league, sanctioned tournament games or play-off games, or combination of, during the current year with the team they are registered with. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting. In addition, for call-ups to be eligible, they must have
  - i) Played 4 games in total at a higher division and/or calibre than the team they are registered with.
  - ii) Proof of game sheets must be provided to the Playoff Director.
  - iii) A maximum of four (4) "A" players may be added to a "B" or "C" roster after June 1st to play in their provincials. This includes call-ups for provincial play.

**CARRIED**

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*Motion by Richard Paciejewski, seconded by Gord Miller. Motion to split into two motions and remove c by Paula Marks, seconded by Brian Corbett*

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**REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.06 Declaration Forms, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph that would read:**

- 12.06 a) Declaration forms for Provincials attached with payment in full, payable to the BCLA of said teams to enter Provincial playdowns not received by the BCLA Office by the set date by the Minor Directorate for the playing season will result with the said team becoming ineligible for the Provincial playdowns and Provincials of the playing year.
- b) Declaration Forms will not be accepted if the team has declared to play in a calibre lower than their final Commission placement.

**CARRIED**

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*Motion by Brian Corbett, seconded by Linda Cretney.*

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**REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.06 Declaration Forms, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph that would read:**

**12.06 Declaration Forms.**

If a team withdraws from participation in the Provincial Championship Tournament after declaration, the parent association could be fined \$1,000.00. After *a provincial berth is confirmed/assigned*, the parent association could be subject to a \$3,000.00 fine per team that withdraws. This policy shall be printed on the Provincial Declaration Form. It is further understood that Recognition Ceremonies are a part of the Provincial Championship Tournament and that teams participating in a Provincial Championship must also participate in the Recognition Ceremonies. Teams failing to participate in these Ceremonies will also be subject to the fines as indicated. A "Team" is defined as the roster declared at the Coaches Meeting.

CARRIED

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*Motion by Gord Miller, seconded by Richard Paciejewski.*

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**REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.09 that would read:**

12.09 Host associations will be reimbursed expenses for floor time. *Balls and Officials payments will be made by the BCLA.*

CARRIED

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*Motion by Linda Cretney, seconded by Gord Miller.*

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**REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.12 (a) that would read:**

12.12 **(a) TIE-BREAKER RULE – FULL ROUND ROBIN**

In the event of a tie in points in playdowns and Provincial Championships, the Goal Average Formula will be used to determine the advancing team(s). After the completion of the Round Robin, final standings shall be determined as follows:

- (i) Two teams tied, the winner of game or games between the two teams advances.
- (ii) Three or more teams tied, if one team has defeated the other teams with which it is tied after round robin play, that team shall advance. If this is not possible, the team with the best goal average advances. If two teams are required to advance, the goal average formula is calculated only once and the two teams with the best goal averages move on.
- (iii) In the event that two or more teams are tied with the same number of points and cannot be separated by the Goal Average Formula, the team with the greater number of goals scored against the team or other teams which it is tied shall be declared the higher team. If still tied, the team which scored the first goal in the tied game is to be declared the winner of that game.

GOAL AVERAGE FORMULA

GF divided by the sum of GF + GA = Goal Average

**NOTE:** Only goals scored in the games between the teams involved in the points tie shall be used in the Goal Average Formula.

CARRIED

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*Motion by Brian Corbett, seconded by Gord Miller, amended motion by Paul Horn, seconded by Tom Kellett*

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**Add new REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.12 (b) that would read:**

12.12 **(b) TIE-BREAKER RULE – ROUND ROBIN in two Pools for Tiers A2,B,C**

In the event of a tie in points in playdowns and Provincial Championships, the Goal Average Formula will be used to determine the advancing team(s). After the completion of the Round Robin, final standings shall be determined as follows:

- (i) Two teams tied, the winner of game or games between the two teams advances.
- (ii) Three or more teams tied, if one team has defeated the other teams with which it is tied after round robin play, that team shall advance. If this is not possible, the team

with the best goal average advances. If two teams are required to advance, the goal average formula is calculated only once and the two teams with the best goal averages move on.

- (iii) In the event that two or more teams are tied with the same number of points and cannot be separated by the Goal Average Formula, **the team with the greater number of goals scored against the team or other teams which it is tied shall be declared the higher team. If still tied**, the team which scored the first goal in the tied game is to be declared the winner of that game.

**CARRIED**

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*Motion by Linda Cretney, seconded by Beth McLucas. Motion to split into separate motions by Beth McLucas, seconded by Paula Marks. Motion to amend by Beth McLucas, seconded by Brian Corbett*

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**REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.14 that would read:**

- 12.14 a) A Head Coach of a team at the Provincial Championships may protest on behalf of their team.
- b) The protest must be in writing from the Head Coach and must be presented to the Provincial Playoff Director within an hour of the game being completed. The written protest must be accompanied by a cheque to the BCLA or cash to the value of **five hundred dollars (\$500.00)**.
- c) The protest must be noted on the gamesheet at the occurrence of the incident under protest, **or at the next break in play**.
- d) The Provincial Playoff Director or Designate **may** hold a hearing on the protest; **the validity of the protest will be reviewed in consultation with the Minor Directorate Chair, Provincial Playoff Director and a Provincial Supervisor (Head Supervisor where possible), but will include a review of if there is a possibility that the game could possibly have had a different outcome. This is not a hearing but only a determination if the hearing should be held.** The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) people selected by the Provincial Playoff Director or Designate. The Provincial Playoff Director or Designate will chair the hearing.
- e) The Disciplinary Committee will make a decision on the protest and what remedy will be undertaken.
- f) Whatever decision is determined, it is not eligible for appeal.
- g) Protests of an official's judgment call will not be entertained.
- h) Protest Hearings must be held at the Provincial Playoff Director's discretion at the earliest possible time, **but no later than prior to the next games by the teams in question.**

**CARRIED**

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*Motion by Brian Corbett, seconded by Beth McLucas.*

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**REGULATION 17: COMMISSIONS, 17.02 that would read:**

- 17.02 Commissions **shall** consist of a **minimum of the following positions:**
- (a) Chair
  - (b) Vice Chair
  - (c) Secretary
  - (d) Treasurer
  - (e) Zone Director
  - (f) **Female Box Co-ordinator**

*It is also recommended that the position entitled “Immediate Past Chair” be included as part of a Commission Executive.*

**CARRIED**

**6. Elections: Carried out by Myrna Cable, BCLA Secretary**

- **Vice Chair Minor (2 year term);** Brian Corbett and Pam Mason were nominated. Pam Mason was elected after vote was taken.
- **Female Box Chair (2 year term);** Gord McIntosh by acclamation (the secretary cast 1 ballot)  
Motion by Paul Horn, seconded by Rob Arden to destroy the ballots. **CARRIED**

**7. New Business:**

- Clubs that are interested in hosting 2017 Nationals please contact the BCLA office for more information.
- BCLA website for more information regarding 2016 Summer Games
- Angie Schwan Chair, shared new timelines for CLA rule submissions.
- 2016 Provincial hosts:
  - Pee wee- Richmond July 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>
  - Bantam-Vancouver July 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>
  - Midget-Coquitlam July 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>
  - Females-Victoria-June 23<sup>rd</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup>

**8. Motion to Adjourn:** Paula Marks moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:00am.